

# BADMINTON



# 1. HISTORY

The roots of Badminton can be traced to ancient Greece, China and India. It is derived directly from poona (city in India), which was played by British army officers stationed in India in the 1860s.

After being played in Canada, badminton arrived in America and has been popular since 1929. Since 1992, badminton has been an Olympic sport.

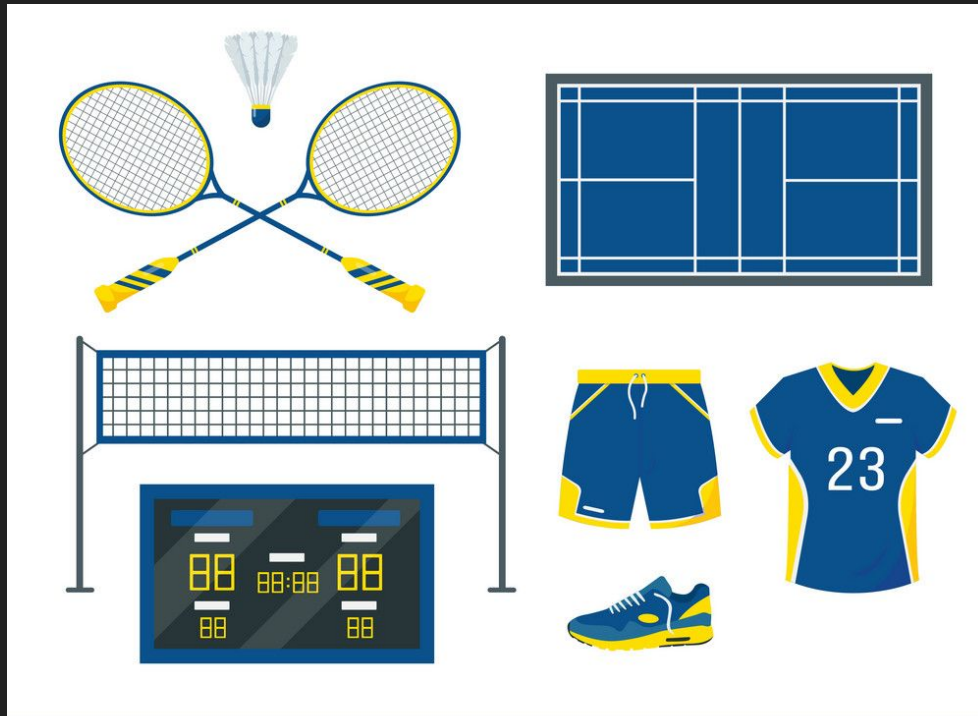


# 2. RULES

- The match consists of the best-of-three games of 21 points.
- A match can be played by two opposing players (singles) or four opposing players (doubles).
- The player/pair winning a rally adds a point to its score.
- The player/pair winning a game serves first in the next game.
- A point is scored when the shuttlecock lands inside the opponent's court or if a returned shuttlecock hits the net or lands outside of the court the player will lose the point.
- At the start of the rally, the server and receiver stand in diagonally opposite service courts.
- A legal serve must be hit diagonally over the net and across the court.

- The rules do not allow second serves.
- During a point a player can return the shuttlecock from inside and outside of the court.
- A player is not able to touch the net with any part of their body or racket.
- A player must not deliberately distract their opponent.
- A player is not able to hit the shuttlecock twice.
- The player/team which wins 2 games (out of 3) first, wins the match.

# 3. EQUIPMENT



# 4. COMPETITION IN INDIA

The **PREMIER BADMINTON LEAGUE (PBL)** is a team badminton league held in India.

It is one of the top badminton leagues in the world and it features the top Indian and international badminton stars.

With 9 teams and 8 venues, PBL today has a reach of over 100 million badminton fans via TV, on-ground activities and social media interaction .



# 5. THE FUTURE

## The Future of Badminton - BWF Council Proposed Changes

Well it looks like The Badminton World Federation (BWF) Council will formally propose a whole host of improvements that aim to enhance the sport at its Annual General Meeting (AGM) of members in May.

As reported on the [bwfbadminton.com](http://bwfbadminton.com) the key points the council are looking to enhance are:

- Enriching fan experience - attracting new fans
- Raising the profiles of stars and emerging talent
- Increasing the commercial value of badminton
- Strengthening badminton's global recognition as a cutting-edge sport
- Enhancing the quality of its broadcast product
- Innovating competition rules

Whether a proposed new scoring system is one of the answers remains to be seen, but many of the proposals are clearly worth a look. I'm sure many of these changes will be positive and really go some way to enhancing the future of badminton.