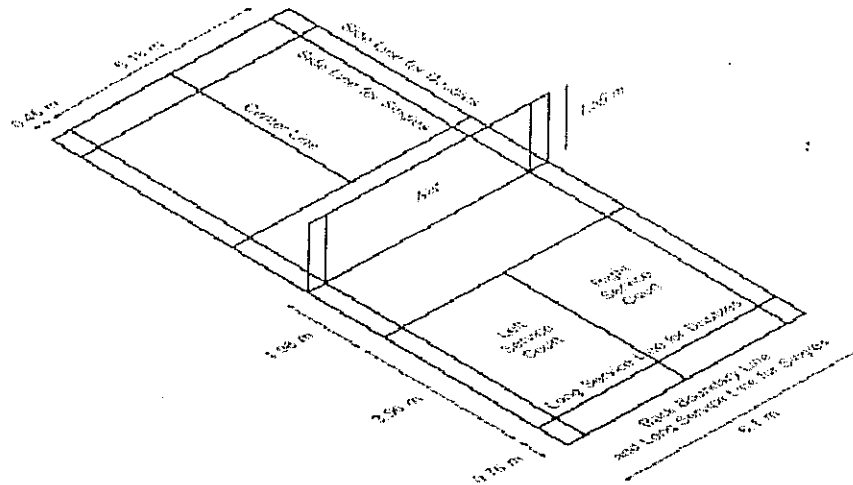


### **C. Court**

A badminton court is a rectangle 13.4-metres long and 5.18-metres wide for singles, extended on each side with 42-centimetre alleys for doubles (making the doubles court 13.4m x 6.1 m). It is divided into two equal sections by the net, 155cm high at the posts at either side and dipping to 152.4cm in the centre.



### **D. Scoring-**

Matches comprise of the best of three games. Each game starts at 0-0 (traditionally called "love-all").

If the serving side wins a rally, it scores a point, and serves again but from the alternate service court. If the receiving side wins the rally, the score remains unchanged and the service passes to the next player in turn. In singles, this is the opponent; in double it's either the partner or, if both players have just had a turn of serving, one of the opponents.

In men's singles and doubles events, 15 points wins a game. However, if the score reaches 14-14, the side which first reached 14 can choose either to play to 15, or to set the game to 17 points. The final score will reflect the sum of the points won before setting plus the points gained in setting. Scoring in women's singles is slightly different. 11 points wins a game and there is the option to set to 13 points at 10-10.

### **E. Raquet-**

Instrument used by the player to hit the shuttlecock. Weight about 90 grams (3 oz). Length 680 mm (27 in). Made from metal alloys (steel/aluminum) or from ceramic, graphite or boron composites. Generally strung with synthetic strings or natural gut.

### **F. Strategy-**

While it is a great game of social and physical conditioning, don't let badminton fool you. It's also quite a workout for the mind. Strategy is key in the game of badminton, and the game requires constant thinking and planning. Each shot of the shuttle has a purpose, and a good player keeps his or her eye on the entire court at all times.

As you perfect your badminton game, your strategy will naturally mature. However, beginners should adopt a basic strategy of alternating clear and drop shots and adding smashes and drives as the opportunity develops. Try to keep your opponent on the defensive, and remember the following simple points: