Intramural Sports Badminton
Singles Rules
Cost: $10 per team

Format
Teams will be placed in a single-elimination tournament. Games will be played in Helen Newman Hall.

Eligibility
An individual may not, under any circumstances, play or register on more than one intramural team in this league regardless of level of play. Participants are subject to the Intramural Sports eligibility rules as stated in the Intramural Handbook (Section VI: Eligibility). Teams will be allowed to add new players to their roster throughout the season, including playoffs. All roster additions will be handled through IMLeagues.com or at the game site.

VALID CORNELL ID CARDS: Before anyone can participate, each player must present their Cornell picture ID when they check in at all events. NO ID = NO Play. There are no exceptions to this rule.

Forfeit Fee
Forfeit fees are charged to recoup the personnel cost of a game that is not played because there are not enough players to legally hold a contest.

THE FORFEIT FEE FOR THIS SPORT IS $10.

To avoid forfeiting, you may default your contest by notifying the Intramural Sports office no later than 4 pm the day of the contest. You may default one contest per team without being charged a forfeit fee.

Rules
- All rules not specifically covered in this document will be enforced as U.S. Badminton Association Rules.
- All rules are subject to change by the Intramural Sports professional staff. On-site personnel and professional staff reserve the right to rule on situations not specified in the NFHS rulebook and CUIM rules document when safety and sportspersonship are involved.
- A racquet spin will be used to determine which team chooses to serve, receive, or take the side.
- Matches will consist of a best-of-three game series. A game consists of 15 points (win by two, 17 point cap).
- Shuttle falling on the lines are in bounds.
- Scoring
  - Points may only be scored by the team who is serving.
A player continues to serve, alternating courts until s/he commits an error.

### Service
- A serve may not be delivered until the opponent is ready.
- The side serving first in the first game has only one term of service.
- Whenever a side becomes the serving side, the player will serve in the right-hand service court only when the server’s score is 0 or an even number of points in the game; the serve is delivered from the left-hand service court if the server’s score is an odd number of points. A player who began the game serving from the right service court should be in this court whenever the score for their side is zero or even.
- A serve which touches and passes over the net and falls within the diagonal service court and a shot during a rally which touches and passes over the net and falls within the legal boundary lines are both good.

### Faults
- A fault is committed by the team serving results in “service over”.
- A fault committed by the team receiving results in a point for the serving team.
- It is a fault if:
  - During the instant the shuttle is contacted on the serve the shuttle is above the server’s waist, or the racket head is above the serving hand.
  - During the serve the shuttle does not fall within the boundaries of the diagonal service court.
  - During the service the feet of the server and the receiver are not within the boundaries and on the floor of their respective service courts. Feet on the boundary line are considered out-of-bounds.
  - Before or during the serve any player feints or balks the opponent.
  - During the service or rally the shuttle contacts the walls, ceiling, a player, or clothing; passes through or under the net; fails to pass the net; does not fall within the court boundaries.
  - Any player reaches across the net to contact the shuttle, other than on the follow-through.
  - During play any player’s person, clothing, or racquet touches the net or supports.
  - The shuttle is caught or slung when struck. Rim shots and simultaneous striking of the base of the feathers of the shuttle are legal if no slinging or catching occurs.
  - A player obstructs an opponent or invades the opponent’s court.
- It is not a fault if the server completely misses the shuttle on the serve.

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**RISK MANAGEMENT**

Cornell Recreational Services assumes no responsibility for injuries received during intramurals, special events, and other recreational activities. Participants are reminded that their participation is completely voluntary. The nature of sport activities and the large number of participants in the Cornell University Intramural program make the occurrences of some injuries inevitable. It is strongly recommended that all participants have a physical examination prior to participating. Any injuries or accidents occurring during recreational activities should be reported immediately to on-duty personnel. Participants with a
health issue and individuals who are on medication are urged to confidentially inform the Director of Intramural Sports of their specific situation.

**ALCOHOL AND DRUG POLICY**

Individuals, teams, and spectators who arrive intoxicated, suspected of consumption, or possessing alcohol, tobacco, or other illegal substances will not be permitted to play and will be asked to leave the playing area. The game may be forfeited and the offending individuals immediately suspended. Cornell Recreational Services will not tolerate such behavior and will act in a manner that is prudent, with the safety of all participants the priority. Such individuals will be dealt with harshly, given a minimum of a 365-day suspension and will be subject to University disciplinary procedures.

*Please read the Intramural Handbook. It is a written description of the regulations that govern the Intramural Sports Program. No matter what sport you play, these regulations govern your participation in our programs. It is imperative to the continuity of the program that all participants are aware of and abide by the regulations set forth by Cornell Recreational Services.*

**SPORTSPERSONSHIP STATEMENT**

Good sportspersonship is required of all participants. Players, coaches, and spectators are to conduct themselves properly at all times. Cornell Recreational Services reserves the right to suspend or disqualify groups or individuals for unsporting conduct at any time. Unsporting conduct before, during, and/or after a game (event) will not be tolerated.

*If you have any questions regarding the intramural badminton doubles rules, please contact Scott Flickinger (Director of Intramural Sports) at (607) 255-8063 or e-mail: sf487@cornell.edu*

Schedules and results will be available on the IMLeagues webpage: imleagues.com/cornell