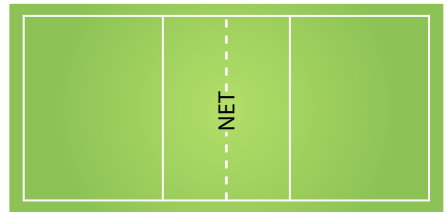


## Playing Outdoor Badminton

Outdoor badminton is very similar to the traditional indoor game, but many of the rules have been eliminated or simplified which makes it a fantastic introduction to the sport. Games are shorter and the majority of court markings have been removed to allow for more flexibility in gameplay.

### Getting started:

- You can play outdoor badminton anywhere where there is enough space to set up a net and using whatever space you have available. But if you want to replicate the traditional setup:
- The playing area or 'court' is rectangular with your net set up across the middle to separate each side
- The court can be marked out with lines or simply markers in each corner
- A badminton court is usually 13.1m x 6.7m but the beauty of outdoor badminton is that it the size can be altered to best suit your playing area.
- For more experienced players could introduce service lines approx. 2m away from net.



### Scoring:

- A point is scored when successfully hit the shuttlecock is successfully hit over the net and land it in your opponent's court before they hit it.
- A point can also be scored when your opponent hits the shuttlecock into either the net or outside the court lines

### How to play:

- A point is scored within each rally, regardless of which player serves.
- A game of outdoor badminton is usually played to 11 points
- The winner of the match is the first player to win two games (best of three)
- If games are too short and you want more of a challenge try playing to 15 or even 21 points like the pros!

### Serving:

- If you win the rally, you then start the next rally by serving.
- You continue to serve until you lose a rally.
- When you lose a rally, your opponent will then serve to start the next rally.
- You can serve from anywhere within your own court (or if using a service line from anywhere behind that line).
- There are no second serves.