

Manitoba Adult Badminton League (MABL) Rules & Regulations

GENERAL ORGANIZATION

- Competition shall be conducted in accordance with the Laws of Badminton
- The general competition regulations will apply except where specific provisions are contained in these regulations
- The regulation for the MABL shall take precedence where there is any conflict or apparent conflict
- Media and other rights associated primarily with the event shall belong exclusively to the MABL
- From time to time officials may be present at any competition to ensure that the stipulated rules, regulations and order of play are adhered to
- Constructive feedback is always welcomed as the MABL Committee wants to continuously improve the experience for players at all levels. Please submit comments or concerns via email to mabl@badminton.mb.ca.

CODE OF CONDUCT

Sportsmanship is a great tradition in sports and competition that means playing clean, handling both victory and defeat with grace, style, and dignity, respecting the judgment of referees and officials, and treating opponents with respect. Sportsmanship is a style and an attitude, and it can have a positive influence on everyone around you.

ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY

All players must understand the expectations for playing in the MABL. In order to promote a safe and sportsmanlike environment for its players, the MABL has clarified its stance on unsportsmanlike behaviour.

- Swearing directly at another player or the convener
- Intentionally pushing, shoving or making physical contact with another player
- Making comments to instigate an altercation with another player
- Making derogatory or demeaning comments about another player or the convener either in person or on-line

If a team or individual is found guilty of objectionable behaviour; the convener has the right to:

- Warn a player
- Ask a player to sit out
- Ask a player to leave the gym
- Recommend to the MABL that a player be suspended

Judgment calls made by the convener are final and protests will not be considered. Players or teams that argue with the convener will be subject to suspension or ejection from the league.

This means:

- No arguing
- No swearing towards the convener, officials, other team members or team mates
- No complaining

The MABL committee and/ or convener are not trained referees and are there to keep the game running and ensure games start and end on time. Please respect them. They have the right to make any player sit out or leave the gym. If asked to do either, you must do so immediately.

ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION

- The MABL and the facilities do not allow any open alcohol at any public venue.
- Any player or team found to be under the influence of alcohol, or other controlled substance, will be automatically ejected from the league without refund

FACILITIES & EQUIPMENT

Respect for the facilities is to be upheld at all times. If the facilities are treated with disrespect the occupancy permit can be forfeited and the season will be concluded without refund.

Please note the following stipulations:

- No open food or beverage in the field of play
- Appropriate clothing
- Outdoor shoes are not permitted on the gym floor
- Black-soled or shoes that scuff are not permitted on the gym floor
- All players are to provide their own racquet; if a player does not have their own racquet borrowing a spare from another player might be available

If these above rules are not adhered you will be allowed to play.

ENTRIES

- Team rosters will only be accepted on the designated Roster Form or Request and/or Spare List
- Team rosters must be received by the MABL committee no later than midnight of the closing date specified on the registration details
- There is no implied or expressed guarantee that entries past this deadline will be accepted
- When necessary and with reasonable explanation, the MABL committee shall have the authority to reject or reevaluate the selected division of any player or team
- Must be 18 years of age or older as of December 31 of the registering year
- Whenever possible there will be four divisions of competition: recreational, recreational/ intermediate, intermediate and advanced

WITHDRAWALS

- Team registration can be withdrawn at any time prior to registration closure to receive a full refund
- Team registration can be withdrawn after registration closure but before the season opener for a 75% refund
- Team registration withdrawn after the season opener will not be eligible for any refund
- Any team wishing to modify registration can do so, without penalty, 24 hours before the season opener

CONSTITUTION OF TEAMS

- A player is permitted to register on a maximum of 2 teams so long as from different divisions
- No more than 2 players registered on one team are permitted to register on the same team in another division
- The minimum number of players on a team at any given time will be 8 (2 females minimum)
- The maximum number of players on a team at any given time will be 10 (2 females minimum)
- If due to illness, injury, or other unavoidable hindrance, the team is reduced to three players only, the whole tie shall be conceded
- Teams and/or individuals are encouraged to register in the most suitable division in accordance with their defined level of play
- If, as a result of injury or illness sustained after arrival at the venue, a team has only two (or less) males or one female player remaining, those players may play in only two matches, and the remaining matches involving that player's gender shall be conceded to the opposing side

TEAM CAPTAIN

- Each team will appoint a captain for its team and provide the stipulated information at the time of registration
- If the captain is unavailable for a given tie they will appoint a designate from their team to undertake the duties of the captain for that tie
- The captain shall assume all administrative and other responsibilities on behalf of the team including but not limited to
 - Ensuring the conduct of the team is becoming of the MABL
 - Registering team
 - Collection and remitting all/any outstanding team fees
 - Collecting/storing and distributing shuttles
 - Organizing roster for each tie, which includes composition of each match

- Contacting the convener 72 hours prior to a scheduled tie if a substitution is required
- Submitting the completed roster to the convener 24 hours prior to the scheduled tie
- Recording scores and submitting to convener with 24 hours of the completion of the tie
- Ensuring all players adhere to the 2 minute warm up to stay on schedule

