SINGLES BADMINTON RULES

Court
-Singles court 17 ft. x 44 ft. (narrow, inside lines and long deep, end line)
-The net shall be 5 ft. high at center

Start of Play
• Before starting the game, the opponents toss a coin with the winner choosing:
  (a) to serve first/to receive first, or
  (b) the side
• In subsequent games, the winning side serves first.

Scoring
• Badminton is played using rally scoring. This means that a point will be scored on every volley and you DO NOT have to be serving to score a point!
• A game shall consist of 21 points, must win by 2 points. A match consists of 2 out of 3 games. Players change sides after each game. Players also change sides after 11 points in a 3rd game.

Serving
• The first serve of the game is always made from the right side of the court.
• A player continues to serve (alternating service courts) as long as a player scores points.
• If the server completely misses the shuttle on the serve the server may re-serve
• A serve may not be delivered until the receiver is ready. If the receiver attempts to return the serve, the receiver is to have been considered ready.
• During the serve, it is a fault if;
  (a) The shuttle is contacted above the server’s waist or the racket head is above any part of the hand.
  (b) The shuttle does not fall into the diagonally opposite service court.
  (c) Some part of both feet of the server and receiver are not in contact with the appropriate court until the shuttle is contacted by the server.

General Play
• A shuttle falling on the line is good
• A shuttle which touches and passes over the net is in play (including the serve) It is considered a fault if:
  (a) The shuttle fails to pass over the net or lands outside the boundary line.
  (b) The shuttle contacts the walls, ceiling, player or player’s clothes.
  (c) The shuttle passes through or under the net.
  (d) The player (or player’s racket) touches the net.
  (e) The player reaches across the net to contact the shuttle (following through across the net is allowed).
  (f) The shuttle is hit more than once or is momentarily caught and thrown.
  (g) The player obstructs an opponent or invades the opponent’s court.
  (h) A player is hit by the shuttle, whether the player is standing inside or outside the court boundaries.