**Badminton Basic Rules**

**SCORING**

* Game to 15
* Rally Scoring

**SERVING**

* Server calls score, server’s score first
* Server must stand behind the service line, serve diagonally
* The shuttle must be contacted entirely below the waist when it is contacted on a serve.
* The serve may hit the net and still be in play
* A serve is lost if he/she misses the shuttle, therefore the server only gets on try.
* Server must keep both feet on the ground during the serve
* Each member of a team serves once then the serve is rotated to the other team.
  + A doubles team serves until the server and his/her partner have both served.

**OTHER RULES & IDEAS:**

* Shuttle may hit the net, but the racket may NOT.
* Follow through may go over the net but not touch the net
* If the shuttle hits the line it’s in
* May not “carry” a shuttle on the racket during a hit
* A player/team that hits the shuttle twice in a row results in loss of rally.
* Toss to decide serve and/or side at the beginning of the match
* Badminton originally came to England from India

**KEY TERMINOLOGY**

* Overhead—Motion used to hit the shuttle above the head
* Crosscourt—A Shot hit diagonally to the opposite court
* Birdie—Another name for shuttlecock
* Drop Shot—A shot that just clears the net, then falls close
* Clear—A high shot that goes over your opponent’s head and lands near the baseline