

TENNIS Rules & Regulations

The University of Akron Student Recreation & Wellness Services Intramural Sports

Participation in any and all activities within this facility and/or sponsored by The University of Akron is voluntary. All participants understand and agree that use of this facility and/or participation in an activity sponsored by the university is at their own risk and that the university is not responsible for any incidents, injuries or loss of property that may occur.

All team representatives, including players, substitutes, replaced players, coaches, trainers, spectators and/or other persons affiliated with the team are subject to the rules of the game and shall be governed by decisions of officials assigned to the game as well as the site supervisor.

Tennis rules will be conducted under the USTA rules with the following additions, exceptions, and clarifications.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

- All students, faculty or staff can participate provided they meet the eligibility requirements outlined in the Intramural Sports Participants Handbook. All participants must present a valid, physical copy, University of Akron ZipCard. **NO ID, NO PLAY!**
- All games will be played at the Buchtel Tennis Courts.
- Following three (3) weeks of regular season play, teams will advance to a single elimination playoff bracket, provided their sportsmanship rating maintains a minimum average of 9.
- A player may only play on one (1) team in any given league (i.e.: one single-gender team, and one co-rec team).
- This is a self-officiated event; any disputes can be brought to the attention of the Site Supervisor. If there is still no resolve, the serve shall be replayed.
- Each team shall designate to the Officials a player as the court captain. This person is the only player who may communicate with the Officials.

EQUIPMENT:

- Intramural Sports will provide all racquets and balls for game play. Participants may bring his/her own racquet and balls if preferred.
- Non-marking athletic shoes must be worn. No sandals, boots or non-athletic shoes will be allowed.
- Players may wear a headband made of soft pliable material. No other headwear will be allowed.
- **All jewelry must be removed, and can NOT be taped over.**
 - Only Medical Alert bracelets and/or necklaces will be permitted, and must be taped to the body, leaving vital information visible.

GAME FORMAT:

- Matches will consist of an 8-game pro set, meaning **the first player to win 8 games will win.**
- Each match will be a maximum of 45 minutes; if the match is not complete after 45 minutes, the player who is ahead at that time will be declared the winner.

THE GAME:

- A coin toss or paddle spin, called by the Visiting Captain, at the beginning of the match will determine the choice of service or side. The winning Captain will have the following options:
 - Service in either the first or second match, OR
 - Side of court in either the first or second match
 - Teams will change sides of the court between the first and second match.

- The opponent is allowed the alternate choice.
- Singles tennis will be played using the inner-most side lines.
- Players will make their own line calls.
 - If a disagreement occurs that cannot be resolved, the point must be replayed or the game will end in a double forfeit.
- Each player will be permitted one additional serve for each rally, should the first serve contact the net or land out-of-bounds.
 - During play *after* the serve, a ball that contacts the net is still considered live.
- Scoring will be as follows for each player:
 1. First point, score is 15
 2. Second point, score is 30
 3. Third point, score is 40
 4. Fourth point, the game is won
- **There will be no “advantage” point scoring, meaning a game with a score of 40-40 may be won on the next point.**

AWARDS:

- The winning participant in each division (Men’s, Women’s) receive Intramural Sports Champion T-shirts.

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