CONSTITUTION OF TIES

- **In-season ties** consist of 8 matches
 - 2 Men's Singles
 - 2 Men's Doubles
 - 1 Women's Singles
 - 1 Women's Doubles
 - 2 Mixed Doubles
 - No player can play the same event twice in a given tie
 - Male players are permitted to compete in two matches only
 - Female players are permitted to compete in three matches only
- **End of season ties** consist of 7 matches
 - 2 Men's Singles
 - 2 Men's Doubles
 - 1 Women's Singles
 - 1 Women's Doubles
 - 1 Mixed Doubles
 - No player can play the same event twice in a given tie
 - Male players are permitted to compete in two match only
 - Female players are permitted to compete in two matches only
- Tie rescheduling will not be permitted by teams throughout the season
- The MABL reserves the right to reschedule ties when the MABL committee deems necessary

ORDER OF PLAY

- Order of play will proceed as follows, unless an alternative order is agreed upon by both teams
 - Men's Singles
 - Women's Singles
 - Men's Doubles
 - Women's Doubles
 - Mixed Doubles
- Team captains and/or the convener reserve the right to change the order of play should there be a need to keep the matches moving
- ANY player participating in two consecutive matches is entitled to a minimum rest period of 10 minutes between them

ROSTER ADDITIONS

- If additional roster changes are requested, approval from the MABL committee will be required
- If, as a result of injury, illness or unavoidable hindrance a player must withdraw or be added to a team during the season an email requesting the change can be submitted to mabl@badminton.mb.ca
- Revisions to the roster can be submitted no more than twice per season with no more than 2 additions per submission
- Each submission of a roster change will be subject to a \$20 administration fee

SUBSTITUTIONS/SPARES

- Permitted during in-season play only
- Substitute players will be drawn by the convener from the appropriate divisions' substitution roster
- If a substitute can not be found the convener will notify the team captain and the necessary matches shall be defaulted
- Requests for substitutes must be submitted at least 72 hours prior to a scheduled tie
- Substitute players are required to pay a designated spare fee before participating in a given tie
- Payment of spare fees are to be made via e-transfer by emailing mabl@badminton.mb.ca
- If a substitute is required after submission of a roster as a result of injury, illness or unavoidable hindrance, the convener will request an appropriate substitute; if one is found the remaining matches will be left un-changed

CONSTITUTION OF MATCHES

- A match conceded due to illness, injury, or other unavoidable hindrance shall count as completed without the conceding side scoring another point
- Matches will be a the best of 3 games to a maximum of 21 points with extension using the rally point method
- A match must be won by 2 points to a maximum of 30 points
- The constitution of matches for playoffs will be determined by match differential, then game differential, then point differential

DISQUALIFICATION

- A strict 10 minute disqualification rule will be enforced for each tie
- The convener has power to disqualify any team which fails to carry out its requirements
- The convener shall have power to disqualify at any stage of the competition
- A 2 minute warm up rule will be enforced for each match

GENERAL PLAY SERVICE

- Teams can use any suitable means to determine who gets to serve first or pick a side
- Service in the second or third game is awarded to the winner of the previous game
- The server and the receiver must stand within diagonally opposite service courts; they cannot touch the boundary lines of these service courts
- If your team's score is even, service is from the right court
- If your team's score is odd, service is from the left court
- Both the server and the receiver must be stationary during the serve
- The server's racquet must initially hit the base of the shuttle
- The whole shuttle must be below the server's waist at the instant of being hit by the server's racquet
- The racquet must be pointing in a downwards direction
- Players are to call shuttles in or out of bounds on their side of the court
- If there is a dispute, a re-serve with no point awarded will be completed
- There is no maximum number of times that one player can serve consecutively

FAULTS

- Players are to call their own faults
- If an obvious fault is missed, a player on the opposing team may politely point this out, assuming that their opponent either does not know the rule or missed their own fault
- Generally, teams should NOT call faults against their opponents

If during service, any of the below faults occur the opposing team gets a point and gains service:

- If the shuttle hits the net and lands before the serving square
- If the server misses or drops the shuttle after commencement of the serve
- If the shuttle gets caught on the net
- If the shuttle is hit by the receiver's partner, the serving team gets a point

If during play, any of the below faults occur the opposing team gets a point and gains service:

- Shuttle lands outside the boundaries of the court
- Shuttle fails to pass over the net
- Shuttle touches the ceiling or side walls
- Shuttle touches a player (including hair) or their clothing
- Shuttle touches any other object or person outside of the court
- If after connecting with shuttle the forward motion of the racquet ceases and then resumes
- Shuttle is hit more than once by the same player/pair (double hit)

It is considered a fault and the opposing team gets a point and gains service if a player does any of the following while the shuttle is in play:

- Touches the net or its supports with their body, racquet, or clothing
- Crosses the plane of the net with their body, racquet, or clothing
 - Exception: You can cross the plane (without touching the net) if you have contacted the shuttle on your side of the net first
- Interferes with the opponent by crossing the plane of the net with their body, racquet, or clothing
- Blocks a shot by impeding an opponent's stroke

AMENDMENT OF REGULATIONS

- The MABL has power to make and publish amendments to the League Rules & Regulations



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