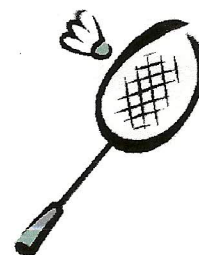


Badminton Fact Sheet

History:

- Brought to America by English settlers and was played in historic Williamsburg.
- Players wore tuxedos and gowns to play during the late 1800's.
- The term *serve* comes from when English royalty played badminton and their servants would hit the shuttlecock to start play.



How to play:

The game of badminton can be played by two people (singles) or four people (doubles). The game begins with a volley for serve; the team that wins the volley will serve first. A doubles badminton game is 15 points and the winner may win by only 1 point. Only the serving team can score.

The first server begins serving from the right hand service court. He must stand behind the service line and between the centerline and the sideline. The server must serve the birdie (shuttlecock) underhand. The birdie must land in the service court diagonally opposite the server to be a good serve. A birdie landing on the line is good. The serve is a fault if it hits the net, the ceiling, lands in the wrong service court or lands in front of the service line. A fault serve cannot be played. It is not a fault serve if the server swings at the birdie and completely misses it.

If the serving team scores a point, the servers switch service courts and the server serves again. One player continues to serve until his/her team does not score a point. The other player then serves from the service court he is standing in. He will continue to serve until his team does not score a point. When both players from one team have served and lost the serve, the opposing team begins serving; the player in the right hand service court will begin serving first.

After the serve, players have one hit for their side. Players may stand anywhere they want after the serve and may hit the birdie anyway they want after the serve. The birdie must land on or inside the sidelines and the end-lines during the volley. The birdie may hit the net on the volley. A birdie that hits the ceiling is out of bounds. A player may not touch the net or reach over the net while playing the birdie.

Vocabulary:

Backhand	Stroke made on the non-racquet side of the body
Clear	High shot that goes over an opponent's head and lands close to the badeline
Double Hit	Racquet illegally contacts the shuttle twice in one swing.
Drive	Hard shot that is hit parallel to the ground and is too low for the opponent to get.
Drop	Shot that just clears the net.
Face	String area of the racquet.
Let	Stoppage of play due to violations or interference. Points must be replayed.
Love	Term used in indicate a zero in scoring.
Smash	Fast, downward overhead stroke.

Court Dimensions:

