

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

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## **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 15, 2010.

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

- A. Varsity, Junior Varsity, and Freshman - sixteen (18) dates.

## **III. Levels of Competition**

- A. Varsity, Junior Varsity, and Freshman
- B. Varsity level will consist of a minimum of ten (10) players, ten (10) singles, and five (5) doubles.
- C. Junior Varsity level will consist of a minimum of ten (10) players, ten (10) singles, and five (5) doubles.
- D. Freshman level will consist of a minimum of ten (10) players, ten (10) singles, and five (5) doubles.

## **IV. Coaches Meeting**

- A. Pre-season meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 24, 2010 @ 7:00 PM, Willowbrook, Room 6
- B. Post-season meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 28, 2010 @ 7:00 PM, in Room 6 in conjunction with the Conference Divisional Seeding Meeting.

## **V. Championships and Awards**

- A. Division Standings
  1. A championship plaque shall be awarded to the winner at the Varsity level only of each Division.
  2. The Division Champion will be determined by points awarded during the dual meet season and the Divisional Championship Meet. Each portion will count equally toward the total possible points to be earned. One (1) point will be awarded for each dual meet win during the regular season. In case of a tie at a dual meet, a 1/2 point will be awarded to each team. Divisional Championship Meet points will be awarded according to the team's place in that meet. Points for each place will be determined by the following formula:
    - 1st place points - Total teams competing in this sport minus one.
    - 2nd place points - Total teams competing in this sport minus two.
    - 3rd place points - Total teams competing in this sport minus three.
    - 4th place points - Total teams competing in this sport minus four.
    - Etc.
    - Example: 7 team division; dual meet record 5-1 and 1st place finish in Championship Meet would equal 5 points for dual meet wins and 6 points for finishing first (7 teams minus 1 = 6 points), total points would

be 11; a team with a 6-0 record and a 2nd place finish would have 6 points for the dual meets and 5 points for 2nd place, total points would also be 11.

3. If two (2) or more teams are tied for a place in the Divisional Championship Meet, the points awarded to each team will be determined by adding the points for the places tied and dividing that value by the number of teams tied. For Example, if three (3) teams were tied for 2nd place, add the 2nd place points (5 points), plus 3rd place points (4 points), plus 4th place points (3 points). Divide that total (12 points) by three (3 teams) equals four (4 points) awarded to each team.
4. In case of a tie for first place, there will be co-champion.

#### B. Individual Awards

1. Varsity - The first three (3) places in singles (1 through 10) and doubles (1 through 5) will receive medals and will be declared "Medalists".
2. Junior Varsity - The first three (3) places in singles (1 through 10) and doubles (1 through 5) will receive ribbons.
3. The WSC All-Academic Team shall be recognized composed of senior award winners from each Conference school who have received a Grade Point Average of "B" or above in grades accumulated at the conclusion of the seventh (7th) semester.

### VI. Conduct of Contests

#### A. Dual Meets

1. Starting time of 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 Junior Varsity level.
3. Players should be placed at their state/sectional levels for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> singles and doubles, then ranked at skill level from 3-10 at singles and 3-5 at doubles.
4. The order of events shall be mutually agreed upon prior to the meet.
5. The host school shall explain, prior to the beginning of the meet, all ground rules including ceiling clearance, obstructions, boundaries, etc.
6. All fouls and carries may be called by either player, and it is then up to the coaches to enforce these rules.
7. Coaching periods are outlined in the official U.S.B.A. guide and are to conform with IHSA State Terms and Conditions.
8. One (1) point will be awarded for each win per flight. The team earning eight (8) or more points in Dual Meet will be declared the winner for that dual meet.
9. The winner of the match shall be the player(s) that win two (2) out of three (3) games.
10. In the event a school does not enter a full team (10 singles - 5 doubles), those matches without entry shall be forfeited and will count as one (1) point for the opponent. In case of absence, a match may be forfeited or player(s) moved up but not down to fill the vacancy.
11. Time out allowances:
  - a. Two (2) minutes between the first and second game and 2 minutes between the second and third game, if split.
  - b. Ten (10) minutes between matches.
  - c. Five (5) minutes - equipment failure.
  - d. Fifteen (15) minutes - player injury.
12. 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.

13. Server should announce score of game and receiver should repeat score before serve is given.

**B. Divisional Championship Meet**

1. The Divisional Championship Badminton meet will be held Saturday at 9:00 A.M. prior to the first level of the IHSA Badminton Tournament. If this Saturday is a test day, starting time will be 1:30 P.M. on Varsity and Junior Varsity levels.
  - a. Junior Varsity and Varsity doubles will play first and Junior Varsity and Varsity singles will follow.
2. Varsity Divisional Meet will follow the rotation. Junior Varsity Divisional Meets may be held at the school that will host the Varsity Meet the next year.
3. Each school will supply two (2) dozen feathered birds for the Varsity Conference Tournament and one (1) dozen plastic birds for the Junior Varsity Conference Tournament. Shuttlecocks are to be brought to the seeding meeting.
4. Competition in the Championship Meet will be an elimination tournament at the Varsity and Junior Varsity levels and shall consist of one (1) through ten (10) singles and one (1) through five (5) doubles. Each school may enter participant or team in each category.
5. In Conference tournament play, for each flight:
  - 1st place - four (4) points
  - 2nd place - three (3) points
  - 3rd place - two and a half (2-1/2) points
  - 4th place - two (2) points
6. Three (3) singles and doubles positions will be seeded. Seed position, not players. The remaining positions will be drawn by lot.
  - . Players shall be ranked for position according to skill at each level.
  - a. Criteria for seed:
    - Players shall be ranked for position according to skill at each level.
    - Winner of dual meet match.
7. A games committee of three (3) coaches is to be appointed by the host school.
8. Conduct of Championship Meet:
  - . Before match begins, pick up a shuttlecock from the scorer's table along with the scorecards.
  - a. A five (5) minute warm-up period will be allowed before the match begins.
  - b. After the match is completed the winner should bring the shuttlecock and score card with signatures from both teams back to the scorer's table - only one (1) signature from each doubles team is necessary.
  - c. If there is any disagreement in regard to rules, sit down on the court and a final decision will be made by two (2) neutral coaches.
  - d. If a new shuttlecock is required, raise hand on the court and an assistant will bring one (1) to the court.
  - e. Players call their own "carries" and "lines". A player calls all shots on her side of the net. If she has a doubt about a call, she is to call it good.
  - f. Players should call the score loud and clear before each serve.
  - g. Court assignments will be made as each court becomes available.
  - h. Practice areas will be available if the school's facilities permit.
  - i. There will be a set time as to when schools can appear and begin open practice before the matches begin.
  - j. Each school will bring their own towels and locks.

**VII. Officials**

- A. No officials are authorized for West Suburban Conference contests. However, questions of procedures or inquiry are legitimate reasons for mutual direction by coaches.

### **VIII. Reporting Results**

- A. Each school will be responsible for recording their own wins and losses. Before the Division meet each school will send to the Resource Athletic Director their results in order to record the final season standings. The Resource Athletic Director will use this information to complete the final Division standings so that all teams are aware of their point status prior to the Division Tournament. Upon completion of the Division Tournaments, the Resource Athletic Director will tabulate the results of the Tournament and will award the Division Championship to the Division point leader as determined by the points earned in both the dual meet season and the Division Tournament.

### **IX. Miscellaneous Information**

- A. Playing Sites
  1. Leyden - East Campus
  2. Lyons Twp. - North Campus
  3. Morton - West Campus