

# **SOUTHWEST SUBURBAN CONFERENCE: Girls' Badminton: Sport Guidelines**

## **I. Season Limitations**

- A. Practice may begin on Monday, March 1, 2010
- B. First contest may be held on Monday, March 15, 2010.
- C. Season ends on Saturday, May 25, 2010.

## **II. Contest Limitations (Exclusive of the IHSA State Series)**

18 dates

## **III. Levels of Competition**

- A. Varsity - ten (10) singles and five (5) doubles teams.
- B. Sophomore - ten (10) singles and five (5) doubles teams.
- C. Freshmen - ten (10) singles and five (5) doubles teams.

## **IV. Coaches Meeting**

- A. Pre-season meeting will be hosted by Lincoln-Way Central on Wednesday, February 24, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. at Andrew as a part of the SWSC spring mega-meeting.
- B. Post-season meeting will be held at Lincoln-Way Central at a day and time to be announced.

## **V. Championships and Awards**

- A. Conference Team Championships
  1. A championship trophy shall be awarded to the winner at the Varsity level for each division at the Division Championship Tournament.
  2. An engraved plate will be awarded to the winner at the sophomore level for each division at the Division Championship Tournament.
- B. Individual Awards
  1. The top (3) places will be awarded medals in all ten (10) flights at the Varsity level in the Conference Championship Tournament. The 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place finishers at the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> flights will be declared All-Conference.
  2. The top (3) places will receive awards for all five (5) flights at the sophomore level

## **VI. Terms of Contests**

- A. Dual Meets
  1. Starting time for all contests is 4:30 p.m.
  2. The host school will provide tournament quality feathered shuttlecocks for varsity level and nylon blue band shuttlecocks for lower level matches.
  3. Players shall be ranked for position according to skill at each level.
  4. The host school shall explain all ground rules including ceiling clearance, obstructions and boundaries prior to the match.
  5. All fouls and carries may be called by either player. It is up to the coaches to enforce these rules.
  6. Coaching periods are outlined in the U.S.B.A. guide and are to conform to IHSA terms and conditions.
  7. The match winner is the player(s) who wins two (2) out of three (3) games.

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8. Time out allowances will follow IHSA guidelines.
  9. If there is a discrepancy on the score during play, the players must stop play and go back to a score they can mutually agree on before continuing play.
  10. Server should announce score and receiver should repeat score before serve.
- B. Conference Championship Meet Information
1. The conference championship tournament shall be held on the weekend prior to the IHSA sectional meet.
  2. Doubles will play first followed by singles.
  3. Each school will provide **one (1)** dozen feathered shuttlecocks for the varsity level and **one half (1/2)** dozen plastic shuttlecocks for the sophomore level. The shuttlecocks should be brought to the seeding meeting.
  4. Scoring shall follow the IHSA state series terms and conditions.
  5. A seeding meeting shall be held no later than Wednesday of the conference tournament week by the host school to seed players and make the draw.
  6. Coaches should use the IHSA seeding form to enter players into the tournament.
  7. Varsity and sophomore tournaments shall consist of ten (10) individual flights. The order of single players and /or doubles teams of any school may be vetoed by the majority vote of the other coaches or representatives attending the seeding meeting. The school receiving the veto shall then submit another team line-up.
  8. Four (4) players will be seeded at each singles flight and four (4) teams will be seeded at each flight in doubles. The remaining positions will be randomly drawn with the highest seed drawing all byes or forfeits.
  9. The seeds shall be placed as follows:
    - a. The #1 seed shall be placed at line #1 of the tournament bracket
    - b. The #2 seed shall be placed at line #8 of the tournament bracket
    - c. The #3 seed shall be placed at line #5 of the tournament bracket
    - d. The #4 seed shall be placed at line #4 of the tournament bracket
    - e. The #1 seed should receive the first BYE
    - f. The #2 seed should receive the second BYE
  10. Substitutions prior to match play are permitted with a note from the Principal or designate and re-seeding at this level shall then occur if a seed has been substituted.
  11. Ethically, the purpose of seeding is to place the best players at positions on the bracket so they will not compete against each other in the early round of the tournament. After the players /teams have been nominated for seeding, the coaches shall vote on positions one, two, and three and four based upon the following criteria:
    - a. Head to head competition
    - b. Common opponents – use wins vs. losses, not match scores
    - c. Total record at position in question
    - d. Majority consensus of coaches present of the players/team 's ability.
    - e. Random selection
  12. Competition shall be single elimination and each match shall be best two out of three games.
  13. The starting time for the conference championship meet shall be no earlier than 4:00 p.m.

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14. Point System for the SWSC Conference Championship Tournament shall be as follows:
  - a. Two (2) points for each match won
  - b. Two (2) points for each match received default, forfeit, or bye.
  - c. One (1) point for winning the third place match
  - d. If a school doesn't enter a singles player or a double team, it will be treated as a "Forfeit". If possible, a forfeit or bye shall not be drawn to the same first round bracket.
15. The athletic director and/or designated person shall be the tournament director responsible for directing the seeding meeting, starting and running the tournament. This includes establishing times for matches and court assignments.

### **VII. Officials**

No officials are authorized for SouthWest Suburban Conference contests. However, questions of procedures or inquiry are legitimate reasons for mutual direction by coaches. At the conference tournament seed meeting, three coaches will be selected to serve as officials in case of disputes.

### **VIII. Reporting Results**

- A. Each varsity and sophomore coach (or their designee) will record their conference home match scores on the SWSC conference website at [www.athletics2000.com/swsc](http://www.athletics2000.com/swsc).
- B. Each host school is responsible to report results of the division tournament immediately after the event to all local newspapers and forward the results to the Historian.
- C. The resource AD is responsible to enter conference team champions and all-conference players on the SWSC website.

### **IX. Miscellaneous Information**

#### Playing Sites

- All schools play their matches on campus