

# **GUIDELINES FOR ZONAL LEVEL BADMINTON COMPETITION**

**Dear and Respected Priests, Managing Committee Members and all the members of all the Parishes in the South & Central Zone;**

**Diocesan Sports Council would like to provide you with guidelines for South & Central Zone badminton competition.**

## **Group Rounds**

Depends on the number of participants, we shall divide the players into groups.

- Teams will be divided into four groups
- Play round robin (each other) within the groups
- Top two team of the group will be into Quarter Finals

## **Quarter Finals - QF**

Quarter finals will be knockout round. QF format is as follows;

- QF1- Winner of group 1 will play no 2 of group 4
- QF2 - No 2 of the group 1 will play to no 1 of the group 4
- QF3 - Winner of group 2 will play no 2 of the group 3
- QF4 - No 2 of the group 2 will play no 1 of group 3

## **Semi-Finals**

- SF1 - Winners of QF1 vs. QF4
- SF2 - Winners of QF2 vs. QF3

## **Final**

Winner(s) of SF1 vs SF2

## **Badminton Rules**

- Feather shuttles (Yonex AS20) will be used.
- Group Games
  - Group matches will be restricted to one game of 21 points
  - At 20 all, the side scoring the 21<sup>st</sup> point, wins that game.
  - Players swap sides when a team reaches 11 points.
- Quarter finals will be restricted to one game of 21 points
  - At 20 all, the side that gains a 2-point lead first, wins that game.
  - At 29 all, the side scoring the 30th point, wins that game.
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- Players swap sides at the end of a game. If a third game is played, then players swap sides when a team reaches 11 points.
- A 2-minute break will be allowed between games.
  
- Finals will be best of three of 21 points game.
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### **Order of The Day**

- Registration will be between 9:00 am and 09:30 am.
- Teams registering later than that may have to miss their league games.
- The games will start soon after registration.
- The initial round of games for every format will begin with league games.
- League Games and order of play will be selected via a lot system
- There will be a short break for Lunch, which will be provided between 12:30 – 14:30 (Please note that due to time constraints, individual players may be asked to take their lunch break slightly earlier or later).
- Depending on the number of wins and points won, top four teams from each court will move to the knockout stages
- The games are due to finish at 5:00 pm, followed by the presentation ceremony.

### **Court Etiquette**

- We kindly request all participants to reach the venue by 9:00 am
- It's essential that all players remain in the sports hall throughout the competition.
- Any competitor not present, when their name is called, will be eliminated, and a bye given to the opponent. Competitors can be called to play their game at any time.
- All participants and spectators must stay seated and quiet while games are being played.
- Spectators when crossing across courts must wait until a rally at the current court is over to cross.
- Everyone must wear non-marking shoes/trainers on the sports hall.
- The linesmen & referees will make line calls and other calls on the court. All decisions of the referees will be final. Spectators must not make line judgments.

### **Rally**

- A rally is won when a shuttle is hit over the net and on the floor of the opponent's court.
- A shuttle on the line is "in".
- A rally is lost if the shuttle is hit into the net, or over the net but outside of the opponent's court. A rally is also lost if the shuttle touches the player's clothing or body, or if it is hit before it crosses over the net.

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## Serving

- The server must obey standard laws designed to force underhand delivery of the serve from below the waist
- The receiver must stand diagonally & still until the service is struck.

## Scoring Format [Point Per Rally]

- We will be following the doubles rules as per [www.badminton-information.com/badminton\\_21\\_points.html](http://www.badminton-information.com/badminton_21_points.html) . Every time there is a serve – there is a point scored. The side winning a rally adds a point to its score.

## General Rules

- First Service is decided by hitting the shuttlecock up into the air. Whichever side the cork of the shuttlecock points gets to goes first.
- Doubles Service must fall into the ‘short and fat inside’ area diagonally opposite the server
- The rest of the court area forms the remaining rally
- If Shuttle hits the ceiling, the point is replayed.
- It’s a fault if a striker hits or crosses the net with his/her racket, or any other part of the body during play.
- Rest of the rules will be followed as per [www.badminton-information.com/rules-of-badminton.html](http://www.badminton-information.com/rules-of-badminton.html) and [www.badminton-information.com/badminton\\_21\\_points.html](http://www.badminton-information.com/badminton_21_points.html)

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Thanking you with Prayers

For the Sports Wing

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