



We are thrilled to announce the return of the **PHOENIX BADMINTON SUPER LEAGUE (BSL)** for its highly anticipated **second season in 2026!** After a groundbreaking inaugural season that left fans on the edge of their seats, **PHOENIX BSL** is back with even more excitement, intensity, and innovation. Last year, the league redefined badminton with its dynamic format, thrilling competition, and top-tier entertainment, captivating audiences across Maharashtra.

This season, we're raising the stakes even higher! With the finest players from across Maharashtra, strategic gameplay, and electrifying matches, **PHOENIX BSL** continues to push the boundaries of what the sport can offer. Expect even more high octane action, edge of your seat moments, and unforgettable entertainment as we usher in a new era for Indian badminton. Get ready to witness the evolution of the game with **PHOENIX BSL** where tradition meets innovation and champions are made!

**STAY TUNED FOR AN EXPERIENCE LIKE NEVER BEFORE!**

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**Note:** This document serves to provide comprehensive insights into the format and rules governing the conduct of the Phoenix Badminton Super League, hereinafter referred to as "**Phoenix BSL**". The information contained herein is applicable exclusively to Phoenix BSL and outlines the parameters within which the league will operate.



## **TOURNAMENT FORMAT**

- **Team Composition**

- A total of **8 TEAMS** will participate in the league.
- Team formation will take place through an auction, with each team allocated a budget of **₹1,00,000/-** to bid for players.
- The auction will involve **120 PLAYERS** categorized into 5 groups: **Men's Singles**, **Men's Doubles**, **Men's Singles 35+**, **Men's Doubles 35+** and **Female (for Mixed Doubles)**.
- Teams are permitted to acquire a minimum of **8 PLAYERS**, comprising **1 'MEN'S SINGLES'** player, **3 'MEN'S DOUBLES'** players, **1 'MEN'S SINGLES 35+'** player, **2 'MEN'S DOUBLES 35+'** players and **1 'FEMALE'** player for **'MIXED DOUBLES'**.

- **League Stages**

- The league stages will consist of **2 GROUPS**, with **4 TEAMS** in each group.
- The league stages will consist of a round-robin format within each group i.e., **3 ties** per team.
- Each tie in the league stage will be of **7 MATCHES**. **1 'Men's Singles** , **3 'Men's Doubles**, **1 Men's Singles 35+**, **1 Men's Doubles 35+** and **1 Mixed Doubles**.



The match sequence will be as follows:

- Men's Singles
  - 1st Men's Doubles
  - Men's Singles 35+
  - 2nd Men's Doubles
  - Men's Doubles 35+
  - Mixed Doubles
  - 3rd Men's Doubles
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- **WINNING EACH MATCH** in a tie will earn a team **1 POINT**.
  - Out of the 7 matches, each team will be allowed to select one match as their **“TRUMP MATCH.”** If the team wins their selected Trump Match, they will receive **1 ADDITIONAL POINT**. However, if they lose that match, 1 point will be deducted from their total points.
  - Each player is allowed to play a maximum of 2 matches in a tie.
  - In the league stages, all matches will be 1 game of 21 points. (with Extension)
  - If the teams are tied on points after the completion of 7 matches, a **“DECIDER MATCH”** (Men's Doubles) of 11 points (without extension) will be played. The winner of this match will be declared the winner of the tie. However, no point will be awarded for the Decider Match.
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- **Playoffs**
  - The **TOP 4 TEAMS**, comprising the **TOP 2 TEAMS FROM EACH GROUP**, will qualify for the playoffs based on their total points from the league stages. These teams will be positioned accordingly in the playoff bracket.



- The playoff structure involves the top two teams from the league stages competing in **QUALIFIER 1**. The winner of **QUALIFIER 1** secures a direct spot in the **FINAL**, while the losing team gets another opportunity to qualify by participating in **QUALIFIER 2**. Simultaneously, the teams placed third and fourth in the league stages engage in the **ELIMINATOR**. The winner of this **ELIMINATOR** faces the loser of **QUALIFIER 1** in **QUALIFIER 2**. The Winning team from **QUALIFIER 2** advances to the Final, where they compete against the winner of **QUALIFIER 1**. The ultimate showdown in the Final determines the **PHOENIX BSL 2026 CHAMPIONS**, with the winning team claiming the prestigious title.

- All Playoffs ties will be **BEST OF 5 MATCHES**, with the sequence as follows:

1. Men's Singles
2. Men's Doubles
3. Men's Singles 35+
4. Men's Doubles 35+
5. Mixed Doubles

- **In the playoffs, only 2 players are allowed to play 2 matches in a tie.**

- In the playoffs, all matches will be 1 game of 21 points. (with Extension) and if a team wins a tie before completing all 5 matches (i.e., 3-0 or 3-1) then that particular team will be declared winner immediately and remaining matches will not be played.

- **Golden Point Rule:** Both pairs have the option to designate a point as the "Golden Point" at any time during the match. If the serving pair wins the designated point, they receive an additional point. Conversely, if they lose the designated point, the opponent gains an extra point. For example, if Pair "A" is serving at 5 against Pair "B" with a score of 4, winning the Golden Point would elevate Pair "A" to 7, while losing it would raise Pair "B" to 6. Importantly, players must decide on the "Golden Point" only before serving and not after winning a point. However, it is **NOT MANDATORY** for teams to choose a Golden Point in every match.



