**Badminton Terms**

**Backcourt**—back third of the court

**Baseline**—back boundary line at each end of the court

**Clear**—a shot hit deep to the opponents back boundary line

**Drop**—a shot hit softly that falls close to the net on the opponent’s side

**Fault**—a violation of the playing rules, either in serving, receiving, or during play

**Forecourt**—front third of the court

**Long Service Line**—back boundary line that the serve may not go past

**Midcourt**—middle third of the court

**Serve**—stroke used to put the shuttlecock into play

**Short Service Line**—the line 6 ½ feet from the net which a serve must reach to be

legal

**Shuttlecock (Shuttle**)—official name for the object that players must hit

**Smash**—hard-hit overhead shot that forces the shuttle sharply down