

BADMINTON

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This game resembles tennis, is played with a feathered cork called a shuttle-cock instead of a tennis ball. The racket, too, is of special size and weight. A wooden paddle was originally used in India in place of a racket. In Baltimore recreation centers, ordinary tennis rackets are used.

The Game

DOUBLES (played by two on a team)-choice of courts and service decided by a toss, as in tennis.

Unlike tennis, the Badminton doubles game is played in a series of innings. Each innings consists of two services on one side of the net. A service means the time during which one player who serves the shuttlecock continues to win her aces of points. When a player fails to win her ace she is out and her partner then becomes the server, with this exception, that the side beginning the game has but one service in its first innings. The server stands within the right half-court and serves by an under-hand stroke (hitting the shuttle lower than the waist) into the opposite right half-court. The receiver must stand within her half-court until the service is delivered. As soon as the service is completed the players may move about at will, paying no attention to the boundary lines. The receiver must return the shuttle before it touches the floor, but may return it to any part of the court which is on the opposite side of the net. If the server fails to hit the shuttle completely across the net and within the proper court on her service, or if she or her partner fails to return it to the other court after it has been hit back into their own court by their opponents, they are out and the service goes to the server's partner if it is the first service of the innings or to the right half-court opponent if it is the second service of the innings. If, however, the server succeeds in making it fall to the floor in the opponent's service court within the area bounded by the short half-court line, the long service line, the center and side-lines upon the service, or if the server or her partner make it fall to the floor any place within the whole court on a return stroke, they score one point or ace and the server changes to the left-hand court and serves to the opponent diagonally opposite, who is standing within the left-hand service court. The server continues to serve from each court alternately until she fails to win her point. The first service in each innings must be from the right-hand court. The player served to may alone take the service, and no player may take two consecutive services in the same game.

SINGLES--The singles game differs from the doubles game somewhat as singles in tennis differs from doubles. The court is narrower, as shown in the diagram, but the service court is 2 feet 6 inches longer. The playing also differs from doubles in that the player serves from and receives service in the right half-court only when the server's score is 0, or when she has scored an even number of aces in the game. She serves from and receives in the left half-court when the server has served an odd number of aces.

Scoring--Only the serving side can make a point. For women's doubles a game consists of 15 points, and in singles 11 points. In a doubles game, when 13 points have been made by both sides so that 13-all is declared, the players first reaching 13 may claim the right to "set" the game to 5. The score is then called love-all, and the side which first scores 5 aces wins. If 14-all