

CSL Badminton Guidelines

I. ELIGIBILITY

All schools must abide by the rules as stated in the IHSA Handbook, the CSL, and the USA Badminton Court Officials Guide. The “Badminton Code of Conduct” as published by the IHSA will be in effect at all dual and conference meets.

A. Contest Limitations

1. No Girls Badminton team representing a member school shall, in any one season, participate on more than eighteen (18) dates, exclusive of the IHSA series.
2. No member of a Girls Badminton team representing a member school shall, in any one season, participate on more than eighteen (18) dates, exclusive of the IHSA series.

II. HOST SCHOOL RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. Shall set and explain all ground rules (ceiling clearance, obstructions, boundaries, etc.)
- B. Meet results shall be distributed to the liaison in charge of badminton on the following school day.
- C. The host school shall furnish the badminton birds. Official feather birds will be used for all Conference dual meets at the Varsity and JV levels. Official feather birds will also be used in the Conference Championship Tournaments at the Varsity and JV levels.
- D. The visiting coach should contact the Host school by noon of the day prior to the meet for meet particulars.
- E. The Host school is responsible for getting information to the media.

III. CONDUCT OF CONTESTS

A. RECOGNIZED LEVELS

1. The CSL recognizes the following levels: Varsity, Junior Varsity, Freshmen.

B. DUAL MATCHES

1. Each school will play every school in its division in one dual meet. Each school will also have one crossover dual meet based on the previous year’s finish (i.e. 1st place North will play 1st place South).
2. There shall be 6 doubles and 12 singles matches placed in rank order for Varsity dual meets and at the Conference Tournament. At the JV level, teams will play 6 doubles and 12 singles in dual meets and the Conference Tournament.
3. Twelve names must appear on the Varsity line-up and players compete in both singles and doubles for dual meets and the Conference Tournament. Twelve or more players may be used to fill the line-up for the JV competition in both dual meets and the Conference Tournament. No defaults may be used at the outset of the meet at either level.
4. Dual meets shall be set up so all doubles play, and then all singles play. All levels should be playing at the same time. There shall be designated courts for JV/FR and Varsity. All doubles matches shall be run on designated courts prior to starting singles matches on those designated courts. When possible, a level will travel to the opposite scheduled site for competition.
5. Each individual match counts as one point. The team winning the majority of matches in a dual meet will be declared the winner of the meet.
6. A cumulative record of points will be kept during the dual meet season.
7. A copy of the line-ups should be exchanged immediately upon arrival at the Host school.
8. Once a match has begun, a player playing out of position, as recorded on the score sheet, shall default the match if it has been completed or shall default the first game if discovered prior to the beginning of the second game. If discovered during the first game a correction should be

made. If the match has been completed the remaining match will be played (if the lower ranked team wins the match it will be recorded as a win, if the higher ranked team wins the match will be recorded as a default).

9. Each visiting team will be guaranteed twenty minutes of warm-up time upon arrival.
10. The Match time will be set for 4:45 PM.

C. CONFERENCE MEETS

1. The Varsity Conference Tournament will include the Varsity team from each school in the Division.
2. The Tournament will be a two-day Elimination-Consolation Tournament; doubles will be played on the first day followed by singles on the next day. Varsity conference tournament start times: Friday, warm ups at 4:00 pm matches begin at 4:30 pm & Saturday, warm ups at 8:30 am matches begin at 9:00 am.
3. One point will be awarded for each match won on the Championship side (including bye points).
Only ½ point will be awarded for winning the third place match.
On the Consolation side, ½ point shall be awarded for each win (bye points can only be earned thru winning the next round match).
In the semi-final round of the front and back draw, double the points will be awarded. (IHSA Sectional wording and scoring)
4. There shall be 0-4 seeds in each. Both the players' win/loss record and position record shall be considered. The following are the seeding criteria:
 - a. Player's conference record at that position or above
 - b. Head-to-head competition
 - c. School conference record at that position
 - d. The more matches you play at or above that position will receive the higher seed

Players must have a winning record with at least 3 wins to be seeded. If no player has a winning record with at least 3 wins at a given position, seeding will be done based off of school conference record at that position. Bracket – Seeded players should be placed into the following lines of the conference tournament bracket; Line 1 (#1 seed), Line 16 (#2 seed), Line 12 (#3 seed), Line 7 (#4 seed). Byes will be placed on the following lines for seeded players; Lines 2, 8, 11, 15. Additional byes will be placed on Line 4 and 13.

5. Host schools shall budget for birds used at the Conference Tournament, and then assess a fee to each of the conference schools that participate.
6. The JV Conference Tournament will include the JV team from each school in the Division. The JV Conference Tournament will be a two-day Elimination-Consolation Tournament. This shall be played for 6 doubles and 12 singles positions. Seeding will be done by school divisional record at position; 1-4 positions will be seeded. Tournament bracket format will be the same as varsity bracket (III B 5 above). NOT STRAIGHT ACROSS CONSOLATION.
7. Three medals will be awarded at the Varsity level and three ribbons will be awarded at the Junior Varsity level. Awards will be given on the Varsity and Junior Varsity levels.
8. A full Varsity line-up must be submitted at the Conference Seed Meeting. If a school is unable to play this line-up at the conference meet, they have the option of:
 - a. Defaulting that position or
 - b. Entering a player not previously listed in the Varsity line-up prior to the start of the meet on the first day
9. If there are any defaults, the points for that match will automatically be awarded to the opponent.

10. An attempt will be made by the Host school to hire one official for both days of the Varsity Conference Tournament. If no official can be hired, then the CSL Badminton Coaches will act as officials for the Tournament.
11. A coach or player may call for an official at any time. The official should issue a warning to all players on the court and stay and observe the entire match whenever possible. Another unbiased coach or their designee may be substituted.

D. DETERMINING THE CONFERENCE CHAMPION

1. Divisional Dual meet points will be converted to places (total # of match wins). The team accumulating the most points shall be the 1st place team and will receive 5 points, second place team will receive 4 points and so on.
2. Conference tournament points shall be converted to places in the same manner as the dual season.
3. The Conference Tournament Champion shall be the team accumulating the most points in the dual meet season combined with the Conference Tournament.

E. ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM

1. All Conference nominees will be submitted to the liaison by noon the day prior to the post season meeting and distributed to head coaches for review. All nominees submitted will include the following information: Name, year in school, season record & position @ both singles and doubles and conference tournament finish @ both. After a review of procedure and philosophy at the post-season meeting, each coach or official representative will vote for the list of names of her/his own team members whom the coach thinks are worthy of All-Conference Honors. The selection shall be based upon skill with sportsmanship being a consideration.
2. A maximum of 24 players may be named to the team (which equates to 12 per division if there are 6 schools in a division, and 10 if there are 5 schools in a division); however, a maximum need not be reached.
3. Only head coaches (or their school's representative) from each school shall vote.
4. Only Varsity players may be nominated.
5. The selection shall be based only on Conference play.
6. Voting procedures – after nominations are completed, voting will be by closed ballot with a simple majority required. Each Divisional coach will have 10 or 12 votes (depending on the number of schools in their Division. The option of running a second ballot to complete team selections or to break ties is available. If no clear distinction is made after that, then the players presently on the All-Conference Team will be the final All-Conference Team.

F. SPORTSMANSHIP TEAM AWARD

1. Select a Sportsmanship Team and award a certificate to one player from each school. This player will be chosen by the head coach and can be from any level within the school's program and must be voted on by all coaches.