

BADMINTON BY-LAWS

1. OFFICIAL RULES

Current U.S. Badminton Association Rules will be used.

2. MATCH FORMAT (10-17-96)

Girls Singles	3 Entries
Girls Doubles	3 Entries
Boys Singles	3 Entries
Boys Doubles	3 Entries
Mixed Doubles	3 Entries

3. LEAGUE REGULATIONS

1. Division Championships shall be determined by the results of the double round-robin schedule.
2. Blossom Valley finals in singles and doubles will determine qualifiers to the CCS Tournament.
3. The order of play will be coordinated by the home school.
4. Division qualifiers will advance to the CCS Tournament.
 - A. Top three (3) from Mt. Hamilton Division.
 - B. Top two (2) from Santa Teresa Division
 - C. Top one (1) from West Valley Division

4. GAME LIMITATIONS

Limited to **24** matches including the division double round-robin. (05/28/09)

5. LADDER

The Varsity badminton ladder is established at the first league contest. (5/29/03)

- 5.1 Ladder positions are established for one week - From Monday to Monday for the Varsity line up.
- 5.2 Varsity athletes who change brackets must challenge the individual for that bracket change.
- 5.3 The remaining spots in the bracket where the change occurred must be allowed to challenge if there is a change in individuals.
- 5.4 Ladders are to be sent (email-fax) to all division coaches with new ladder placement prior to the next week's match. (5/27/10)
- 5.5 Coaches must notify opposing coach the week of the bracket changes before the matches begin. Failure to notify the opponent will result in a forfeiture of the entire match. (05/28/09)
- 5.6 "Stacking" of the varsity ladder will result in a forfeiture of the match. "Stacking" is inappropriate placement of players. (5/29/03)

Match Regulations -

1. In the event a single player cannot play, a team may forfeit that position or fill it by moving up

their players in the order that they are ranked on the team ladder, (i.e.: #2 goes to #1, #3 goes to #2 and JV unofficial to #3). A forfeiture may be used only once during the league season. For the Mt. Hamilton Division, please refer to 5.4 for more details on forfeiture. (5/28/15)

2. In the event a doubles player is unable to play, a team may forfeit that position, or fill it by moving up their players in the order they are ranked on the team ladder, or the spot may be filled with a JV/unofficial player.
3. In the event of an entire doubles team being unable to play, the same rules would apply as is stated for singles.
4. A position may not be forfeited more than once (*per position*) during league.
MH Division ONLY - *Forfeits' can only happen once during league play.*
(5/24/12)
5. Athletes cannot compete in more than one event.
6. Unofficial or JV play one game to 21 points, switching sides at 11 points
7. Match birds will be the same used at the CCS Badminton Tournament - Mavis 350.
8. Matches scheduled during spring break may be rescheduled at the agreement of both sides.
9. Players shall referee their own matches.
10. Players themselves must request linesmen. Once linesmen are requested, they must be used for the remainder of the match. The linesmen make all line judgments.
 - a. Players themselves also must request service linesmen. Once service linesmen are requested, they must be used for the remainder of the match. The service linesmen make all service live judgments. (5/28/15)
11. Players themselves must request a service judge. Once a service judge is requested, he/she must be used for the remainder of the match.
12. If visible scorecards are used, they are not the official score.
13. If a score keeper is used, he/she is not the official scorer.
14. The coach of the home team shall act as the official umpire.
15. Identical uniform tops, and same color appropriate athletic shorts or sweatpants, and appropriate court shoes must be worn by all players. Hats and bandanas are prohibited. Failure to comply in wearing of the team uniform will result in a forfeiture of that position. No electronic devices are allowed turned on during play. This includes cell phones, iPod's, etc.
(5/27/10)
 - a. Team Uniform Regulations – Only last and/or first names are allowed on all coaches' and players' uniforms. (No nicknames, twitter handles, etc.) (5/28/15)
16. Unsportsmanlike conduct by a player will result in a warning for the first violation by either coach. A second violation will result in a loss of serve or point, and a third violation will result

in forfeiture of the match. The official umpire shall rule on the 2nd and 3rd violations of unsportsmanlike conduct. (6/6/16)

17. Coaching tips and any form of advice is not a permissible form of cheering. (6/2/14)
18. If an eligible athlete participates in a match, the offending school must forfeit the ENITRE match. (6/2/14)
19. There is a 60-second break during the 11-point intervals, 90-second break between the 1st and 2nd sets, 5-minute break between the 2nd and 3rd sets. The breaks start when the last point is scored, not when the coach arrives on the court. (6/6/16)
20. A player must inform coach, opponents and official umpire before leaving the court during a match. Failure to do so, or purposely asking to leave the court as a stalling tactic, could lead to a forfeiture. (6/6/16)

6. DIVISION FINALS FORMAT

1. Athletes must choose to enter either the singles or the doubles competition.
2. Each school is allowed up to two entries in a bracket. A third team may be entered if there are openings in the bracket. If a third team is entered from the same school in a bracket, they must have a winning record. (05/28/09)

Santa Teresa Division ONLY: Two entries with a winning record or better. A third entry may be added if entry is undefeated. (05/28/09)

3. Seeding of 1 - 4 where possible and then blind draw with teammates from the same school being put in opposite brackets.
 - 3a. FOR LEAGUE FINALS: If a you can not be at the seeding meeting your entries need to be turned into your division chair by noon the day before the seeding meeting. (05/20/08)
4. Top 3 from Mt. Hamilton, the top 2 finishers from the Santa Teresa, and the first place finisher from the West Valley Division advance to the CCS Tournament. (5-25-00)
5. Awards to be determined by the Chart of Awards. (11-17-94)
6. Mt. Hamilton & Santa Teresa Divisions ONLY
 - 6.1 An athlete must have participated on the varsity for at least half the league season to be able to apply for league finals.
 - 6.2 Each school is allowed up to two entries in a bracket. A third team may be entered if there are openings in the bracket. If a third team is entered from the same school in a bracket, they must have a winning record. (5/29/03)

7. DIVISION BRACKETS FROM THE NEXT SEASON

Division placement to be discussed and decided at the post-season meeting.