

SHUTTLE MASTERS 2025 Tournament Guide



Tournament Details

Date	Saturday, November 22nd 2025
Location	Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre (MSAC) – Badminton Hall
Tournament Check-in	8:00am – 8:30am
Welcome and Introduction	8:30 AM – 8:45 AM
Warm up Opportunity	8:30 AM – 9:00 AM
Round-robin and Tournament play	9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Note: The day of the tournament will be quite time-sensitive, so please ensure you plan to allow ample time to arrive at MSAC no later than 08:15am, allowing yourself time to Check-In before 8:30am.

Tournament Day Outline

A. Check-in (8:00am – 8:30am)

All Teams must Check-In before 8:30am and will be sorted into their round- robin groups to commence the team Round Robin of the tournament at 9:00am.

B. Welcome/Introduction (8:30am – 8:45am)

After Check-In, there will be a brief Acknowledgment and Welcome by our Club President Kshitij.

We will then take a big group photo with everyone in attendance and then we'll walk through the Tournament Rules and process.

Volunteers and tournament coordinators will be introduced, and any outstanding questions will be answered. During this time, all teams will be sent to their appropriate courts at precisely 9:00 AM to begin the round-robin seeding round.

C. Round-robin (8:45 – 9:30/10:00am)

The Fixtures for Men's Doubles A, Men's Doubles B and Mixed Doubles has been divided into groups of 2 Groups- A and B. Each round of the round-robin will consist of **1 game to 30 points** with no setting – first Team to 30 points wins. Teams would change the ends of the Court after any of the Team reaches 15 Points.

Top 2 Teams from Each Group would advance to Elimination stage (Semi Finals and Finals). Format of the Elimination is also like Round Robin i.e. **1 game to 30 points with no**

setting. Teams would change the ends of the Court after any of the Team reaches 15 Points.

Please Note: *Mixed Doubles* would Commence at 11 AM and so please ensure the Teams are Registered on time latest by 10 AM. This applies to players who are playing only Mixed Doubles and No Other Fixtures.

Women's Doubles: Due to limited Number of Team Entries for WD, all the Registered Teams would Play Round Robin Matches. Each round of the round-robin will consist of 1 game to 30 points with no setting – first Team to 30 points wins. Teams would change the ends of the Court after any of the Team reaches 15 Points. Top 3 Teams based on Total Number of Points accumulated would be deemed 1st, 2nd and 3rd.

Other items

PLEASE NOTE: If you leave the Badminton Hall, it is your responsibility to keep an eye on the draw as we don't want to be waiting for people to come back into the hall for games to start. If you cannot be located within a reasonable time, your game may be forfeited!

Tournament Day Coordinators

A huge thank you to our tournament co-ordinators and volunteers.

Without the help of these people, this year's tournament would not be possible. They will be present for the entirety of the tournament to help answer any of your questions and ensure the smooth running of the day. Please be sure to take a brief second to thank them for their help.

Tournament Etiquette

- **Be punctual** - Please ensure you are on time, and that you can be easily found throughout the day. We will be unable to delay the tournament to hunt you down for your matches.
- **Be a respectful spectator** – Please cheer respectfully for Teams, rather than against them. We are all here to have an enjoyable day, so let's try to keep it fun for everyone involved.
- **Play Fair** – Please follow the rules, and ensure the tournament is enjoyable for everyone. We do not have the resources to have line judges or umpires for all your matches, so it is your responsibility to take on these roles and ensure you are playing fair.
- **Line calls:** Calling lines properly is a skill you need to have as a player. The Team on the side of the court where the shuttle lands is solely responsible for calling the shuttle in or out. There is to be no input from the Team who made the shot, the Score Keeper, or any of the spectators observing the game. If you feel your opponents are making unfair calls, please ensure you send a volunteer to inform the Draw Desk.

Line call guidelines

- If a shuttle lands on a line, it is in.
- If you and your partner do not see where the shuttle lands, or you are unsure as to whether it was on a line or not, it is in. Points are not to be replayed due to uncertainty.

- Do not call any shots out, unless you are certain they were completely outside of the line. There should not be any input from the opposing Team, Score Keeper, or spectators. If you feel a Team is calling lines unfairly, if a spectator is calling lines for players, or if a Score Keeper is calling lines for players, please report immediately to the draw desk to file a complaint.

Keep away from courts

- Stay well away from the courts during match play. At no time should you be within 1 meter of the outside line of a court. Standing behind the courts can also be a distraction for players, so please keep these areas always clear.
- In addition, if you need to pass a court during a match, please ensure you wait for the rally to finish before walking past. MSAC has mats down on all courts (except for court 3). Please keep well away from these mats when navigating between/around courts when a match is being played.

Score Keeping

- Any player may be asked by a volunteer to score for a match. Please ensure you collect a clipboard with the appropriate match scorecard, a pen, and shuttles for the match. Score Keepers
- When you complete a match, ensure that you have circled the name of the winning Team at the top of the match score card, and have a player from the winning Team sign the completed score card.

Players

- If your team has won a match, please ensure you or your partner have signed the completed score card and ensured that your Team has been circled at the top.

Finally

Yes, it is a competition but most importantly, it's about coming together and celebrating who we are as a fabulous club and community, so please:

Have fun, respect each other on and off court and celebrate who we are!