

UniSport Australia Guideline

Badminton

Mixed Teams

UniSport Australia (UniSport) badminton competitions are conducted in accordance with the rules of the [Badminton World Federation \(BWF\)](#) except where these differ from UniSport competition guidelines; in which case the latter shall take precedence. Reference should also be made to the UniSport breach of competition requirements guidelines for penalties related to breaches.

1. Team Size

- Minimum registered players – 2
- Minimum number of female players - 1
- Maximum number of domestic registered players – 1
- Maximum number of cross registrations – 1

2. Competition rules

2.1. Competition format

- a) Each tie shall consist of 3 matches (2 singles and 1 doubles).
- b) The order of play shall be singles females, then singles males (if there are male players), then doubles.
- c) For singles and doubles, each match is the best of three games.
- d) No player shall play in more than one singles match in any tie.

2.2. Game duration

- a) One court per tie should be allocated a two hour time slot.
- b) Two minutes of warm up time for each match is permitted once match is called.
- c) When the leading score reaches 11 points in any game, players have a 60 second interval.
- d) A two-minute interval between each game is allowed. In the third game, players change ends when a side scores 11 points.
- e) Players may leave the court during the breaks, players must be back on court, ready to play when break period is over.

2.3. Point score

Points for each match shall be awarded as follows:

- i. 1 point for each match won (max 3) plus
- ii. Tie winning team: 2 points (total min 4pts / max 5pts)
- iii. Tie losing team: 1 point (total min 1pt / max 2pts)
- iv. Forfeiting team: 0 points

2.4. Tiebreakers

- In the event that two or more teams have the same number of points at the completion of the preliminary rounds, [Badminton World Federation \(BWF\) item 16.3.](#) will be followed.

3. Team duties

3.1. Team duty requirements for badminton are:

- a) Each team competing in the current tie will be required to perform the duties of scoring, umpiring and line judges.

3.2. The person fulfilling the team duty requirements can be any competent person associated with that team or university and does not necessarily have to be a player e.g. team manager.

4. Uniform requirements

The specific uniform requirements for the VISSF badminton competition are:

- Shirt/Top – It is expected that doubles partners wear the same colours
- Non-marking shoes

5. Forfeits, delays and abandonments

5.1. A forfeit will be declared 10 minutes after the scheduled start of play where either team is unable to commence play.

5.2. The forfeit score is 126 game points, 6 sets, 3 matches and 5 points to nil (0).

5.3. Should the commencement of a game be delayed due to no fault of either team (as determined by competition management or UniSport), the game shall be played in its full duration if possible. If full game duration is not possible, the recommended revised game duration will need to be agreed upon by both teams. If resolution between the teams is not possible then the Competition Manager (or their delegate) will make the final decision regarding match format, which will not be subject to appeal.

5.4. In the event of a game being abandoned, the UniSport abandonment guideline will be implemented.

*All competitions will be held in accordance with the UniSport competition guidelines.