

# RAC Badminton League

## Facilities

This League is governed by the Town of Drumheller Recreation, Arts & Culture and uses its facilities. Please respect the facilities so we can continue using them. If respect is not shown, access to the facilities will be lost.

- No Outdoor Shoes in any gym facility.
- Leave the gym the way you found it. Throw away your garbage in designated areas.
- Players should arrive at the gym no more than 10 minutes before the scheduled start time.

**If you do not adhere to the rules, then you will be subjected to the Town of Drumheller's Fun First Sports League disciplinary process .**

## Equipment

- The league will provide nets, rackets, and shuttlecocks (personal racquet recommended).
- Players will be responsible for their own apparel – Jerseys, etc.
- Players must wear appropriate court shoes – NO marking shoes are allowed.

## Players/Roster

- Roster size is unlimited, but players must be registered with the league.
- 2 players per team on the court at one time.
- All genders are welcome to register.
- Maximum of 2 players on a team. Teams are also encouraged to have subs and alternates. In the event an external substitute joins your roster for a single game, a “drop-in” fee will be required. All players MUST register.
- A minimum of 1 player must be present to play.
- Teams can add to their roster at any point by paying the individual league fee with a team discount. All players MUST register.

## Spectators

- We encourage all individuals with an interest in spectating to be present. (Limited seating).
- Respect is mandatory, if spectators do not respect our players OR facilities, access will be lost.

## Defaults

- At least 1 player must be present at the start of the game to avoid a default.

- If the minimum requirement is not met, the team that is short players will lose the game by default.
- If a team defaults on one game, they must pay a default fee before their next game. If this is not paid, then all games will be updated as a default loss and the team will be removed from the schedule.
- If a team misses two games, another default fee must be paid to have any future games scheduled. A meeting with the Recreation Manager will occur to determine if this league is the right fit for your team. If a second default fee is not paid, then the players on the roster will not be allowed to play in any future sports.

### **Officiating**

- All games are self-officiated.
- Teams and players are responsible to call their own infractions.
- Teams cannot call the other team's infractions as it is not their responsibility. If teams do not call their own infractions, within a "game report" such behavior shall be reported by their opponents. Situation dependent, this could affect future status in ALL Town of Drumheller recreation sports leagues.
- Any intentional infractions will result in the player being asked to sit out the rest of the game. If a player is asked to sit out twice in a season they are done for the year.
- Any infraction where the intent is to hurt another player will result in ejection from the league, possible ban from ALL Town of Drumheller recreation sports leagues, and lost access to our facilities.

### **Pre-Game**

- To start the game, the two Team Leader's will decide "side or serve" (using their discretion). The teams will repeat this for 2 matches.
- Games consist of two matches to 21 points (winning by two points).
- Games must start on time and the clock will begin at the scheduled start time. A late start will result in short matches.
- If a team is not ready on time they will lose by default.

### **Substitutions**

- Substitutes may rotate in at any time during a stoppage in play (Team Leader discretion).

### **Service**

- A serve is to be completed on the corresponding side of the team's own score. This is determined by if your score is an odd OR even number. (i.e. if you are serving, your score is 8, you serve on the right side of the court. If your score is 3, you serve on the left side of the court.

- A proper service is “completed” by the shuttlecock completing travel over the net, and either being returned by the opposite team in a “rally,” OR landing past the “service line” within the “service boundaries” on the corresponding diagonal side.

### **Boundaries - Doubles**

- The center line, which runs perpendicular to the net and separates the two service boxes.
- The doubles side lines, which are the outermost lines that run perpendicular to the net.
- The short service line, which is the line closest to the net and runs parallel to the net.
- The doubles long service line, which is the line second furthest from the net and runs parallel to the net.

### **Boundaries – Singles**

- The center line, which runs perpendicular to the net and separates the two service boxes.
- The singles side lines, which are the innermost lines that run perpendicular to the net.
- The short service line, which is the line closest to the net and runs parallel to the net.
- The singles long service line/back boundary line, which is the furthest from the net.

**If the minimum requirements are met (1 individual present on a side), and the opposing team of 2 agrees to continue the game, the singles boundaries shall take effect.**

### **Game Play**

- Games will consist of two matches to 21 points (winning by 2 points).
- A player may only use their racquet to contact the shuttlecock 1 time per side until the shuttlecock is rallied in return from the opposing team.
- Players cannot touch the net(s) with any appendage OR racquet during an active rally.
- Players are required to follow the corresponding boundary lines to their specific game.
- A player cannot touch the shuttlecock during a rally.
- A player must successfully serve the shuttlecock either past the short service line OR land on the line to gain a point.

## **Scoring**

Rally Point scoring - using this scoring system, a point is scored during any stoppage in play, unless it is a re-service. This means any team can score a point, whether they are serving or not.

Points are awarded to the opposite team when:

- The shuttlecock touches the ground following a serve OR rally.
- A team has contacted the shuttlecock more than 1 time.
- The shuttle does NOT pass the short service line.
- The shuttle is served OR rallied out of bounds.
- The shuttle does NOT successfully go over the net.

## **Playoffs**

- All teams will get two playoff games regardless of where they finish in the standings or the score of their first playoff game.
- Only the top 4 teams in each division will play for the league championship. All other teams will still get two playoff games.

## **Rescheduling**

- Facility time is very limited. The League will not reschedule games for any reason.
- Should your team cancel or not show up for a scheduled game it will be a loss by default.

## **Substance Consumption**

- The Town of Drumheller facilities do not allow any open alcohol.
- Any player or team found to be under the influence of alcohol, or other controlled substance, will be automatically ejected from the league without a refund.

## **Sportsmanship**

This is a Town of Drumheller regulated recreation league, we expect all players and teams to have a fun first attitude.

Any issues throughout the game should be brought to the attention of your Team Leader. The Team Leader(s) and Recreation Manager can discuss a solution. No one other than the Team Leader should discuss these issues with the opposition.

## **Zero Tolerance Policy**

The Town of Drumheller reserves the right to remove players immediately from any facility or league if they are involved with any of the following acts:

- Using racial, ethnic, homophobic, fatphobic, gendered, transphobic, sexist, sexual, disability or other slurs.
- Instigating or retaliating in an altercation.
- Intentionally pushing, shoving, or making physical contact.
- Displaying disrespectful or threatening behavior.
- Swearing at another person.

**If a player is removed for any reason, they must vacate the facility immediately, including the parking lot.**

## **Scores**

- Team Leaders are responsible for reporting scores. Teams should confirm scores after each point.
- If scores are not reported by the end of the regular season they will not count towards the standings.

## **Minimum Registration Not Met**

RAC Fun First League requires a minimum registration to run to offer each league. If the league is cancelled due to low enrolment, notice will be given at least 48 hours in advance, and you will either receive a full refund or be given a possible rescheduled date.

## **Cancellation due to Unforeseen Circumstances**

RAC Fun First League may be required to cancel league play due to inclement weather, you will be notified in advance of game time and given a rescheduled date.

## **Refunds**

Registration fees are fully refundable, minus a \$20 processing fee, up to 2 weeks before the beginning of the season. After this, the league assumes you have committed, and all fees are non-refundable. We require this time frame to create teams and complete scheduling.

## **Message**

The Town of Drumheller thanks everyone for their shared interest in our recreation programs. We appreciate you are taking the time to read our rules and regulations regarding your sport. Your safety is important to us, as well as your enjoyment, we hope to see you out there!