



**GUELPH GRYPHONS**

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**INTRAMURALS**

## **Badminton Doubles Rules**

The following general protocols will apply to all Intramural leagues played in-person at the Athletics Centre for Fall 2020 season:

- MANDATORY daily attestation through our University of Guelph self-assessment tool.
- Maintain physical distancing of two meters (six feet) at all time when using Athletics facilities and when on the field of play.
- Face coverings need to be worn at all times when using Athletics facilities.
- Face coverings may only be removed during physical activity but must be worn by players on the bench.
- All league officials will wear face coverings at all time.
- Greet people with a wave instead of handshake or fist bump.
- There will be no handshakes at the conclusion of games.
- No spectating of leagues is permitted.
- Teams are encouraged to show up on time for their games as hanging out before and after games will not be permitted.

### **REFEREES**

For the Fall 2020 season, we are commitment to a return to train environment that focuses on personal fitness/wellness as well as socialization. This current phase does not currently include any return to competition elements. Therefore, all live Intramural leagues will be offered at an Open Fun league level with no playoff component. All games will be monitored by a league official, which means teams are self-officiating games.

League monitors will sanitize any shared equipment during the set-up and tear down process. We have built in a 30-minute buffer between games this season to allow for current teams to exist the field of play safety before the next cohort of teams arrives to play. Monitors will also sanitize any equipment that was used in the previous match before the next game begins.

At least one monitor will be provided for all matches. Officials are responsible for checking eligibility, attendance, and monitoring the game. Officials must be treated with respect and have full authority to enforce the Laws of the Game in connection with the match to which they have been appointed to. The decisions of the officials concerning the play are final there will be NO NEGOTIATIONS made between teams.

## **EQUIPMENT/ATTIRE**

Appropriate gym shoes and apparel must be worn at all times. Players must provide their own racquets as they are not provided by intramurals. Racquets may be rented from Client Services. All other equipment for play will be provided. **NO JEWELRY IS PERMITTED FOR ANY INTRAMURAL SPORT.**

## **TEAM REQUIREMENTS**

Each doubles team must have two players present for the match to be official. If less than two players are present for doubles, the match will be defaulted. The two participants may be of any sex, as it is an open league this year. It is the responsibility of all intramural participants to ascertain whether their own health conditions make it advisable to participate in a particular sport. Each player must also complete the daily attestation through the University of Guelph self-assessment tool prior to arriving on campus. This can be done on the Safe Gryphon App or: [https://uoguelph.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_6lh1bNRMHDEU1OR](https://uoguelph.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6lh1bNRMHDEU1OR).

If the daily attestation through the self-assessment tool tells you to stay home or if you have a presumptive case of COVID-19 we ask that you follow these steps:

- Self-isolate at home and avoid coming to the Athletics Centre.
- If presumptive case, get tested (there will be a testing centre at Student Wellness).
- If confirmed case, please contact Program Supervisor Justin Toth at [tothj@uoguelph.ca](mailto:tothj@uoguelph.ca)

As part of our continued contact tracing efforts, the following new protocols will be enforced for the Fall 2020 season:

- All players must swipe their student ID at Client Services when they arrive in our facility.
- No “Grace Passes” will be sold.
- Players may use valid government issued ID to sign into games if a student ID is forgotten.
- No “OK to Play” passes will be issued.
- You must join your team’s roster in IMLeagues 48 hours before your game otherwise you will not be permitted to play.
- If a player’s name is not printed on a scorecard, that player may not play (no exceptions).
- While maintaining physical distancing, players will show their photo ID or student ID to the league monitor who will check you into the game.
- Captains/players will not be required to physically sign scorecards.

## **DEFAULTS/FORFEITS**

A 10 minute default rule will apply. If both players are not present 5 minutes after the beginning of the first game the team will forfeit their game 15-0. If the team is still not present at the 10 minute mark the game will be declared a default and the official score will be 30-0. **\*No Added Time Will Be Given\***

## **THE GAME**

Matches consist of 3 games to 15 points in a 40 minute time slot. If a game reaches 14-14 then the team that reached 14 first decides whether to set the game to 1 or 3 (teams will either win 15-14, or 17-(14/15 or 16)). If a game is tied at the end of a time slot, the next point scored wins that game. There are three games per time slot.

Start of play - Team to serve first is determined by spinning a racquet, rock paper scissors, coin toss, rally for serve, or any other fair method. Losing team then selects which side to start on.

Players must maintain a minimum of 1m distance from the net and opponents during play. Otherwise, all traditional rules of doubles badminton apply. Any questions regarding rules should be directed to the monitor or intramural office before or after matches.

A player/team serves as long as they or their team are able to score points. After that his/her teammate continues. Service always begins from the right service area and alternates between left and right after each point scored.

After both players on the team have lost their serve once, the other team starts serving. The first serve always comes from the right service area. **Following point on service rules, not rally point.**

SPECIAL NOTE: At the beginning of each match the team that serves first has only one loss of serve before the serve goes to the opponents.

While serving, the racquet must hit the shuttle **below the player's waist level** and the feet are not allowed to move.

Reminder – any disputes over scoring, line calls, etc. should be dealt with immediately by replaying the point!

There will be no playoff games. Each team will play 8 round robin games throughout the semester.