

Introduction

The purpose of this rating system is to provide a tool for badminton coaches and program coordinators which can be used to assess and grade players into an appropriate playing category.

The approach used to create this tool separated badminton into seven basic components:

Game Knowledge; Game Strategy; Shot Technique; Court Movement; Overhead Shots; Underhand Shots; Neutral Shots. This allows for the construction of a matrix starting at a beginner rating of one (1) all the way to 7 in increments of .5 Each assigned numerical rating equates to an appropriate playing environment. Note: Shot Technique and Game Strategy do not have their own category in the matrix. Shot Technique/Shot Execution is tied directly to the shot being executed: Overhead Shots, Underhand Shots, and Neutral Shots and their variations. Game Strategy is tied to Game Knowledge and can be judged through the successful application of strategy and tactics during game play.

Definitions

It is important that the assessor understand the definitions for the above components. Here they are in more detail:

Game Knowledge

Game Knowledge covers the spectrum of game concepts/objectives, rules and regulations, lines, counting points, singles, doubles, mixed, game etiquette, tournament rules, role of umpires and referees, and different type of draws. Basically, it covers knowledge about the game, its rules,

Game Strategy

Game Strategy is the employment of movement, shot selection, shot technique and pace at the right moment in order to exploit or create a weakness in your opponents play. It incorporates an understanding of offensive and defensive tactics as well as an ability to 'read' your opponent. Game Strategy also includes player positions and badminton shots for doubles, mixed doubles as well as singles games. It covers the basic game objective of 'get the bird over the net', to 'get the bird over the net, keeping it within the playing lines, and placing it out of the reach of your opponent', creating a tactical advantage or opportunity for you.

Shot Technique

The mechanics of executing particular shots including the starting and final position of the racquet arm, footwork, body movement, racquet angle, and speed. Shot Technique applies to forehand shots, backhand shots, underhand shots, and neutral shots.

Movement

Movement covers all aspects of footwork, forward, backwards, sideways as well as recovery from executing a shot. It can apply to all movements used in overhead shots, underhand shots and neutral shots.

Overhead Shots

Overhead Shots includes clears, drops, and smashes as well as variations of these shots. *

Underhand Shots

Underhand Shots includes serves, lifts, net shots as well as variations of these shots.*

Neutral Shots

Neutral Shots includes drives, blocks, and pushes.*

*All the above shots have variations such as backhands, slices, delayed hits, feints as well as shot pace.

************Please note there are 7 levels from this rating scale but I want this to be a Recreational tourney and therefore I kept out the levels involving the A level players and higher.

Loval	Overhead Strokes	Underhand Strokes	Neutral Strokes	Movement	Game Knowledge	Appropriate Level of
Level	Car hit 2 2/40	Manakarta				Play
1 - Bogin	Can hit 2-3/10 overheads, no	Very basic underhand shots -	Shuttle contact is less than 20% for	Mostly static, in- place hitting with	None to minimal	Community center, school phys ed class,
Begin ner	accuracy, no depth	service is 2/10	neutral shots	occasional	Grip is incorrect	low level club or
nei	accuracy, no depth	Service 13 2/ 10	neutral shots	movement		beginner league
1.5	Can hit 5/10	Learned basic	Learned basic	Starting to move to	Knows basic lines	Community center,
1.5	overheads. can hit	concepts. May or	concepts for a	intercept the	Basic counting with	school phys ed class, low
	back to server	may not hit shuttle	push, and drive.	shuttle but lacks	errors.	level club, or beginner
	back to server	consistently	Execution is	coordination	Grip is basic but	league
		consistentiy	inconsistent	coordination	correct now	leugue
2.0	Can hit 8/10	Can serve, but	Understand the	Knows the shots	Can keep score, but	Community center,
	overheads. no	inconsistent in both	differences	must be hit off of	may get confused	school phys ed class or
	placement	getting the shuttle	between drives,	racquet foot and	when keeping score	school intramurals, low
	accuracy. depth:	to the right place	blocks visually but	that shots at the	in doubles. Just	level club, or
	can hit to mid-court	and consistency	is unable to	net must be	beginning to learn	beginner/recreational
	learning to drop	(backhand versus	replicate and is	reached with the	how to rotate in	league
	2-3/10	forehand serve)	only able to hit	racket leg, but is	doubles and	
			shots in the most	inconsistent.	positioning in singles	
			basic manner			
2.5	Can hit 10/10	Serves are better,	Can hit neutral	Beginning to	Basic singles	Community center,
	Accuracy: 3/10	but singles serve	strokes with some	Grasp and utilize	positioning is	school intramurals or
	placement. mid-	does not reach the	consistency but	recovery skills	understood but	high school badminton
	court depth	back line, short	still has difficulty		difficulty with the	team, low level
	Drops: 5/10	serve is still a bit	in placing the		speed of recovery,	club/mid-level club, or
	Pace: low	high at the net and	shots where they		doubles rotation is	recreational league, low
		introduction to the	need to go		understood but	level tournament play
		flick is underway			inconsistent. Scoring	
					is mastered	
3.0	20/20 overheads	Long serve can	Now can hit the	Movement is now	Understanding of	High school badminton
	Depth: back	consistently go to	basic underhand	consistent, but not	tournament	team, mid-level club, or
	double-service line.	the back line, short	strokes 10 times	necessarily as quick	structure is being	recreational/competitive
	Accuracy: 5/10 to	serve is no longer	in a row or more.	as needed for a	learned, Scoring is	league, regional
	FH or BH court	high at the net but	Can now hit a full	higher level of play	proficient in both	tournament play
	Drop: 8/10, good	still not completely	court clear and a	Player can move	singles and doubles	
	bird angle	consistent	drop consistently	backwards on court		
	Pace: low		in the court (the	with advanced skills		
			above shots are	like shuffle and		
			not neutral)	chasse		
				- Can perform basic defensive scissor		
				kick		
3.5	- 100% overheads	All serves are now	Pace and control	Movement skills are	Strategy in how to	High school/secondary
	- Back court line	proficient and	of all shots is now	now complete in	construct points is	badminton team, mid-
	- accuracy 8/10	complete	higher and	that a player is able	now beginning to be	level club/competitive
	- drops 10/10	- Can lift a doubles	maintains	to move proficiently	understood and	club, or competitive
	- pace low	smash straight	consistency.	around the court be	developed. Although	league,
	- basic overhead	with ¾ depth	Development of	it in singles or	inconsistent the	regional/provincial
	backhand clear		crosscourts is now	doubles	player is now	tournament play
			underway but		beginning to think	
			inconsistent		ahead of their shots	
					and play	