**Badminton Rules**

**Serving**

* In doubles, the server alternates service courts until the serve is lost. The same server serves until the serve is lost. No receiver may receive two consecutive serves.  When the score is even, serve from the right service court.  When the score is odd, serve from the left service court.
* If the shuttle touches the net on the serve but still falls into the proper service court, called a *let* serve, the shuttle is served again.
* The server has to serve in the diagonal service court.
* Serve must be below the waist.
* Only the designated receiver can return the shuttle on the serve.

**Faults**

On the Serve:

* Striking the skirt of the shuttle first
* Contacting the shuttle above the waist
* Stepping outside of the correct service court
* Not keeping the feet stationary at the time of contact
* Failing to hit the shuttle to the proper opposing service court

The receiver can be faulted for:

* Not being within the service court
* Not having both feet on the floor at serve delivery
* Moving before the serve is made

During play:

* Hitting the shuttle out-of-bounds
* Hitting the shuttle into the ceiling, wall, lights, or standards
* Hitting the shuttle through or under the net
* Double hitting the shuttle
* Touching the net or the standards
* Hitting the shuttle before it crosses the net
* Contacting the shuttle with any part of the body
* “Carrying” the shuttle on the racquet