

MIT INTRAMURALS

BADMINTON RULES

Eligibility

All team members must have a current DAPER membership and be either:

- A MIT undergrad or grad student who is registered for the semester
- A member of the Staff, Faculty, Instructors, Lecturers or Post Docs
- A member of MIT Alumni Club of Boston (MITCOB) who is registered with DAPER
- A spouse or partner of any eligible player who has an active DAPER membership

Varsity/Club Sport Eligibility

After gaining permission from their coach, members of MIT club or varsity teams may ONLY compete in the highest level league offered (ie B league if no A league is offered) in the same sport as their varsity/club sport. These members are eligible to participate in any B or C League as well as any A League of a sport different from their varsity or club. In the event that only 1 general league is offered for the IM sport, then varsity and club sport members are ineligible to compete in the same sport as their varsity/club sport.

IM participants may only compete on one team in each league per sport. Roster changes may be made up to the start of playoffs. During this time, players may join, quit, or switch teams. Once playoffs begin, rosters will be locked.

Leagues

Here are basic descriptions of levels of skill and competition within each league. Leagues may be combined or split at manager's discretion. Champion t-shirts are awarded to A & B Leagues. See 'Number of Players' section for how many t-shirts will be awarded.

A – Open to men and women with no male-to-female ratios. Experienced players who may have been playing together for some time

B – Open to men and women with no male-to-female ratios. Majority of team has played the sport but not necessarily on a formal team

C – Open to men and women with no male-to-female ratios. A casual league for those who have never played or wish to play leisurely

Co-Rec – An intermediate level league (approx B level competition) which has specific male-to-female ratios during play. See 'Number of Players' section for male-to-female ratios.

Sportsmanship

-Proper sportsmanship is expected of all teams at all times.

-Most MIT intramural leagues are not refereed. The captains are expected to control the behavior of their team members.

-The sport manager reserves the right to remove any player or team from the league without prior warning if there are any incidents of unacceptable sportsmanship.

-Any complaints should be reported to the manager immediately.

Forfeits

-If the minimum number of players are not present by game time, the other team has the option of calling a forfeit on that team OR waiting 10 minutes.

-If a team does not have the minimum number of players by 10 minutes past the scheduled game start, it counts as a forfeit.

-The penalties associated with a forfeit can be avoided by communicating to the sport manager and opposing captain that you will not be able to field a team. Further advance notice reduces the penalty, as it gives the manager a better opportunity to use that field/court time for other games:

* More than 72 hour advance notice results in no penalty. We will try our best to reschedule the game but are limited by facility space. If the game cannot be rescheduled, it will not count towards your record.

* 24 - 72 hour notice results in loss if game cannot be rescheduled (but no fine)

* Less than 24 hour notice results in forfeit and fine

Fines

- Fines will be issued according to the IM Handbook Section XII. Refer to the handbook for more information.
- Failure of either team to commence play at game time will cause either or both of them to be charged with a forfeit and a corresponding fine.
 - Failure to attend captain's meeting: \$15
 - Forfeited Matches- First infraction: \$25. Second infraction: \$50 and disqualification from playoffs. Third infraction: \$75 and removal from league.
 - Dropping out of league (once games have been scheduled): \$75

Injuries

- Most intramural games are played on campus within the Z Center facilities. If an injury occurs, send a teammate to summon help at one of the desks within the Z Center. The Z Center staff can provide 1st aid and summon additional help if needed.
- Please report any injuries to the Intramural Office via the Injury Report Form (<http://bit.ly/1VwUyAD>)

Reporting Scores

- It is the responsibility of the WINNING team's captain to record the score on IMLeagues.com. It will be assumed that there was a double forfeit if no score is recorded 24 hours after the game was played.

Number of Players

- MIT intramural teams are open to men and women, and there are no male-to-female ratios that need to be adhered to, except in the co-rec leagues.
- All players must register on IMLeagues.com before playing in a game.
- This is a doubles league only.
- Champions in A and B Leagues will receive t-shirts; regardless of players registered, no more than 6 shirts will be issued.
- CoRec guidelines: The male-to-female ratio must be 50/50 to start each game.

Playoffs

A & B leagues will have playoffs. Unless the manager requests special conditions, the following guidelines will be used in all IM sports for determining qualifications for playoffs:

1. Total points (a) two points for a win (b) one point for a tie (c) no points for a loss
2. Head-to-head result
3. Goal differential (in case of less common scoring system, the manager will determine the method of goal scoring)
4. Goals for/Goals against
5. Coin toss

Equipment

- Please bring your own shuttlecocks and racquets. Racquets can be borrowed from the Z Center Vassar Desk attendant.

Playing the Game

- The game shall begin with a coin toss between captains, the winner of the toss has the choice of serving first, receiving first, or choosing which side of the court to defend.
- Each game is played to 21 points. A match will be determined by the best two (2) out of three (3) games.
- The side winning a rally adds a point to its score.
- The side winning a game serves first in the next game.

Scoring

-Every time there is a serve, there is a point scored. A player continues to serve, alternating courts until they commit a fault.

-The first serve of the game is made from the right service court and received in the diagonal right service court, as are all serves when the server's score is zero or an even number. When the server's score is odd, the serve is made from the left service court and received in the diagonal left service court.

-If the serving side wins a rally, the serving side scores a point and the same server serves again from the alternate service court.

-If the receiver wins a rally, the receiver scores a point and becomes the new server. They serve from the appropriate service court - left if their score is odd, and right if it is even.

-Players will alternate service upon receiving serve.

-At 20 all, the side which gains a 2 point lead first, wins that game.

-At 29 all, the side scoring the 30th point, wins that game.

Faults

- A fault committed by the player or side serving: in singles, results in "service over", in doubles, results in - "service over".

It is a fault if:

-During the instant the shuttle is contacted on the serve the shuttle is above the server's waist, or the racket head above the hand.

-During the serve, the shuttle does not fall within the boundaries of the diagonal service court.

-During the serve, the feet of the server and the receiver are not within the boundaries of their respective service courts. Feet on the boundary lines are considered out of bounds.

-Before or during the serve any player feints or balks the opponent(s).

-During the service or rally the shuttle contacts the walls, the ceiling, the player, or clothing; passes through or under the net; fails to pass the net; or does not fall within the court boundaries.

-During play, any player's person, clothing, or racquet touches the net or supports.

-The shuttle is hit more than once in succession by a player or is hit in succession by partners or caught or slung when struck. Simultaneous striking of the base and feathers of the shuttle are legal if no slinging or catching occurs.

-A player obstructs an opponent or invades an opponent's court.

-In play, a player standing in bounds or out of bounds contacts the shuttle with any part of their person or is struck on any part of their person by the shuttle.