

Senior Olympics Badminton Rules

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:

US Badminton Association	National Senior Games Association
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2. Events will be singles, men's and women's doubles and mixed doubles.
3. Playing format will be either double 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.)
4. Doubles must be two individuals of the same gender. Mixed doubles must be two individuals of opposite gender. **Doubles Partners:** Doubles partners who qualify together are not required to play together. All participants must have qualified for the sport in which they intend to participate
5. Equipment: Athletes must provide own racquets. Birds will be provided.
6. Each match consists of two out of three games. Rally scoring will be used.
7. Any match missed/forfeited during bracket play will be considered a loss.

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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.