



# Healdsburg Badminton 2020

## Parent's Meeting

### 27 February 2020

**Welcome to all players and Parents** to the 2020 HHS Badminton team and the world of competitive Badminton.

I am Stan Bischof, an engineer by trade, and now Healdsburg's Badminton coach. I have been playing and coaching now for decades and enjoy the challenge of the sport itself and of a new players. My goal here at Healdsburg is to introduce the team members to competitive Badminton in the hopes that they will stay with the sport long after High School. We are looking at many aspects of Badminton, starting with footwork and conditioning then working through the facets of racket work and finally looking at strategy and tactics.

I maintain the **team's website at [worldbadminton.com/healdsburg](http://worldbadminton.com/healdsburg)**. There you will find most everything I have related to the team, including schedules, results, handouts, pictures and notices. Feel free to contact me at anytime- and the best way is by email. My goal is to post or email everything and not hand out paper copies.

**Training:** I will be asking a lot of the team members. Badminton is a challenging sport in many ways both physically and mentally. Even under great conditions, it take years to master the sport. For high school players who only get a few months of training per year, it is usually the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> year players who get toward the top of the league. As such, freshmen and sophomores are a great asset to the team!

**Equipment:** The team has a supply of good rackets and shuttles. About all that players need to provide are good indoor shoes. Badminton shoes are best but like all other badminton equipment they are not available in local stores. However volleyball shoes are also a very good choice. If players would like to buy their own rackets that is of course an option, and is recommended for anyone who will be staying with the sport. This year we have new uniforms and some of the players have opted to buy their own. For \$35 they get a very nice shirt customized with their name.

**Team Competition:** The badminton team competes as a group. The games that each player competes in will contribute to the team's overall score. As such everyone has an equal chance to contribute to the team.

**Attendance:** If any player is missing from practice the team is lessened. And I can't schedule matches if I do not know who will be competing on a given day. Hence it is critical that all players attend the practice before each match if they are to compete the next day. Matches are Tuesdays and Thursdays. There are of course exceptions, but I need to know of these in advance. I do not want any surprises on game days! My assumption is that every player will attend our meets. If you cannot for some reason, you need to let me know in advance. Drop me an email is fine.

**Away Games:** we will have 5 away games this year and are competing against two very strong teams and 3 beginning teams. For each away match we will have a bus and will be leaving class early and getting back generally after 7:00.

**Weekly News:** I normally create a brief newsletter each week for the team discussing current events.

**Volunteers:** What would be very useful from parents would be some volunteer scorekeepers. Team members are leaning to keep score also, but volunteers would allow them to concentrate on the games instead.

*My goal this year is to use as little paper as possible. Instead I will be communicating via email and texting. Additionally everything to do with the team is posted on our team website ([worldbadminton.com/healdsburg](http://worldbadminton.com/healdsburg)). The best way to reach me is email.*

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