RULES OF THE GAME
FOR
INTRAMURAL TENNIS
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COMPETITIVE SPORTS OFFICE
DEPARTMENT OF UNIVERSITY RECREATION
DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS
THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA
Intramural Sports General Information

The Competitive Sports Office is located in the atrium of the Student Recreation Center.
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Rule 1: General Eligibility

Section 1: Participants
Participation is limited to currently-enrolled, fee-paying U of A students, faculty members, and full-time staff. Spouses of eligible University of Alabama students and Faculty/Staff are eligible to participate in Intramural Sports events by purchasing a semester pass. In order to participate in an intramural contest each player must present their validated Action Card or Spouse Pass. All players must sign-in with the supervisor at the event site prior to the event to be eligible to participate. For more information regarding eligibility, please refer to the handbook available on the Intramural Sports page at urec.sa.ua.edu.

Rule 2: Equipment

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Players will be required to provide their own racket(s) and balls to their match. Only non-marked athletic shoes will be permitted on the court.

Rule 3: Rules of Play

Section 1: Serving
A coin toss will be used to determine who will serve first and side of the court. The server must wait until the receiver signals that they are ready before serving the ball. The server shall alternate between left and right courts. Service will begin from the right court.
Section 2: Faults

Section 3: Scoring
Scoring is identical in the singles and doubles games. A tennis game, when not prolonged by a tie, is played to four points, designated by the terms 15, 30, 40, and game, with zero points being referred to by the term love. A tie at 40 is called deuce. Because a game must be won by two points, play continues from deuce until one player leads by a margin of two points. After reaching deuce, the player who can win the game on the next point is said to have the advantage, while a subsequent tied score is always called deuce. Players must win eight games to win the set/match, but they must win by at least two games.

Section 3: Tiebreaker
If a set becomes tied at 7-7, a tiebreaker of 7 game victories is required to win the set. A tiebreaker is generally played to 7 points, but because it too must be won by at least two points, it may be extended. The winner of a tiebreaker is recorded as having won the set/match 8-7, regardless of the point total achieved in the tiebreaker.
Rule 4: Season

Section 1: Ladder Bracket Tournament
Players will be placed into a ranked list based on when they register, 1st to register will be ranked #1. From then on, players must challenge each other to earn their spot in the rankings. A challenger may only challenge a player who is ranked 2 or fewer spots above or below them (i.e. if you are ranked 4th, you may challenge any of the players ranked 2nd – 6th). Each player must play at least 4 matches in the season in order to be eligible for final ranking and championship. No player being challenged may decline a match. It is up to the two players to decide upon a date and time for the match. Once the match is played, players self-report the results to the Competitive Sports Office.

Rule 5: Sportsmanship

Sportsmanship is an important part of Intramural Sports. Any player who uses foul language, violently protests a call, or curses an official or staff member, will be removed from the game and will automatically be suspended from his/her team's next game. In addition, he/she will have to meet with the Coordinator of Competitive Sports during office hours (Monday through Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) before he/she is eligible to participate again. Any player who touches an official or staff member will be placed on suspension from all Intramural activities for a minimum period of one calendar year from the time of the incident.

University Recreation makes every effort to protect all participants, however soccer is a contact sport and injuries are a possibility. The University of Alabama, the Division of Student Affairs, University Recreation, and Competitive Sports (and employees thereof) assumes NO RESPONSIBILITY for injuries. Basic First-Aid will be available for participants.