



NBL Professional Match Scoring



An NBL Professional Match is played entirely on one court. A *minimum* of nine games are played: **two games each** of men's singles, men's doubles, women's singles, women's doubles, and **at least one game** of mixed doubles. Additional games of mixed doubles are played in Overtime and Tiebreak, if required. Every game won is a point in a team's total score.

Order of Games. HOME will determine the order of games within the following sequence: doubles, singles, doubles, singles, doubles, singles, doubles, singles, mixed doubles (followed by Overtime and Tiebreak, if necessary).

Choice of Ends. AWAY gets choice of ends and remains on that end for the entire match.

Serving Order. AWAY will serve first in all games, including Overtime and Tiebreak. Each side will serve four points, beginning from the right court and alternating with the left court.

Receiving Pattern. In men's and women's singles, the receiver will begin receiving in the right court and alternate with the left court. In men's doubles, women's doubles and mixed doubles, the receivers will begin receiving in the right court and alternate with the left court. The receivers may use any pattern to receive serve as long as each player receives serve two times during the four-point receiving sequence.

Game Format. All games (with the exception of Tiebreak) are played to 17 points. If a game reaches 16-16, the next point ends the game. AWAY serves the final point at 16-16. In men's and women's singles, HOME gets choice of receiving courts (left or right). In men's doubles and women's doubles, AWAY gets choice of server and HOME gets choice of receiver and receiving courts (left or right). In mixed doubles, AWAY gets choice of server and HOME gets choice of receiving courts (left or right) and the serve must be received by the same gender as the server.

Breaks. There is a 10-second break after every four points in each game (after the server's fourth serve). There is a four-minute break between games. During this time, players in the upcoming game will warm-up. There is a 12-minute intermission after the fifth game of the match.

Match Scoring. After the completion of nine games, the number of games won by each team is totaled. If the leading team won the mixed doubles game, the match is over.

Overtime. If the trailing team won the mixed doubles game, the match will enter Overtime. Mixed doubles play continues until the leading team wins one game (which concludes the match), or the trailing team ties the score. All games won in Overtime will count in teams' scores.

Tiebreak. If the trailing team ties the score, a mixed doubles Tiebreak will decide the match: AWAY will serve 2 points (beginning from the right court, same player must serve both points), HOME will serve 2 points, etc., until 5 points is won by either side. The receivers may use any pattern to receive serve as long as each player receives serve once during the two-point receiving sequence. If the score reaches 4-4, the next point ends the Tiebreak and the match. AWAY will serve at 4-4 and has choice of server. HOME gets choice of receiving courts (left or right) and the receiver must be the same gender as the server. The Tiebreak will count as one point in a team's total score. There are no breaks during the Tiebreak.

Coaching. Coaching is allowed throughout the match as long as it does not interfere with play. Team members are seated at courtside and are allowed to support their team.

Substitutions. The team coach may, at any time, substitute a player (same gender) into any game for any reason. Players who are removed from a game may not return in that particular game. In all substitutions, the original serving order may not be changed.

HOME Team Names		Score	x winner	Score	AWAY Team Names	
D						D
S						S
D						D
S						S
D						D
INTERMISSION					INTERMISSION	
S						S
D						D
S						S
MX						MX
Games won					Games won	
OT						OT
OT						OT
OT						OT
OT						OT
OT						OT
OT						OT
OT						OT
OT						OT
TB						TB
Final Score					Final Score	