



Specific Directions for Drawing up the Playing Schedule IHSA Girls Badminton Sectional Tournaments

8 Entries or Less

A. HOW TO MAKE THE DRAW FOR 16 OR LESS ENTRIES

When the number of players is a power of 2 they shall meet in even pairs in progressive elimination. When the number of players is not a power of 2 the first round will have byes for the purpose of bringing to the second round a full bracket of players. For example, with 5 players, 3 of the lines on a 16 draw sheet would be marked "bye" and the 6 players drawn opposite those lines would move right into the second round without playing a match, to be joined there by the two winners of first-round matches.

B. WHERE THE BYES GO

They start at the extremes and work toward the middle. The first bye goes at the bottom, the second on the top, and so on in alternation. Byes are to be placed as shown on the Sample Draw Sheet for 8 or Less Entries. No seeded player may have a bye except as they occur in consequence of the prescribed pattern.

C. SEEDING

Zero, two or three players are to be seeded in singles and zero, two or three teams are to be seeded in doubles. The No. 1 seed shall go on line 1, and the No. 2 seed shall go on line 8. The No. 3 seed shall go on line 6.

D. THE REST OF THE DRAW

Once you have filled in the lines to be occupied by seeded players and marked those lines that represent byes, the rest of the draw is filled in by drawing the names of all the rest of the competitors, and writing them on the remaining unoccupied lines, in the order in which they are drawn. Competitors from the same school are to be placed in opposite halves of the bracket.

Sample Draw Sheet for 8 or Less Entries

- (1) Seed #1
- (2) Bye #2
- (3)
- (4)
- (5) Bye #3
- (6) Seed#3
- (7) Bye #1
- (8) Seed #2