



### COVID-19 RETURN TO PLAY PROTOCOLS & GUIDELINES

- We are committed to providing the highest levels of safety for our community. To ensure player and staff safety, we have implemented mandatory **'Safe Return to Play Guidelines'** for all Club Activities. In order to play with FCSSC and stay in good standing, the following guidelines **MUST** be followed.
- To ensure a successful season, please remember to practice safe physical distancing and a positive attitude!
- All players are required to read, understand, and adhere to the following:
  1. Safe Return to Play Guidelines
  2. COVID-19 League Changes
  3. Self Screening Tool (done before each game).
    - Sport-Specific Rule Modifications outlined below PLUS,
    - Facility specific COVID-19 Protocols (you can find these protocols in the facility link in your schedule once live).

### TEAM HEALTH AMBASSADOR (THA)

- **All teams must assign a Team Health Ambassador (THA) for the season.**
- The THA must be a registered player and identified using the "THA" label in your online roster.
- **THA Role:**
  - Keep a record of attendance at each game. This record may be called upon for contact tracing.
  - Ensure individual wellness checks "COVID-19 Self Screening" are completed by each player prior to each game.
  - Ask players to leave the game if they arrive showing symptoms of cold or flu.
  - Ensure physical distancing measures are enforced by your team. Physical distancing of two meters is mandatory when players are arriving on-site, playing the sport, resting/sitting on the sidelines, and departing the game.
  - Sport-specific rules may adjust physical distancing measures taken on the playing surface.
  - Players must always stay within their designated bench or standing area while not on the playing surface.
  - Ensure your team follows posted ENTER / EXIT signage at facilities (controlled traffic flow).
  - Remind all players to arrive on time and leave immediately after the game is over.
  - Ensure your team is following the equipment sanitization requirements for your sport.
  - Ensure all players have read and understand mandatory Club COVID-19 Protocols.

### LEAGUE MODIFICATIONS DUE TO COVID-19

- **As part of our "Safe Return to Play" format, we are focusing on the safety of our staff and players and leaning into the FUN and SOCIAL aspects of our leagues!**
- **League Guidelines**
  - There are no playoff games, trophies or prizing this season, however, scores and standings will still appear on our website.
  - Leagues will be played in smaller pools to ensure limited contact with opponents throughout the season. Pools will be determined based on skill rankings (at registration) and past league results.

- Each pool will be confined to a limited number of facilities. You will play at consistent location(s) throughout the season.
- All leagues will have an even number of teams to avoid double-header play.
- FCSSC may stagger game times by ~10 minutes if necessary, depending on the facility, to ensure safe traffic flow.
- Players are asked to compete with a “For-Fun, Safety-First, Kindness Always” approach. Please play with the highest levels of sportsmanship, and prioritize respect for others, over competition, at all times.

**PLAYER ELIGIBILITY**

- All players must be added to the team roster by the team captain. This process confirms that all players have electronically agreed (checked the box) to our policies and online waiver. **Teams are not permitted to exceed the maximum roster size. See Mandatory Roster Requirements in the sport specific rules.**
- **Substitute players are not permitted unless the substitute player is a player from another team’s official roster in the same league and pool.**

