Tennis Rules

Each participant is responsible for presenting a current Photo ID at game time. NO EXCEPTIONS

Eligibility

It is the responsibility of each team to know the existing intramural rules. IGNORANCE OF ANY INTRAMURAL RULE IS NOT AN EXCUSE!! The Department of Campus Recreation does not assume responsibility for the investigation of the eligibility of all participants. The Department of Campus Recreation will, however, investigate any case as required.

- Men are not permitted to compete in the Women’s Division.
- One (1) woman is allowed to appear on the roster of a Men’s team.
- It is the responsibility of all participants to know their own eligibility status at all times.

All current members of the Fitness & Wellness Center are eligible to participate. This includes faculty/staff, students, Alumni, semester off, and EELI students. If you have access to the Fitness & Wellness Center you are welcome to play Intramural Sports.

All participants must have a valid state/government issued PICTURE ID to play and know their identification number. Student ID with picture is recommended but we will also accept the following: Driver’s License, State ID Card, Military ID and Passport.

Exceptions:
Any individuals who have been declared ineligible to participate through disciplinary sanctions by the Director or Assistant Director of Campus Recreation

False Name:
An individual may not participate under an assumed name or use false identification. Violation of this rule will result in suspension from further participation for the individual and/or team.

Compete on Two Teams:
A player may participate on only one team in any given activity during a season. Note: The only exception to this rule is that a player may play on a team in the men's or women's division and play on a Co-Rec team. If an individual plays for more than one team in that division, all teams involved will receive a forfeit in games in which that player was involved and the player shall be suspended for a period of 1 week.

Greek “A-Team” Rules
1. Participants must be enrolled full-time in classes at the time of the sport to participate on the Greek “A-team.”
2. Pledges will not be allowed to participate on Greek “A-teams.”
3. Participants must be on the active Fraternity roster in order to participate on the Greek “A-team.”
4. One (1) Female is allowed to be on the roster for a Greek “A Team.”

All eligibility protests for Greek “A Teams” must be brought to the attention of an Intramural Staff member prior to the start of any contest.

Playoff Eligibility:

Tennis Rules Amended May 21, 2009
Team members must have participated in at least one (1) game during the regular season to be eligible for participation in the playoffs. Teams must earn at least a 7.0 Sportsmanship Rating average to participate in the playoffs.

- The Intramural Staff reserves the right to declare an individual ineligible for competition if his/her participation is considered unsportsmanlike or dangerous

**Professional and Olympic Athletes:**
An individual who has participated as a professional/Olympic athlete in a sport is not eligible for intramural competition in that sport or similar sport.

**Current and Former Intercollegiate Athletes:**
Any person who participated with a varsity team in the current or last school year (i.e. practiced, red shirted, and/or played) is ineligible to participate in that intramural sport (or related activity). Ineligibility will be determined by the Assistant Director based on rosters, media guides, and participant reports which will be looked into and ruled upon. All protests on ineligibility rulings may be taken to the Director of Campus Recreation.

**Ringer Rule**
The ringer rule allows former varsity athletes and current sport club members the opportunity to participate in Intramurals in their sport (or related activity). Individuals are considered ringers in a particular sport for the following reasons:
1. They are a current sport club member in that sport.
2. They have competed on a College or University Varsity team at any level in that sport but are currently eligible for that Intramural sport.
Teams in open or competitive divisions may have two ringers on their roster. Teams in recreational divisions may not have ringers.
Any matter that cannot be resolved through these eligibility rules shall be brought to the Assistant Director of Campus Recreation for a decision.

**Equipment**

A. Athletic attire is required. Only rubber soled, non-marking shoes without heels are allowed (no jeans, kakis, etc.).
B. Players must remove ALL jewelry prior to participating.
C. Hats and bandanas may be worn.
D. It is up to you to provide your own tennis racket and tennis balls. If you do not have the proper equipment, you can check out this equipment from the front desk of the Fitness & Wellness Center (faculty & staff must have a current Fitness & Wellness Center membership to check out equipment).

**Reschedules**

A. Players are responsible for rescheduling their own matches if they cannot play at the scheduled time. They should use the contact information that will be provided after registration is closed to contact their opponent.
B. Reschedules must be reported to the Intramural office (622-6752) before they are played, and scores must be reported after the match.

**The Game**

A. All players must check in with the Intramural Supervisor before the match. The winner must report the score to the Intramural Supervisor after the match is complete.
**B. 10 Minute Forfeit Rule:** Your team has 10 minutes after their scheduled game time show up with the required number of players to start. For each minute late the opposing team will receive a point. Example team A shows up 5 minutes late team B will receive 5 points at the start of the game. Team B also has the option not to take any points.

**C. Determine first serve by one of the following:** coin toss, racket spin, or volley.

**D. A match consists of 2-out-of-3 sets.**

**E. Play advantages.**

**F. Switch sides on odd games.**

**Tie Breakers**

**A.** Tiebreakers should be played when both players have won six games in a set – this includes the third set.

**B.** First person serves one from right.

**C.** Other team serves two, one from left and one from right (same person).

**D.** Switch sides when points add up to six (6).

**E.** The winner of the tiebreaker must score seven (7) points and win by two (2).