



Players, Members and non-members Etiquette

Patronage of our club facilities are made up of people from all walks of life. Players, members and non-members utilising the facility may have different values to that of the club. The club has been refraining from setting written rules and guidelines on the values of the club

This brief guide aims to remind all players of the club's core values and the spirit in which we play the game.

Most of the guidelines are common courtesy and common sense. By adhering to the club's guidelines on etiquette, you will be helping the club to provide a safe, warm, and friendly environment for playing and enjoying the game of badminton.

Courtesy

- The number one rule is **respect and consideration for other players**. Treat others as how you would like to be treated. Under no circumstances shall a player subject anyone to abuse of any kind (be it verbal or physical). At the discretion of the committee, players who are found to be in breach of this rule **may not be welcome to participate in our social sessions**.
- At times, you may be paired up with players less advanced than yourself. Look after them, offer help, and make them feel welcome on court. Remember, everyone has to start from somewhere and you were once a beginner too.
- **Winning** in a social session although preferable should not be the ultimate objective. To **win** by attacking a weaker opponent only should be discouraged. The better player will feel left out and therefore will not enjoy the game
- Try not to complain about the games you have or have not been given. The **supervisors** are doing their best in scheduling games for players with varying levels of skills. Supervisors are provided guidelines in organising games and no one system can be "perfect". We are currently reviewing a consistent approach for organising and keeping track of games scheduled. It is an onerous task to keep track of each individual's playing preferences.
- Players cannot change the groupings after the supervisor has started a new round. Players are most welcome to discuss with the supervisor regarding the grouping after the game. Supervisors have been encouraged to report such practices to the Committee
- Avoid using foul language at all times whilst in the premise of the club.



Attire

- Ensure non-marking shoes are worn at all times. This will assist in maintaining the court surface in a good playable condition. **For Sunday court hirers** – it is your responsibility to ensure your playing group adhere to this simple rule
- The Wearing of jeans on court is not encouraged. This attire does not provide the flexibility required for the game of badminton and may potentially cause injury. Tracksuit pants and tops are fine

Equipment

- If you arrive early whilst the nets and poles are being set up, offer your assistance.
- Similarly if you are the last players at the club, please help put away the equipment and collect any remaining shuttlecocks left on the floor.

Social room

- If you have used cups and spoons for tea or coffee, please make sure you wash them after use. Keep the kitchen area clean and tidy.
- To play a very small part in “saving” our environment, please dispose off **recyclable material** (bottles, cans, cartoons) into the **designated** recycle bin. This collection will be cleared regularly by a member of the committee
- **Spitting** into the kitchen sink is unhygienic. Please do this at the toilet sinks

Courts

- To ensure everyone's safety, **do not walk across the court** whilst games are in progress. Walk around the court instead. It is the Member's responsibility to remind their invited friend(s) (especially for Sunday court) of this rule. Court 4 is the court most affected by traffic to the social room
- Please adhere to the **No Food and Drinks** rules in the courts



Games

- Introduce yourself to your partner if you have never met. You may optionally introduce yourself to your opponents, if practical.
- The court number will be marked on the Shuttles for a new game, so please do not take a shuttlecock allocated for another court.
- **Never** use a brand new shuttlecock for warming up.
- Toss the shuttlecock up to determine which side will serve.
- If your shuttlecock lands on another court, wait for a break in play before retrieving it.
- If you lose the point and the shuttlecock is on your side of the court, it is considered polite to fetch and return the shuttlecock to the opponent's court.
- After a game, thank everyone by giving them a high five or handshake.
- Help us keep the court clean by returning all used shuttlecocks to the designated box guided by the supervisor on duty. If a shuttlecock can be re-used, return it to the supervisor on duty or a committee member.
- Supervisors are instructed to limit up to two new shuttles per game to minimise our operating cost. Please note we are a non-profit sports club and we try to minimise members cost wherever possible
- Help make the supervisor's task easier by advising them earlier that you will not be available for the next game or for the session. Last minute alteration of the playing group can potentially cause confusion and conflict

Line Calls

- Make fair line calls when the shuttlecock lands on your side of the court.
- The person nearest to the shuttlecock has the final decision and the call should not be disputed.
- If you are in doubt as to whether the shuttlecock is in or out, either call it in favour of your opponent or play a let.
- Importantly, respect and accept your opponent's calls - no matter how wrong it may be.
- If the shuttlecock hits the ceiling, it is considered a fault.



Have Fun

- We encourage friendly competition and rivalries, but we place greater emphasis on having fun.
- Don't take things too seriously.
- Be gracious in both victory and defeat.
- Smile and laugh often.

Footnote

Grading of Players

The Committee in liaison with the supervisors have come up with the grading for as many players as we know in the membership register

The primary purpose of the grading exercise is to assist our supervisors in organising balanced social games

If you feel aggrieved with our grading, please do not confront our supervisors but approach them and let them know what you think your grading should be. It is impractical for us to consult every player regarding the grading.

Players who are not assigned a grading, please advise our supervisors of your grading when you participate in the next social session

We need your Co-operation

The supervisors will be instructed not to accept coins less than 50 cents

This will expedite the supervisor's end of session reconciliation process as well as for our banking officer who does our banking once a week