



TENNIS RULES

Warning: Your participation in this sport could result in physical injury, which could be serious or fatal!! The University of North Carolina at Wilmington assumes no responsibility for injuries and related medical expenses received during Intramural sports activities. Students, faculty and staff are reminded that intramural participation is completely voluntary. It is strongly recommended that all participants have a physical examination and secure adequate medical insurance prior to participation.

The Department of Campus Recreation has a Minimal Standard of Care for each activity. The following is a list of requirements and recommendations for each participant that enters this activity:

Required of each participant:

1. No jewelry

Recommended of each participant:

1. Proper attire (shoes)
2. Padded support braces if result of previous injury or required by doctor.

1. Participants are responsible for calling and setting up their own matches.
2. All matches will consist of the best two out of three sets. Tiebreak at 6-all. Set tiebreakers will be to seven points. A five-minute break is allowed between the second and third sets.
3. The winner and non-winner of each match is responsible for reporting the score to the Intramural Sports Office by email following the completion of the match.
4. Each match must be completed before the date indicated. Failure to do so will result in a double forfeit by the participants involved. Please schedule your matches early in the time period allotted, due to the unpredictability of the weather. **NO EXTENSIONS WILL BE GIVEN.**
5. Pairings are made through random selection.
6. All courts will be available for play when not being used by physical education classes or tennis teams. Courts cannot be reserved.
7. T-shirts will be awarded to the first place winner in men's and women's singles, doubles and also mixed doubles.
8. A player or team will have no more than 10 minutes to report to their court from the time the match has been scheduled.
9. Warm-up time for a match shall be no more than 10 minutes from the actual scheduled starting time. Should a match become tied at one set each, players may have a five-minute break before starting the third set of the match.
10. Tournament format will be either single or double elimination.
11. All players forfeiting matches must pay \$10 to the Department of Campus Recreation per the IM Sports Handbook.

**** Tie Break scoring:**

Singles:

- A player who first wins seven points shall win the game and the set provided he/she leads by a margin of two points. If the score reaches six points all, the game shall be extended until this margin has been achieved. Numerical scoring shall be used throughout the tiebreak game.
- The player whose turn it is to serve shall be the server for the first point. His/her opponent shall be the server for the second and third points and thereafter each player shall serve alternately for two consecutive points until the winner of the game and match has been decided.
- From the first point, each service shall be delivered alternately from the right and left courts, beginning from the right court. If service from a wrong half of the court occurs and is undetected, all play resulting from such wrong service or services shall stand, but the inaccuracy of station shall be corrected immediately it is discovered.
- Players shall change ends after every six points and at the conclusion of the tiebreak game.

Doubles:

- In doubles the procedure for singles shall apply. The player whose turn it is to serve shall be the server for the first point. Thereafter each player shall serve in rotation for two points, in the same order as previously in that set, until the winners of the game and set have been decided.

Participants must supply their own equipment.