Recreational Services

1. Singles matches will be played to 11 points.
2. Doubles matches will be played to 15 points.
3. When playing to 11, if the score is tied at 9 points, the game may be set ahead to 3 points. If the score is tied at 10 points, the game may be set ahead to 2 points. When playing to 15 points, the game may be set ahead to 3 points if tied at 13 points, or set ahead to 2 points if tied at 14 points. (In all of the named situations, the individual or team reaching 9 or 10 points first, or 13 or 14 points first has the choice of whether or not they want to set the game ahead.)
4. You only have to win by 1 point.
5. You only score when you or your team is serving.
6. The service must be delivered to the diagonal court.
7. In singles, the serve must land in the long, narrow court, and in doubles, the serve must land in the short, wide court.
8. After the serve, the single’s court boundaries are the deep back line and the narrow side line. After the serve in a double’s game, the boundaries are the deep back line and the wide side line.
9. Players rotate courts when serving. If their score is even, they serve from the right hand side of the court; if their score is odd, they serve from the left hand side of the court.
10. In doubles, the first team to serve is only allowed to have 1 player serve. Once this person loses his serve, the serve goes to the other team. From this point on, both players are allowed the opportunity to serve each time their team has the serve.
11. Any birdie landing on a line is considered “in” or “good”.

Badminton Rules