**FCSSC Official Badminton Rules  
COVID-19 Modifications in Red**

<p><b>GAME LENGTH, LEAGUE STRUCTURE AND PHYSICAL DISTANCING REQUIREMENTS</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● As much as possible, teams are asked to maintain the same partners throughout the season. The gym will be reserved for a specific amount of time according to the online schedule. Players join an open game as the courts become available.</li> <li>● No consecutive matches amongst teams or individuals.</li> <li>● <b>Players are required to arrive and depart directly before and after their games.</b></li> <li>● <b>Do not enter a playing space until the game before yours has cleared the area or until the FCSSC Game Coordinator has signaled for your team to enter.</b></li> <li>● <b>Physical distancing of two meters is mandatory when players are arriving on-site, resting/sitting on the sidelines, and departing the game.</b></li> <li>● <b>All players must wear a mask during your arrival/departure from the facility, and when not playing. Consistent with the recommendations from the World Health Organization, you are not required to wear a mask while “engaging in rigorous physical activity”.</b></li> <li>● <b>Directional signage will be posted onsite when possible to ensure physical distancing is followed.</b></li> <li>● <b>During gameplay, all efforts should be made to avoid contact and provide sufficient spacing with your opponents and teammates. Players must expect that there may be some contact when playing sport. Due to the contact, please avoid touching your face at any time and please sanitize your hands before, during and after games.</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>EQUIPMENT</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Players are responsible for bringing their own racquets.</li> <li>● <b>Shuttlecocks will be provided on-site and sanitized regularly.</b></li> <li>● Nets are setup by the onsite FCSSC Game Coordinator.</li> </ul>
<p><b>SKILL LEVELS</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● All skill levels are welcome (beginner to advanced).</li> </ul>
<p><b>GENERAL GAME RULES</b></p>	<p><b>SSC Badminton plays a 21 Rally Point Scoring System and Best out of 3 Games (which equals 1 match).</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● At the start of each match the winner of the toss, or the opening volley, has the choice of first serve or side of court.</li> <li>● The victor of the first game of the match serves first in the subsequent game and so forth.</li> <li>● At the beginning of the game, the server serves from the right-side of the court.</li> <li>● If the serving side wins a rally, the serving side scores a point and the same server serves again from the alternate service court.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If the receiving side wins a rally, the receiving side scores a point. The receiving side becomes the new serving side.</li> <li>• When the score is even, the server serves from the right court. When it is odd, the server serves from the left court.</li> <li>• The players do not change their respective service courts until they win a point when their side is serving.</li> <li>• Receiving Courts: A player serves and receives in the right service court if their opponent has scored an even number of points at that juncture of the game. A player serves and receives in the left service court if their opponent has scored an odd number of points at that juncture of the game. The shuttle is volleyed back and forth until a fault is committed or the shuttle has exited the field of play.</li> <li>• <b>For the duration of the match, players must stay on the same side of the court.</b></li> <li>• <b>No handshakes or high fives between teams – all greetings and congratulations should be vocal.</b></li> </ul>
<b>SCORING</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Points are scored if a serve lands on the opponent's court without being volleyed back or if the opponent returns a volley outside of the court. The player who gains the point retains the serve until it is broken by the opponent.</li> <li>• A winning score in badminton is 21. A player must win by two points unless the score is tied 29-29, the 30<sup>th</sup> point would then win.</li> <li>• The winner of a badminton match is the one who wins the best of 3 games. All 3 games should be played and scores reported.</li> </ul>
<b>FAULTS, LETS AND ERRORS</b>	<p><b>Faults</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Faults can occur for a wide variety of reasons, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Improper shuttle contact, improper shuttle landing, improper player contact, player misconduct, or double hits.</li> <li>○ A player touches the net or poles with their body, racquet or clothing. <b>Please try to avoid contact with the net at all times.</b></li> <li>○ Crosses the plane of the net with their body, racquet or clothing. <i>Exception: You can cross the plane (without touching the net) if you have contacted the shuttle on your side of the net first.</i></li> <li>○ Crosses under the plane of the net with their body, racquet or clothing.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Hard smashing is discouraged in SSC badminton leagues. Please respect the level of your opponents.</li> </ul> <p><b>Lets</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lets can be called for a variety of reasons, including if a shuttle is caught on top of or in the net, if both players fault, if a player is unready for a serve, if a shuttle falls apart, or if there is a service court error.</li> </ul> <p><b>Service Court Error</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A service court error has been committed if a player has served out of their rotation, if a player has served from the wrong court, or if a player is standing on the wrong court while receiving a serve. Service court errors can only be enforced if discovered prior to the next serve. If the error is discovered and both sides committed it, a 'let' will result. If the offending player won the rally, it shall also be a 'let'. If the offending player lost the rally, the error is null.</li> </ul>

**FUN FOR ALL. SAFETY FIRST. KINDNESS ALWAYS.**