

New Mexico Senior Olympics

Badminton Rules

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Playing Format

1. All Badminton matches will be conducted in accordance with USA Badminton Association rules and National Senior Games except as noted below. For a complete copy of these rules please write or call:

USA Badminton	National Senior Games Association
9255 Telstar Ave., Unit I	P.O. Box 5630
El Monte, CA 91731	Clearwater, FL 33758
(714) 602-1691	(727) 475-1187
www.usabadminton.org	www.nsga.com
2. Events will be singles, doubles and mixed doubles. Doubles must be two individuals of the same gender. Mixed Doubles must be two individuals of the opposite gender. All doubles and mixed doubles athletes must register individually and list the name of the athlete who will be their partner on the registration form. Athletes may compete with only one partner per event.
3. In case a partner becomes ill after registration, with a documented medical reason, a substitute may be made. See Partner/Team/Groups in Item H in General Rules.
4. Playing format will be either double elimination or round robin tournaments based on the numbers of registered entrants. (Single elimination tournament will only be considered with the approval of the NMSO office.)
5. Doubles must be two individuals of the same gender. Mixed doubles must be two individuals of opposite gender.
6. Equipment: Athletes must provide own racquets. Birds will be provided.
7. Each match consists of two out of three games. Rally scoring will be used.
8. Any match missed/forfeited during bracket play will be considered a loss.

Playing Rules

1. For complete playing rules, please check with National Governing Board mentioned above.
2. **Rally Scoring**
 - a) A match consists of the best of 3 games to 21 points.
 - b) The side winning a rally adds a point to its score.
 - c) At 20 all, the side which gains a 2-point lead first, wins that game.
 - d) After 20 all, if neither side attains a two-point lead, the first side to reach 30 points wins the game.
 - e) The side winning a game serves first in the next games.
3. When the leading score reaches 11 points, players have a 60 second break.
4. A two-minute break between each game is allowed.
5. In the third game, players change ends when a side score 11 points.