



# NORTH COAST SECTION BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIPS

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## 2025 BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIP GUIDE

Badminton coaches are responsible for reading this championship guide in its entirety, paying close attention to the deadline for entries. Deadlines are highlighted in **yellow**. New items (2025), if applicable, highlighted in **orange**.

### SATURDAY, MAY 10, 2025

Final date for league competition and final date for each league to determine league qualifiers to the NCS Badminton Championships.

### SUNDAY, MAY 11, 2025

NCS Badminton Entries **DEADLINE (11:59 pm)**.

### MONDAY, MAY 12, 2025

NCS Badminton brackets developed/posted on the NCS website: <http://cifncs.org/sports/badminton/index>

### SATURDAY, MAY 17, 2025

#### CHAMPIONSHIP SITES

##### **Division 1**

**Newark Memorial HS**  
39375 Cedar Blvd.  
Newark, Ca 94560

#### TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

Victor Wong

#### TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

Steve Strout  
Gary Duran

##### **Division 2**

**Washington HS**  
38442 Fremont Blvd.  
Fremont, Ca 94536

Victor Leung  
Whitney Baron

#### MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Whitney Baron, Justin Choi, Gary Duran, Victor Leung, Steve Strout, Victor Wong and Bri Niemi.

#### NCS BADMINTON TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

The NCS Badminton Tournament Committee has the authority to conduct the NCS Championships and shall rule on all issues not covered by the rules.

#### COACHES MEETING

### **Coaches Meeting: BEGINS AT: 8:15 AM**

Coaches must attend the Coaches' Meeting and arrive within 15 minutes of scheduled start of meeting. **Failure of a coach to be present at this meeting will result in the school's students not being allowed to participate.** Coaches must have their "Certification of Authorized Personnel" form at this meeting. **Failure of a coach to present this form by the start of competition, will result in the school's students not being allowed to participate.**

REMINDER! ONLY CERTIFIED COACHES ARE ALLOWED TO COACH. COACHES MUST BE IN ATTENDANCE AT ALL TIMES WHILE THEIR STUDENT-ATHLETE(S) IS COMPETING.

#### GENERAL RULES

USA Badminton is the governing authority in Badminton. The 'Laws of Badminton' can be found on their website [HERE](http://www.usabadminton.org).

## **DEFAULT**

Bylaw NCS 14.404H

A player or team shall not enter the NCS Badminton Championships and then withdraw. (Only exceptions allowed without penalty are documented injury, documented illness or documented personal emergency.) Penalty for withdraw after brackets are posted.

**PENALTY FOR VIOLATION:** Any school whose team/individual qualifies to the NCS Badminton Championships and does not compete in all eligible rounds for the respective championship will be subject to one or more of the following penalties as determined by NCS Badminton Management Committee panel:

- a. Disqualification from the respective sport championship series in the following year from date of infraction.
- b. Loss of privilege to participate in the NCS Championship Series Events in badminton for two years.
- c. Reduction of maximum number of games the following school year in the badminton according to the following scale:
  - i. Failure of the regular varsity team/individual to participate in the championship contest – two contests reduction.
  - ii. Failure of the regular varsity team/individual to participate in the semifinal and championship contests – four contests reduction.
  - iii. Failure of the regular varsity team to participate in the quarterfinal, semifinal and championship contests – six contests reduction.

## **EVENTS**

There will be five (5) events at the NCS Badminton Championships. A player may only be entered in one event. The five (5) events are as follows:

- a) Girls' singles
- b) Boys' singles
- c) Girls' doubles
- d) Boys' doubles
- e) Mixed doubles

## **DIVISIONS AND FORMAT**

Championships shall be conducted in TWO divisions using previous year's TOTAL school enrollment numbers, grades 9-12. Division can be found on the NCS badminton page.

## **QUALIFICATIONS**

A player may be entered in one event only. The following formula should be used to determine entries into the NCS Badminton Championships.

## **ENTRIES**

Entries to the NCS Badminton Championship must be received by the Entry Coordinator, from the league commissioners or their designated representatives, no later than the posted deadline in the Championship Guide. The following formula should be used to determine entries into the NCS Badminton Championships.

*NOTE: If a league has a mixture of both D1 and D2 schools, qualification criteria a-e apply **separately** to all D1 schools in that league (as a group), and all D2 schools in that league (as a group):*

- a) If a league fields 2 – 3 badminton teams of a particular division, it will receive 3 entries to that division's NCS Tournament.
- b) If a league fields 4 – 5 badminton teams of a particular division, it will receive 4 entries to that division's NCS Tournament.
- c) If a league fields 6 – 7 badminton teams of a particular division, it will receive 5 entries to that division's NCS Tournament.
- d) If a league fields 8 or more badminton teams of a particular division, it will receive 6 entries to that division's NCS Tournament.
- e) If a league fields 1 badminton team of a particular division, that team will receive 1 entry per event to that division's NCS Tournament, **PLUS** the ability to qualify 1 additional entry per event by participating in the

league's D1 qualifying tournament provided that entry finishes: a) top-3 in a league of 2-3 Division 1 teams, b) top-4 in a league of 4-5 Division 1 teams, c) top-5 in a league of 6-7 Division 1 teams, or d) top-6 in a league of 8 or more Division 1 teams.

