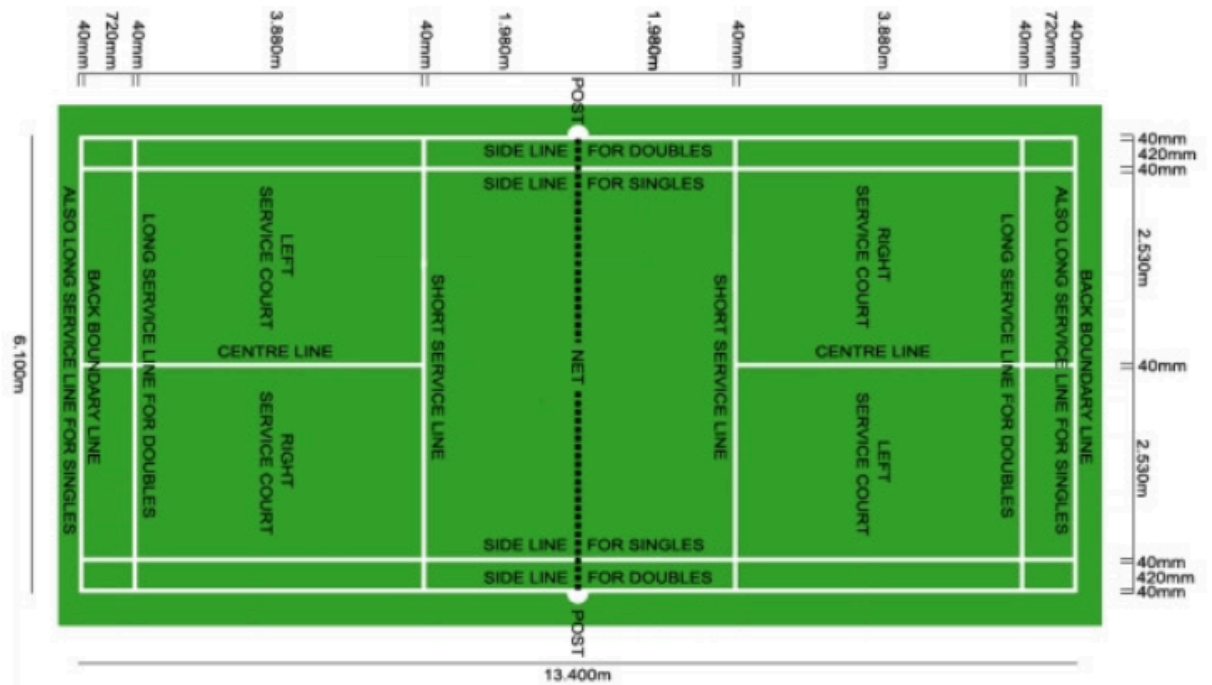
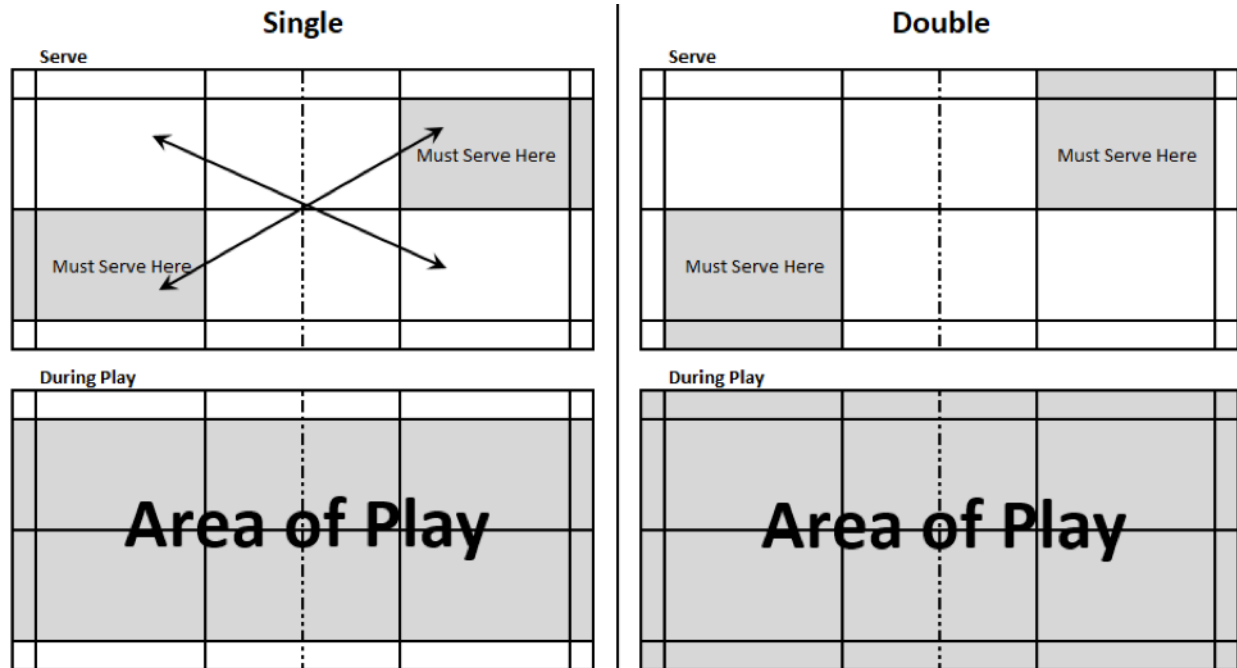


Badminton Rules and Regulations : A detailed background

Court :



Serving:

- **Singles:** The server stands diagonally opposite their opponent within their service court (divided by the center line). The server's right or left service court depends on their score:
 - **Even score:** Serve from the right service court.
 - **Odd score:** Serve from the left service court.
- **Doubles:** Servers alternate after each point is won by the serving side. Both partners must serve once before the opponent gets a chance. Similar to singles, the serve must land diagonally within the opponent's service court. Unlike singles, the server's partner must be positioned diagonally opposite the receiver (except for the first serve).
- **Service Rules:**
 - The serve must be delivered underarm with the racket head pointing downwards at the moment of contact.
 - The entire shuttlecock must be below the server's waist at the moment of contact.
 - The serve must travel over the net and land within the opponent's service court diagonally opposite the server.

Rally and Scoring:

- Once the serve is successfully returned, a rally ensues. Players hit the shuttlecock back and forth over the net, aiming to land it within the opponent's court or force them to commit a fault.

Faults (Result in a Point for the Opponent):

- Hitting the net with the shuttlecock.
- Hitting the shuttlecock outside the court boundaries (including the lines).
- Carrying or trapping the shuttlecock on the racket.
- Double hitting (hitting the shuttlecock twice consecutively with the racket).
- Service faults (violating the serving rules mentioned above).
- Touching the net with the player or their clothing.

Winning a Rally: A point is awarded to the opponent if the player serving commits a fault, hits the shuttlecock out of bounds, or fails to return the shuttlecock over the net.

Winning a Game: Each sub-match is decided by a single set of 15 points. A tie at 14-14 extends the winning target to 16 points. If the tie persists at 20-20, sudden death ensues, with the first team to reach 21 points winning the set. This ensures decisive outcomes even in closely contested matches

Additional Rules:

- **Line Calls:** Disputes about whether a shot landed in or out of bounds are settled by line judges or an umpire. Players can only appeal line calls on their side of the court.
- **Strokes:** Players can use various forehand and backhand strokes to hit the shuttlecock. There are no restrictions on the type of stroke used, as long as it adheres to the other regulations.