



# NORTH COAST SECTION TEAM BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIPS

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## 2026 TEAM BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIP GUIDE

Badminton coaches are responsible for reading this team championship guide in its entirety, paying close attention to the deadline for entries. Deadlines are highlighted in **yellow**.

### SATURDAY, MAY 9, 2026

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

### SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2026

NCS Badminton Entries **DEADLINE (11:59 pm)**. See page 5 for league entry form.

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2026 – START TIME APPROX. 3 PM

#### CHAMPIONSHIP SITE

**Division 1 & 2**

**James Logan HS**

1800 H St.

Union City, Ca 94587

#### TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS

Victor Leung

Whitney Baron

[NCSdivision2@gmail.com](mailto:NCSdivision2@gmail.com)

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

#### TEAM ARRIVAL TIME – NO EARLIER THAN 2:15 PM

Participating teams should arrive at James Logan no earlier than 2:15 pm to avoid school dismissal. Parking is available in the student parking lot near the tennis courts. Teams should wait outside the pavilion and **not** go into campus (Colt Cort area) before the school day ends (2:00 pm).

#### BRACKET DEVELOPMENT (D1 & D2)

Team placement in the bracket is determined by double-blind random draw: 1<sup>st</sup> by team name, 2<sup>nd</sup> by numbered placement in the bracket. There are currently seven (7) leagues: BAC, EBAL, MVAL, NBL, TCAL, WACC and VVAL. The result of this double-blind random draw will give one (1) or two (2) teams a 1<sup>st</sup> round bye. The Tournament Director will conduct the double-blind bracket placement on tournament day at the pre-tournament coaches meeting, with all coaches present.

o 1st round = quarter finals (6 teams + 1 or 2 byes)

o 2nd round = semi-finals (4 teams)

o 3rd round = finals (2 teams) resulting in 1st & 2nd place, consolation finals (2 teams) resulting in 3rd & 4th place.

#### GENERAL RULES

USA Badminton is the governing authority in Badminton. The 'Laws of Badminton' can be found on their website [HERE](#).

#### DIVISIONS

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.

## **DEFINITIONS**

**TEAM:** A team is all members of your badminton team.

**EVENTS:** There are 5 (five) events - Girls Singles, Boys Singles, Girls Doubles, Boys Doubles and Mixed Doubles.

**MATCH:** Each match is a best of 3 games, scored in accordance with BWF Laws of Badminton.

**ROUND:** Each round is a team vs. team consisting of 5 matches: 1 of each event (Girls Singles, Boys Singles, Girls Doubles, Boys Doubles and Mixed Doubles).

## **QUALIFICATION**

The team finishing in 1<sup>st</sup> place of their league standings shall qualify. (In a mixed division league the highest finishing Division 1 team & the highest finishing Division 2 team shall qualify for their respective team tournament). If the 1<sup>st</sup> place team does not wish to or cannot play the 2nd place team will be admitted into the tournament. If the 2<sup>nd</sup> place team cannot play the 3<sup>rd</sup> place team will be admitted, and so on down the league standings. A team will receive an automatic entry if they are the only team of their division within their league.

## **TOURNAMENT FORMAT**

The NCS Team Badminton Championships will be a single-elimination knockout bracket. Losing teams of the semi-finals will play consolation finals for 3rd place.

## **COMPETITION FORMAT**

Prior to the start of each round, opposing teams will submit their team lineup to the Tournament Director for that round. After team lineups are submitted the order of events played will be drawn at random by the Coaches and Tournament Director.

- The winning team of a round is the winner of at least 3 of the 5 matches.
- A player can only play in 1 (one) event per round.
- You are not required to enter the same players in each round. ○ Example: Jill can play girls singles in round 1, Jane can play girls singles in round 2 and Joanne can play girls singles in round 3.
- You are not required to enter the same players in each event. ○ Example: Jill can play girls singles in Round 1, girls doubles in round 2 and mixed doubles in round 3.
- You are not required to enter the same players in every round. ○ Example: Jill can play in round 1, sit out of round 2, play or sit out of round 3.

## **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 2025-2026 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 legging, 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 legging, 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 legging, tights and sweatpants that are worn in competition. The legging, 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.

#### **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 \$175 shall be paid to the North Coast Section Office by the league commissioner of each league/conference.

#### **AWARDS**

Medals will be awarded to the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place teams. Pennants will be awarded to the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 2025-2026 school year. Tickets may be purchased online in advance through GoFan Ticketing. Admission Fees: General Admission (adults) \$13.00; Special \$5.00 (seniors, students, & children with adults).

#### **MERCHANDISE**

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

### **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.
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.
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 cannot enlist the aid of anyone 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.

**2026 NCS BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIPS ENTRY FORM (TEAM)**  
**ENTRIES MUST BE TYPED AND SENT IN FROM ONE LEAGUE REP!**

Entry form must be emailed to the following reps **ON OR PRIOR to SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2026 (11:59 PM):**

Team (Division 1 and Division 2): Whitney Baron/Victor Leung, [NCSdivision2@gmail.com](mailto:NCSdivision2@gmail.com)

<b>Division (circle one/or both)*</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
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\*Leagues please fill out for D1 and D2, if your league has an entry in each division.

<b>League or Conference</b>	
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<b>D1 CHAMP OR LEAGUE DESIGNEE^</b>		<b>D2 CHAMP OR LEAGUE DESIGNEE^</b>	
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**SUBMITTED BY:**

<b>NAME</b>		<b>CELL PHONE</b>	
<b>SCHOOL/LEAGUE/CONFERENCE</b>		<b>EMAIL</b>	

**NORTH COAST SECTION TEAM BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**GATE LIST**

SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_ SITE \_\_\_\_\_

HEAD COACH \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

ASS'T COACH(es) \_\_\_\_\_

**Gate List to be presented to Site Director upon arrival at site.**

**There will be no additional personnel allowed on the gate list, please adhere to the gate list policy.**

**PLEASE NOTE: ONLY ONE NAME PER LINE ALLOWED (other than line for assistant coaches). ANY SCHOOL THAT DOES NOT ADHERE TO THE GATE LIST POLICY MAY BE INVOICED.**

**DRIVERS OR TEAM ATTENDANTS** (maximum of 4)

If a team arrives by bus, only the bus driver will be allowed free admission. Only drivers that transport team members, up to 4 individuals, will be allowed in free.

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**FACULTY SUPERVISION**

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**MANAGER**

1 \_\_\_\_\_