*For purposes of determining the number of teams within a league, a team is defined as having nine individuals/doubles (i.e. – four boys singles, four girls' singles, two boys' doubles, two girls doubles and 2 mixed doubles would count as 14 individuals/doubles, qualifying for a team. Single gender schools must have five individuals/doubles to qualify as a team.*

Entries must be received as follows:

Division 1 – send to Steve Strout **ON OR PRIOR** to Sunday, May 11, 2025 (no later than 11:59 pm). See page 8 and 9 for entry forms.

Division 2 – send to Whitney Baron/Victor Leung **ON OR PRIOR** to Sunday, May 11, 2025 (no later than 11:59 pm). See page 8 and 9 for entry forms. STEPS TO SUBMIT ENTRIES:

- ☐ Go to the badminton homepage at <http://cifncc.org/sports/badminton/index>
- ☐ Click on ENTRY FORM and type ALL information
- ☐ Email entries to: Steve Strout, [strout.steve@gmail.com](mailto:strout.steve@gmail.com) (Division 1) and/or Whitney Baron/Victor Leung, [NCSdivision2@gmail.com](mailto:NCSdivision2@gmail.com) (Division 2)

### **ALTERNATES**

A player may be entered in one event only. Alternates will not be allowed to play unless they are listed on the entry form submitted by the league. A player may not be listed as an alternate if he/she is listed as an entrant in another event. Alternates will not be allowed to participate unless included by the league rep prior to the end of the coaches meeting.

### **FORMAT**

The championship bracket will be a single elimination tournament with the following exception. Players in the championship bracket who have lost to a semifinalist will enter the consolation bracket. Championship semifinal players who are defeated will be cross-bracketed into the semifinal positions of the consolation bracket.

### **DEVELOPMENT OF BRACKETS**

- a. Development of brackets will follow the following order:
  - a. Boys singles
  - b. Girls singles
  - c. Boys doubles
  - d. Girls doubles
  - e. Mixed doubles
- b. Brackets will be developed according to the following procedures in sequential order:
  - a. There will be no seeding
  - b. Champions will be separated in the first round.
  - c. First & second place qualifiers from the same league will be placed in opposite halves by draw and third and fourth place should not be in the same half.
  - d. Quarter brackets will separate the top four qualifiers from each league.
- c. Any out-brackets for a fifth qualifier, supplemental placement, or new league, to the formula will be decided by out-bracketing the first #4 seed that will not upset or create an imbalance in the draw.
- d. Formulas developed by the NCS Badminton Management Committee will be used to develop the brackets based on letter b above.

### **COACHES CERTIFICATION (CIF 503)**

- a) All public-school teams must be coached by a person who meets the requirements of the California Education Code and the California Administrative Code Title V.
- b) In the case of a non-public school, a person engaged by that school on a yearly contract basis and certified by the administrator of that school as competent for that position held.

**A COACH OR HIS/HER DESIGNEE (WITH WRITTEN PERMISSION OF THE PRINCIPAL) MUST ACCOMPANY EACH PLAYER/TEAM AND SUBMIT THE "CERTIFICATION OF AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL FORM". Participants who are not accompanied by a certified coach will be prohibited from competing.**

## **TOURNAMENT ADMINISTRATION**

### **SCORERS**

Each school that wins a match will be responsible for providing one scorer for the following match on that court.

### **LINES PERSONS**

Lines persons will be provided in the finals for both the consolation and championship brackets.

### **OFFICIAL SHUTTLECOCK**

The official shuttlecocks will be provided by NCS. For the 2024-2025 school year the NCS Official Shuttlecock will be the Yonex Mavis 350-Yellow (Medium Speed). The official shuttlecock must be used in the NCS Badminton Championships.

### **MATCH NUMBER**

Each match will be numbered. Players must know their match number and be ready to take the court when scheduled. Some matches may be called earlier depending on which event is being called.

### **DEFAULTS**

Players failing to report for their match after five minutes will default.

### **UNIFORMS**

#### **NCS 14.710H Participants Uniforms**

Participating team members at the NCS Badminton Championships must comply with the following team uniform requirements.

- 1) All players on a team must wear shirts of the same color and the same trim pattern, but not necessarily the same material. A single partial/whole manufacturer's logo/trademark (no more than 2 1/4 square inches with no dimension more than 2 ¼ inches) and/or one American flag (no more than 2 inches x 3 inches in size) are permitted on the shirt. The shirts do not have to be manufactured by the same company. No other article of clothing shall cover or replace the team shirt once a match has started.
- 2) All players on a team shall wear shorts/skorts of the same color and the same trim pattern but not necessarily the same material. A single partial/whole manufacturer's logo/trademark (no more than 2 1/4 square inches with no dimension more than 2 ¼ inches) and/or one American flag (no more than 2 inches x 3 inches in size) are permitted on the shorts. The shorts/skorts do not have to be manufactured by the same company.
- 3) Players may wear leggings, tights and sweatpants during competition provided they match the color of the team's shorts/skorts. All leggings and tights worn in competition must have the same trim pattern. All sweatpants worn in competition must have the same trim pattern. The leggings, tights and sweatpants material does not necessarily have to be the same material. A single partial/whole manufacturer's logo/trademark (no more than 2 1/4 square inches with no dimension more than 2 1/4 inches) and/or one American flag (no more than 2 inches x 3 inches in size) are permitted on the leggings, tights and sweatpants that are worn in competition. The leggings, tights and sweatpants do not have to be manufactured by the same company.
- 4) Players may not alter the general shape of their uniforms by rolling/folding their sleeves or shorts, nor tying their shirts to expose additional skin.

**PENALTY FOR VIOLATION:** Participating teams and/or players who wear illegal uniforms will be subject to disqualification once a match has started.

### **WARM-UP**

Warm-up periods will be limited to five minutes for each match.

### **SCORING**

**DIVISION 1:** Team placement points are 10-7-4-2 for final placing in the consolation and championship brackets. Each match won towards the championship bracket scores two (2) points and each match won in the consolation bracket scores one (1) point. In a bye situation if an individual/team wins in the next match, they will receive advancement points for the bye. In a forfeited match advancement points will be awarded automatically.

**DIVISION 2:** Team placement points are 10-7-4-2-1-1 for final placing in the consolation and championship brackets. In a forfeited match advancement points will be awarded automatically.

1st Place - 10 points

2nd Place - 7 points

3rd Place - 4 points

4th Place - 2 points

5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Place-1 point

### **COACHING**

There will be an interval of 2 minutes between the first and second games, and not exceeding 2 minutes between the second and third games. Coaching is allowed only during both intervals. Players will not be allowed to leave the court during the 2-minute interval without the Umpire's permission. **NCS does not use the "60 second" break.**

### **ENTRY FEES**

An entry fee of \$30.00 per singles and \$60.00 per doubles team shall be paid to the North Coast Section Office by the league commissioner of each league/conference.

### **AWARDS**

Medals will be awarded to the first four place finishers in each division. Pennants will be awarded to the first, second and third place teams. Championship plaque to the championship team. NOTE: Please have student-athletes accept awards in school uniforms.

### **ADMISSION FEES**

NCS is working with GoFan for online ticketing for all rounds of section championships during the 2024-2025 school year. Tickets may be purchased online in advance through GoFan Ticketing. Admission Fees: General Admission (adults) \$12.00; Special \$5.00 (seniors, students, & children with adults).

Doors to the gymnasium will open one (1) hour prior to the announced starting time.

### **MERCHANDISE**

Schools may purchase NCS badminton merchandise at the NCS office or online at [www.cifnecs.org](http://www.cifnecs.org). Coaches may use check, cash, credit card, school purchase order, requisition form and school billing form. Contact Kim Igneczi [[kigneczi@cifnecs.org](mailto:kigneczi@cifnecs.org)] for bulk orders.

### **EJECTION POLICY**

BWF Badminton rules do not address unsportsmanlike conduct. Therefore, NCS defines unsportsmanlike conduct as conduct of an individual who becomes abusive or interferes with the orderly progress of the match. This includes, but is not limited to, deliberately causing suspension of play, deliberately interfering with the speed of the shuttle, behaving in an offensive manner, being guilty of misconduct not otherwise covered by the Laws of Badminton, acts of disrespect, use of foul language, unethical or dishonorable actions which bring discredit to the individual or his/her school, disrespectfully addressing an official or coach, taunting or criticizing an opponent, official or coach and failure to follow directions of match officials.

### **CIF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIP**

This NCS Badminton Championship is the qualifying tournament for the CIF Northern California Badminton Championship to be held Saturday, May 24, 2025. NCS Qualifies 5 girls' singles, 5 girls' doubles, 6 boys' singles, 6 boys' doubles and 6 mixed doubles from the NCS Division 1 Championship.

