

VRC Monday Night Doubles Ladder – Revised Rules

1. Arrival & Warm-Up

- Players assigned to starting groups must arrive by **8:00 PM**.
- Starting groups must be on court by **8:05 PM**.
- Warm-up time is limited to **5 minutes**.
- The first match must begin no later than **8:10 PM**.
- Waiting groups are expected to arrive by **8:20 PM** and move to their respective court as and when their group is up to play.
- Players on wait may use **Court 7** for warm-up. If multiple players are waiting to warm up, please limit your warm-up time to **10 minutes**. You may write your name on the green board to join the warm-up waitlist for Court 7 and rotate based on the waitlist.

2. Late Arrival Policy

To ensure fairness and timely play, late arrivals will be handled as follows:

- Late is defined as arriving **more than 5 minutes after the scheduled match start time - 8:10 PM for starting groups**, or more than **10 minutes after** a waiting group is called on court (5 min warmup time and 5 min wait time).
- Any player arriving late automatically forfeits their warm-up time.
- Penalties are cumulative across ladder sessions.

Late Instance	Penalty
1st Instance	Minus -7 points (Groups of 4) and Minus -5 points (Groups of 5) from total ladder score
2nd Instance	Minus -14 points (Groups of 4) and Minus -10 points (Groups of 5) from total ladder score
3rd Instance	Ranked last within the group for that session
4th Instance	Suspended from the Doubles Ladder for 2 weeks

Note: Penalties will apply regardless of reason, except in the case of an emergency that has been communicated to the Badminton Director and or Ladder Organizers in advance of **30 mins** before the ladder begins.

3. Match Start Requirement

- Matches must begin promptly once a group is assigned a court.
- Groups are responsible for managing warm-ups and being match-ready.
- Delays caused by late arrivals may result in penalties as outlined above.

4. Sign-Up & No-Show Policy

- Any player who signs up and does not show (without prior notice) will drop 10 positions on the ladder.
- Repeated no-shows may result in further disciplinary action at the Badminton Director's discretion.

5. Player Responsibility

- This is a group-based doubles ladder; punctuality affects all players in the group.
- Players are expected to arrive prepared, respect start times, and support smooth group rotations.

Summary:

- Starting Groups: Arrive 8:00 → On court 8:05 → 5 min Warm-up → Match starts by 8:10
- Waiting Groups: Arrive by 8:20 → On court when assigned → 5 min Warm-up → Match starts