## PLAYERS REGISTRATION

- To participate in PHOENIX BSL, players must complete the online registration process through the provided Google Form linked below.

- **Registration Link:** [PHOENIX BSL Registration Form](#) (click to open the form)

**Last Date of Entry:** 05/04/2026

**Last Date of Withdrawal:** 07/04/2026

- **A flat entry fee of ₹2000/-** will be charged for every player. Registration fees will only be refunded to players who remain unsold in the auction, those placed in the reserve pool, and to those who withdraw before the specified withdrawal deadline. However, those who withdraw from the league after the withdrawal deadline will not be eligible for a refund. **THE REFUND PROCESS WILL BE COMPLETED WITHIN 2 WEEKS AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE TOURNAMENT.**

- Submitting the registration form solely enrolls a player for the auction but does not guarantee inclusion in the auction pool or eventual participation in the league.

- Players are required to provide precise and truthful information during the registration process. Any instance of misinformation provided in the registration form may result in immediate disqualification from participation in the league, irrespective of the point at which such misinformation is discovered.

- After the registration period concludes, all player profiles will be shared with team owners and coaches. Subsequently, team owners and coaches will exercise their judgment and discretion to bid for players during the auction.



- All registered players are required to attend a mandatory game session, allowing team owners the opportunity to observe and make informed decisions on player acquisitions during the auction.

- **Category:** Open & 35+

**Cut-off date for 35+:** Born on or before 1-1-1991

## **TOURNAMENT RULES & REGULATIONS**

- All teams are required to submit their Tie-Sheet within the specified timelines to avoid penalties. The Tie-Sheet must be submitted at least 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start of the tie. Failure to comply with this requirement will result in a **PENALTY OF ONE MATCH LOSS**, with the specific match being selected by the opposing team. For the initial matches on Day 1 and Day 2, teams must submit their Tie-Sheet by 9:00 PM on the previous day. Strict adherence to these timelines is mandatory to ensure smooth and fair conduct of the league.

- In the event that a team submits a tie sheet that does not adhere to the established guidelines after exchanging the tie sheets with the opposing team, the BSL Managing Committee and the Referee will review the submission. They will then determine which match should be awarded a walkover based on the non-compliance with the necessary guidelines. The walkover decision will be made with consideration of the severity of the violation and in the spirit of fairness to both teams involved.

- **If a player fails to report to the court within 10 MINUTES of the scheduled match time, the opposing team will be awarded a WALKOVER for that match.** In cases of exceptional circumstances, the BSL Managing Committee and the Referee will review the situation at their discretion.



- In the playoffs scenario, if multiple teams have equal points after the league stages, the first criterion for selection will be a **“SUPER MATCH”** (Men’s Doubles) of 11 POINTS (without Extension), and the winning team will advance to the playoffs. In the event of a three-way tie, then the total number of ties won during the league stages becomes the deciding factor. If the tie wins are also equal, the total number of matches won (excluding the decider match) in the league stages will be taken into consideration.
- In the event of a player's injury or unavailability occurring up to 1 week prior to the start of the tournament, until 11:59 pm of 2nd May 2026, the affected team is eligible for a like-to-like replacement. This replacement must be selected from the pool of players who went unsold in the auction or those who were not shortlisted for the auction. However, if an injury or unavailability arises within 1 week of the tournament commencement, i.e., after 11:59 pm of 2nd May 2026, the team is required to concede a "WALKOVER" in all matches where the affected player was scheduled to play.
- In the event that the managing committee cannot secure a like-for-like replacement from the pool of unsold players, they have the authority to explore the reserve player pool. This reserve pool comprises players who registered for the league but were not shortlisted for the auction. Nevertheless, should the committee fail to identify a suitable like-for-like replacement from within the reserve pool, they are permitted to extend their search beyond its confines to players who did not register for the league. While team owners/coach can propose player names to the committee, the committee retains the right to reject any suggested player if it deems that the player is not a suitable like-for-like replacement.



- Should any player, owner or team be found by the BSL managing committee to engage in foul play, resulting in detriment to their team's performance, altering the course of the league or disrupting its integrity, the Committee reserves the unequivocal right to disqualify the implicated team, player or the owner without prior warning, with immediate effect. Additionally, the Committee reserves the right to bar the player, owner or the team's participation in upcoming editions of the BSL. The BSL managing committee maintains a **ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY** towards such behavior and pledges to escalate the matter to the Thane City and District Badminton Association and the Maharashtra Badminton Association for further action against the player, owner or the team in question, as deemed appropriate.

**IN CASE OF ANY DISPUTES, THE DECISION OF BSL'S MANAGING COMMITTEE AND THE REFEREE WILL BE CONSIDERED FINAL**

## **INDIVIDUAL AWARDS**

- **PHOENIX Player of the Tournament:** The PHOENIX Player of the Tournament award will be presented to the players (1 Male and 1 Female) who secure the highest number of wins throughout the entire league. In the event of a tie in the number of victories, the PHOENIX Player of the Tournament award will be conferred upon the player whose team has advanced further in the league. **The Winner in the Boys Category will receive a Trophy along with a Cash Prize of ₹20,000, while the Winner in the Girls Category will receive a Trophy along with a Cash Prize of ₹15,000.**
- **Impact Player of the Tie:** The player who makes the biggest impact in a tie will be honored as the Impact Player of the Tie. **The Winner will receive a Cash Prize of ₹2,000/-.** (This award will be presented for every tie throughout the league).