



Alberta School's Athletic Association
Percy Page Centre
11759 Groat Road NW
Edmonton AB T5M 3K6
T 780.427.8182 www.asaa.ca

Memo

To: ASAA Member Schools
Date: April 17, 2023
From: Brad Van Raalte, Assistant Executive Director
cc: Shelbea MacLennan, Assistant Director
Kevin MacAlpine, ASAA Badminton Commissioner
Re: ASAA Badminton Serving Rules

ASAA Member Schools,

At the recommendation of the Badminton Commissioner, the ASAA Executive would like to clarify serving rules for badminton. The ASAA will **not** be using the service rule that was adopted by the Badminton World Federation (BWF) in 2018:

“The whole of the shuttle shall be below 1.15 metres from the surface of the court at the instant of being hit by the server’s racket.” (BWF Laws of Badminton 9.1.6).

We will continue to use the service rule that we used at the 2019 and 2022 ASAA Provincial Championships:

“The whole shuttle shall be below the server’s waist at the instant of being hit by the server’s racket. The waist shall be considered to be an imaginary line around the body, level with the lowest part of the server’s bottom rib.

The shaft and the racket head of the server’s racket at the instant of hitting the shuttle shall be pointing in a downward direction.” (BWF Alternative Service Laws 9.1.6)

We are aware that this is not in the ASAA Policy Handbook, but we intend to have a Notice of Motion in place for the June AGM to ensure that there is no misunderstanding moving forward.

If you have any questions, please contact Brad Van Raalte by email (brad@asaa.ca).



