



BVASA DOUBLES COMPETITION RULES **(Effective August 2019)**

1. All players must be members of SABA.
2. No player may nominate for more than 1 team.
3. Teams shall consist of the number of players as listed on the score sheet. Players must play in order of merit. Order of play shall be as listed on the score sheet. Any deviation from the order of play must be agreed to by the two team captains.
4. Matches will be played as per the match programme issued. Rubbers will consist of two games to 21 points, no advantage.
Two Match Points will be awarded to the team with the most number of games. If games are equal then the team with the most points. If still equal, then each team will be awarded 1 Match Point.
5. Matches are to start at 7.30pm or as soon as possible thereafter. Players involved in the next game to be played should be ready to go on court immediately after the previous game is completed. No more than 2 minutes allowed between games.
6. Any team not having the first game as listed on the score sheet or other agreed pair, available at the start of the match shall forfeit the first game listed on the score sheet. If no pair is available within 15 minutes of the start, it forfeits second game listed on the score sheet. If no pair is available within 30 minutes of the start time, the team forfeits the match.
7. All players must be available to play within 30 minutes of the start time unless approval previously obtained from the Match Committee. If a player fails to arrive within 30 minutes of the start time, the team may double up among its own members, but the points in the games where the “double ups” occur will not count. Substitutes may be used in accordance with rule 12 and the points will count.
8. In the event of a player or team forfeiting, the relevant fees for the player/team and opposition must be paid by the forfeiting team. In the event of a player withdrawing at the beginning of the match due to injury, and a substitute is not available, the injured player must pay their own and their opponents fee. Substitutes may be used in accordance with rule 12.
9. All games must be umpired. The team listed first on the match programme to provide the first umpire, then umpires are to alternate. It is the responsibility of the umpire to enter all scores from matches on the results sheet.
10. If a spare court is available, it should be used alternately by the participating teams. The official finishing time is 10.30 p.m. If spare courts become available as teams finish their match, they should be used by other teams to finish their matches.

12. Substitutes

- a) Teams requiring substitutes should, where possible, find a reserve player from the reserve list or bye team before the competition night.
- b) Any team wanting to use a substitute player not nominated on any of the current season's player lists must obtain approval from the match committee prior to using this player.
- c) When using substitutes, all points count towards the final result.
- d) If any breach of this rule occurs, all games played by the substitute player will be forfeited.
(NOTE:- If any team has problems with substitutes please advise the match committee)

Substitutes may be used from the nominated list of reserves provided they normally play at the same or a lower ranked position than the person they are replacing.

Teams can use players from other teams on the same night providing that

- 1) Every effort has been made to find a substitute player from the reserves list
- 2) The player is of an equal or lower ranking
- 3) The substitute player's own team's games take preference

13. Regulation badminton apparel must be worn, including non-marking shoes.

14. It is the responsibility of the Team Captain to submit in writing any protest about the opposing team to the Match Committee on the night. All protests will be reviewed and dealt with accordingly by the Match Committee.

The Match Committee consists of:-

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