

IUCAA Annual Sports Events (IASE)

Badminton Rules (2025–26)

1. Introduction

These rules govern the badminton tournament organized as part of the IUCAA Annual Sports Events (IASE). The primary objective is to ensure fair play, maximize participation, and ensure the smooth execution of the event.

2. Match Scheduling Mechanism

- Participants will be divided into two groups (Group A and Group B) in each age group through a random draw.
- For categories with a high volume of entries (e.g., Men's 1991–2008 bracket), the coordinators reserve the right to adopt a **Double Elimination** format to ensure timely completion.

Double Elimination Format

- A participant is not eliminated after a single loss.
- After the first loss, the participant moves to the lower bracket.
- A participant is eliminated only after losing two matches.

League Matches

- Matches within groups will follow a **Round Robin** system.
- Every player/team will play every other player/team in their group.

Match Duration and Operations

- All league and knockout matches will be played as **Best of 3 games**.
- A match consists of a maximum of three games.
- The player/team that wins two games first is declared the winner (2–0 or 2–1).
- Players must report to the court at least **15 minutes** prior to the scheduled match time.

3. Group League Format

- Participants will be split into two groups (Group A and Group B) in each age group and category (singles/doubles).
- Group stage matches will be conducted in a **Round Robin** format.

Tie-Breaking Rules

Group rankings will be determined using the following criteria, in strictly descending order:

1. Head-to-head result between the tied players/teams
2. Set difference (sets won minus sets lost)
3. Point difference (points scored minus points conceded)
4. Sudden death: a single game of 21 points

4. Scoring Mechanism

Points System

- Win: 1 point
- Loss: 0 points
- Draw: Not applicable (all matches must produce a winner)

In-Game Scoring Rules

- Matches will be played according to standard BWF badminton rules.
- A game is won by the side that first scores 21 points.
- Deuce: At 20–20, the side gaining a 2-point lead wins the game.
- Golden Point: At 29–29, the side scoring the 30th point wins the game.

Score Maintenance

- Scores will be recorded on official score sheets provided at the venue.
- The winning player/team must ensure that the score sheet is signed and submitted to the coordinator immediately after the match.
- Score-related issues will not be entertained if the signed score sheet is not submitted.

5. Qualification Criteria for Semi-Finals and Finals

- The top two players/teams from each group (Group A and Group B) will advance to the Semi-Finals.

Knockout Structure

- Semi-Final 1: Winner of Group A vs Runner-up of Group B
- Semi-Final 2: Winner of Group B vs Runner-up of Group A
- Final: Winner of Semi-Final 1 vs Winner of Semi-Final 2

6. Coordinators

The match framework has been finalized during the scheduled coordinator meetings. The coordinators for badminton are:

- Mr. Soumil Sahu
- Ms. Yogita Kumari
- Mr. Sourav Das
- Dr. Shivaraj Kandhasamy

Reference: Simplified Rules of Badminton (BWF)

https://system.bwfbadminton.com/documents/folder_1_81/Regulations/Simplified-Rules/Simplified%20Rules%20of%20Badminton%20-%20Dec%202015.pdf

