

Shuttle Time Youth League Rules

Team Ranking & Substitutes

A team is made up of 8 players.

Teams must rank their players by order of merit (best player at lower numbers):

- Mixed teams must rank boys 1-4 & girls 5-8.
- Mixed teams with 3 boys & 5 girls should rank the boys 1-3 and the girls 4-8.
- Mixed teams with 5 boys & 3 girls should rank the boys 1-5 and the girls 6-8.
- Girls-only teams must rank players 1-8.

Teams with less than 8 players should either find a substitute player from school, or ask at the desk for a substitute, or some players on the team may play extra games to fill the space.

No player may play more than 2 ranking spots out of position:

- For example, if Player 5 is unavailable, then only players 3, 4, 6 and 7 may fill in their games.
- For example, if Player 8 is unavailable, then only players 6 and 7 may fill in their games.

A team may change their ranking order each week, but not during a tie.

Playing a Tie

Each tie consists of 16 games, played across 4 time slots of 10 mins each.

A game can be played for the full 10 mins or to 31 points, whichever comes first.

Please play the matches in the order set out on the match form, using all 4 courts available:

- **First 10 mins:** Doubles (Players 1&2); Singles (Player 4); Singles (Player 8); Doubles (Players 5&6); Not playing are Players 3&7.
- **Second 10 mins:** Doubles (Players 3&4); Singles (Player 2); Singles (Player 6); Doubles (Players 7&8); Not playing are Players 1&5.
- **Third 10 mins:** Doubles (Players 1&5); Singles (Player 3); Singles (Player 7); Doubles (Players 2&6); Not playing are Players 4&8.
- **Fourth 10 mins:** Doubles (Players 3&7); Singles (Player 1); Singles (Player 5); Doubles (Players 4&8); Not playing are Players 2&6.

Each team should have 2 players not playing in each time slot, who are able to keep score on each court.

If not enough players available, prioritise keeping score on doubles courts. Singles players can keep score themselves.