

MSU BADMINTON CLUB

SINGLES RANKING RULES

2007-2008

GENERAL:

- The official rankings record will be kept by the club President and be made available on request. The top ten players will be featured and updated regularly on the club website.
- The unofficial rankings will be recorded on the dry erase board in the storage closet of IM West, Gym 3. Sign ups and score sheets will be on a clipboard, also to be stored with the dry erase board.
- Players who have not played any challenge games (see below for details on how to challenge) for two months will be removed from the rankings, with the exception of summer break. Players who refuse challenges within one month will be moved down one rank.
- Players are ranked in descending order of skill level, with rank "1" designated as the highest rank.
- Any questions or concerns can be addressed to the club at badmint@msu.edu, with the subject "Rankings."

TO JOIN:

- You need to be a [registered](#) member of the club in order to participate. If you are unsure of your status, please email the club.
- To participate, a player must add his or her contact information on the sign up sheet and send an email to the club notifying it of his or her registration.
- At the beginning of the ranking system, all players will be given the number "1" rank.
- Once rankings have been established, entering players will be assigned the lowest ranking possible.
- Players can challenge up to three rankings above their own. For example, the player in rank "5" can only challenge the players in ranks "2," "3," "4," or "5."

TO CHALLENGE:

- The challenger must inform the player he or she wishes to challenge either at practice or by the contact information listed on the sign up sheet. The player then has two weeks to respond to the challenge. If, for some reason (e.g. injury), he or she cannot play, the player should report the reason to the challenger and President. The challenger will then be able to challenge up to four ranks above.
- Only one challenge is allowed per player per practice. A loser of a match can only challenge the same person only after two weeks.
- Challenges will be played to the best of three games (two games must be won) and played according to the [21-point scoring system](#).
- Games will be played on their designated courts. The middle court of IM West (non-bench side) will be reserved for ranking games. The other middle court will be used only if necessary. Once ongoing games are finished, challenge games will take precedence over all other games on the reserved court.

- Players will choose and agree upon a referee, who will oversee the games and settle any disputes. The referee's decision is final.
- The shuttles used will be agreed upon by the players beforehand.
- Once the match has been played, players must record the scores on the scores sheet. In order for the match to be official, the winner of the match must email the scores to the club and the loser within three days of the match.
- Players will change the rankings on the dry erase board according to the results. If the challenged player wins, the rankings remain the same. If the challenged player loses, the challenger takes the challenged player's rank and all players in between (including the challenged player) shift down one rank.

Rules are subject to revisions. Members will be notified of any changes immediately.