General Rules & Guidelines for IM Badminton (Doubles)

- All players must present their own UGA 81# ID Card at the beginning of the tournament. Any player not providing his/her own valid UGA 81# ID card will not be permitted to participate.
  - Any player caught violating this rule or any other rules/policies will face the sanctions listed under the Disciplinary and Ejection Policy section


- This will be a **DOUBLES** tournament. Tournament format will be determined based on the number of registered participants.
  - Doubles court- use outside lines all the way around, except for serves where you use the shorter back lines
  - Players must be at their assigned courts, signed in, and ready to play no more than 5-minutes after the scheduled match time, or the match will be declared a forfeit.

**Equipment**
- Players are strongly encouraged to bring their own rackets
- Shuttlecocks will be provided for tournament play

**Start of Play**
- Before starting the game, the opponents toss a coin with the winner choosing ends and service.
- In subsequent games, the winning side serves first.

**Scoring**
- A team must be serving to score points. When the server commits a fault his/her turn of service is over. When the receiver commits a fault the server is given a point.
- A game shall consist of 15 points.
  - In a 15 point game, if the score becomes tied at 13-13, the player scoring 13 points first can elect to continue and finish the game to 15 points (no set), or he/she can elect to play 5 more points to finish the game/set.
  - At 14 all, the first to reach 14 has the choice of finishing the game to 15, or “setting” the game at 3.
  - **A PLAYER DOES NOT HAVE TO WIN BY 2 POINTS!**
- A match consists of 2 out of 3 games. Teams change sides after each game.

**Service**
- The first serve of the game is always made from the right side of the court.
- A player continues to serve (alternating service courts) as long as a player scores points.
- If the server completely misses the shuttle on the serve the server may re-serve once.
- A serve may not be delivered until the receiver is ready. If the receiver attempts to return the serve, the receiver is to have been considered ready.
- During the serve, it is a fault if;
  - The shuttle is contacted above the server’s waist or the racket head is above any part of the hand.
  - The shuttle does not fall into the diagonally opposite service court.
  - Some part of both feet of the server and receiver are not in contact with the appropriate court until the shuttle is contacted by the server.
**General Play**
- A shuttle falling on the line is good
- A shuttle which touches and passes over the net is in play (including the serve)
- It is considered a fault if:
  - The shuttle fails to pass over the net or lands outside the boundary line.
  - The shuttle contacts the walls, ceiling, player or player’s clothes.
  - The shuttle passes through or under the net.
  - The player touches the net.
  - The player reaches across the net to contact the shuttle (following through across the net is allowed).
  - The shuttle is hit more than once or is momentarily caught and thrown.
  - The player obstructs an opponent or invades the opponent’s court.
  - A player is hit by the shuttle whether the player is standing inside or outside the court boundaries.

**Disciplinary and Ejection Policy**
- The following suspensions apply for misconduct during Intramural activities:
  - **Ejection**
    - Any participant ejected by any Competitive Sports employee will serve a two (2) game suspension for the team from which the athlete is ejected.
    - If the ejection is the result of violence or misconduct aimed at any Intramural Sports employee, the participant will be suspended indefinitely from all Intramural activities sponsored by the Department of Recreational Sports until the participant meets with the Graduate Assistants for Competitive Sports.
  - **Student Identification Card Infraction**
    - Any participant who attempts to partake in any activity by fraudulently using a UGA 81# ID Card will be suspended for six (6) months from all activities sponsored by the Competitive Sports Program. The rightful owner of the UGA ID Card will also be suspended for six (6) months from all activities sponsored by the Competitive Sports Department. The confiscated UGA ID Card can be claimed from the Competitive Sports Staff in room 201 Ramsey.

- **Meetings**
  - Purpose: The suspensions listed above are final unless the player meets with the Graduate Assistants for Competitive Sports. Meetings will provide players receiving disciplinary suspension the opportunity to appeal for reduced suspension. The Graduate Assistants have full authority to reduce or remove suspensions.
  - Procedure: Meetings can be set up via email with the Graduate Assistants for Competitive Sports (imsports@uga.edu)
    - Meetings will give the player direct contact with at least three members of the Department of Recreational Sports. If members of the appeal committee are involved in the incident, they will be removed from the specific meeting.