

25 REASONS WHY BADMINTON IS LIKE MARRIAGE

1. It can take a lot of money, but the experience is rewarding.
2. Despite sometimes not knowing how you will afford all your expenses, people always come through and help you when you least expect it.
3. The right partnership is important: you may not be the best team when you start, but you train to be the best team you can be.
4. Apologize to your partner when you make a mistake, even though it may not be your fault.
5. Constant training is required, and when you slack off, things may work out initially, but never in the long run.
6. For major events, no matter how nice an equipment sponsorship is, money is always the best sponsorship!
7. Everyone starts off in Singles, but eventually most turn to Doubles. Those who love Singles are usually more competitive (career oriented).
8. Often, it is difficult to win doubles by yourself. If you don't support your partner, you will usually both lose in the end.
9. Conversely, sometimes when your partner is feeling down, winning some points by yourself can help get the team back in the game.
10. Obviously, don't hit your partner. Even if it's only by accident. Conversely, if you get hit, don't hit back.
11. Communication is key. Make sure you are both following the same strategy.
12. Don't underestimate the benefit of a good coach to support your team. Often, it helps to have additional expertise to help mediate conflicts.
13. Don't expect government funding because they will probably end up taking more from you in the long run.
14. Teammates are sometimes opponents, but in the end, we are all playing for the same team, be it club, company, or country.
15. Different people have different strengths: we all fall on a continuum of physicality, skill, mentally toughness, and intelligence.
16. Things are sometimes done traditionally because they have worked in the past and nobody bothered to question it.
17. Sometimes you intend to do the right thing, but you still make an unforced error.
18. It's better to celebrate when you win, than get angry when you lose.
19. There are many people at different stages of the game and you often have to do your best and work together anyway.
20. People may have different beliefs about how to work together, and though it may work for them, it may not always work for you. Find what works for you and your partner.
21. Beware advice from those without necessary skin in the game. Advice is easy to give but respect those who can lead by example.
22. Protect your partner. It's not about doing everything yourself, but leading your partner to do the best they can while they do the same for you.
23. The distribution of work is not always 50/50. Sometimes you'll cover for your partner; sometimes they'll cover for you.
24. The score is best kept by a higher power so that you can spend the majority of your time enjoying the game.
25. In the end, winning or losing is just a moment that will come and go. Enjoying the process gives the ultimate return. And as always, remember these words: "Love all. Play!"