



# BADMINTON

## (GIRLS)

### 2014 Rules

V1 27/04/2014

#### Team Requirements

- There will be one age group: School Years 7, 8 & 9
- Each team shall consist of a minimum of 4 girls and a maximum of 5 girls, with only 4 playing in each match.
- A match shall comprise of 3 games: 2 x girls singles and 1x girls' doubles
- Every team member must play at least one game, of either singles or doubles.
- The discipline(s) in which a team member plays may vary from match to match.
- Each team member must wear their Devon Games to Inspire T-Shirt.
- Each team is responsible for bringing their own rackets.

#### Team Eligibility

- No school or club teams can enter, i.e. open trials must be held.
- Players must not have competed, trained or been selected at County, Regional or National Level, or have been selected for or participated in a County Training Squad in the 12 months prior to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014.
- No 2014 Centre Parcs Regional **qualifiers** can compete.

#### Competition Format

- The event will be run as round robin group formats, followed by play-offs to determine final team placings.
- Players must be ranked in ability order from 1 – 4/5 and recorded as such on the team sheet. Of the two singles players, the best player must play as No. 1.
- The order of play in each match will be 1st boys' single, 2nd boys' single and boys' double (this may be varied at the discretion of the Event Co-ordinator).
- The winner of a match will be:
  - the team winning most games
  - if equal, the team winning most points
  - if still equal, the team conceding fewest points
  - if still equal, the match will be halved.
- The winner and placings in each pool will be determined by:
  - the team that wins most matches
  - if two teams are equal, the winner of the match between them.
  - if more than two teams are equal, the team winning most games.
  - if two teams are still equal, the winner of the game between them.
  - if more than two teams are still equal after step 3, the team conceding fewest points.
  - if two teams are still equal, the winner of the match between them.

#### Sports Rules

- The competition will be played to Badminton England rules.
- At least 30 minutes before the start of each match the Team Manager must hand a team sheet (to be provided on the day) to the Event Co-ordinator.
- Nylon shuttles will be used and provided.
- The scoring system used will be rally points.
- Each game shall be played to 15 points, with no setting. (21 depending on entries)
- At the start of each game a coin or shuttle will be tossed. The player/pair winning the toss may choose either a) to serve or to receive service, or b) to start play at one end of the court or the other. The player/pair losing the toss then have the remaining choice.
- The players will score the games themselves.
- The side winning a rally adds a point to its score.
- There will be no change of ends during a game.
- After each game, both players/pairs must hand in the score of their game to their Team Manager, who will hand the scores to the Event Co-ordinator, after each match.

### Singles

- At the beginning of the game and when the score is even, the server serves from the right service court. When it is odd, the server serves from the left service court.
- If the server wins a rally, the server scores a point and then serves again from the alternative service court.
- If the receiver wins a rally, the receiver scores a point and becomes the new server, serving from the service court appropriate to the score.

### Doubles

- Only one player of the pair serves during a hand in doubles. When service is lost the service passes consecutively to the players.
- At the beginning of the game and when the score is even whoever is serving serves from the right service court. When it is odd, the server serves from the left service court.
- If the serving side wins a rally, the serving side scores a point and the same server serves again from the alternative service court.
- If the receiving side wins a rally, the receiving side scores a point. The receiving side also becomes the new serving side, and the serve passes to the player standing in the service court appropriate to the new score (it is the player who did not receive at the beginning of the game or who did not serve the previous time the side had service).
- The players do not change their respective service courts until they win a point when their side is serving.
- If players serve from or receive in the wrong service court, the error is corrected when the mistake is discovered but the score is not corrected.
- Badminton will hold a Fair Play award as part of the overall Fair Play Trophy. Teams will be judged on their support for their team and others.

### **Official's Decision**

- In all matters relating to the competition the Event Co-ordinators decision shall be final and binding.