LOCATION: Independence HS, San Jose

**NCS BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
**CODE OF CONDUCT ON COURT RULES FOR COACHES, PLAYERS AND SPECTATORS**

**Unsportsmanlike conduct on the part of a player will result in 1. A warning; 2. Removal by tournament director (Ex: Fighting, throwing rackets, profane or abusive language, excessive hitting of rackets on floor or walls.)**

1. Spectators, friends and coaches are welcome to watch and enjoy matches. Their role, however, is clearly restricted to that of passive observer with no involvement of any kind during the match except where badminton rules allow.
2. It is the player's responsibility to observe and report to his/her opponent all infractions of the rules, including service infractions. Do not enlist the aid of your coach or the opponent's coach to complain about violations of the rules of badminton, and to conduct the match accordingly. If, however, players have a question regarding the rules of badminton during play, he/she may suspend the match and contact the tournament table through the scorekeeper.
3. From the beginning of the match, play must be continuous, players having problems should notify the scorekeeper and the scorekeeper should notify the tournament table, players must not leave the court. Attempts to stall for recovering from a loss of physical condition are clearly illegal. If, the tournament table or referee decided that player or players are stalling, the loss of a point or serve can be awarded.
  - a) Play cannot be suspended until the opponent has finished their serve.
4. Intentional distractions that interfere with your opponent's concentration or effort to play the birdie are against the rules.
5. To avoid controversy over the score, the server should announce the game score prior to serving each point.
6. If a player has any doubt as to whether a birdie is out or good, he/she must give his/her opponent the benefit of the doubt and play the birdie as good. A player should not play a let.
7. It is a player's obligation to call all birdies on his/her side, to help his/her opponent make calls when the opponent requests it, and to call against himself/herself any birdie that he/she clearly sees out on his/her opponent's side of the net.
8. Any "out" call must be made instantaneously.
9. Players are not to enlist the aid of spectators in making line calls. If a player feels that his/her opponent is not making proper line calls, he/she may request that the tournament table place line judges for the match.
10. If a player calls a birdie out and then realizes it was good, he/she should correct his/her call.
11. Players need to wait until the players on another court have completed a point before retrieving or returning a birdie.
12. Players are expected to put forth a full and honest effort regardless of the score or expected outcome.
13. Players are expected to maintain full control over their emotions and the resulting behavior throughout the match.
14. Players should not stall, sulk, complain, or practice gamesmanship.



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## CERTIFICATION OF AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL

NCS Constitution & Bylaws  
Article 2 Coaching (CIF 503)

NCS Bylaws

All coaches of CIF/NCS member school teams must meet the requirements of the California Education Code 49032, 35179.1 and Bylaw 22.B.9

**COACHES MUST  
BRING THIS  
SIGNED FORM TO  
THE  
CHAMPIONSHIP  
SITE**

SCHOOL\_\_\_\_\_

Coach's Name\_\_\_\_\_ CELL # (\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_

Asst. Coach's Name\_\_\_\_\_ CELL # (\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_

Asst. Coach's Name\_\_\_\_\_ CELL # (\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_

I hereby assert and verify that the person named above is employed

by\_\_\_\_\_ High School and meets the requirements of the above bylaw

as of this date.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Principal

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

**BRING THIS FORM TO THE EVENT, COMPLETELY FILLED OUT,  
WITH YOUR PRINCIPAL'S SIGNATURE.**

***ONLY THREE COACHES PER TEAM ARE ALLOWED FREE ENTRY.***

# 2025 NCS BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIPS

\* \* \* ENTRY FORM \* \* \*

**ENTRIES MUST BE TYPED AND SENT IN FROM ONE LEAGUE REP!**

**Singles, Doubles, Mixed Doubles**

Entry form must be emailed to:

Division 1: Steve Strout, [strout.steve@gmail.com](mailto:strout.steve@gmail.com) (510-794-9624)

Division 2: Whitney Baron/Victor Leung, [NCSdivision2@gmail.com](mailto:NCSdivision2@gmail.com)

Date: Must Be Received ON OR PRIOR to: SUNDAY, MAY 11, 2025 (11:59 PM)

**DIVISION:    1    2    (circle one)**

**(Leagues please fill out two forms, one for D1 and one for D2 if your league has entries in each Division)**

## LEAGUE OR CONFERENCE

### GIRLS DOUBLES

Name (in full)	School
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### BOYS DOUBLES

Name (in full)	School
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### GIRLS DOUBLES - Alternates

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Alt. _____	_____
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### BOYS DOUBLES - Alternates

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### GIRLS SINGLES

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### BOYS SINGLES

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GIRLS SINGLES - Alternate

Name (in full) School

Alt. \_\_\_\_\_

Alt. \_\_\_\_\_

MIXED DOUBLES

Name (in full) School

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BOYS SINGLES - Alternate

Name (in full) School

Alt. \_\_\_\_\_

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Name (in full) School

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MIXED DOUBLES - Alternates

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Name (in full) School

Alt. \_\_\_\_\_

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SUBMITTED BY:

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Name School/League/Conference

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School Phone Home Phone

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EMAIL

Email to:

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