

## ACTIVITY RULEBOOK

**Tennis**

*Tennis is a non-contact activity, however contact and injuries are a possibility. The Intramural Sports program assumes no responsibility for injuries and all participants must electronically acknowledge/consent to the online waiver in IMLeagues prior to participating. By agreeing to the online waiver, each participant agrees to rules and policies outlined in this and all other documents provided by Intramural Sports.*

**All information in this rule book pertains to the facilitation of Tennis contests and its season administration. For questions or concerns, please contact [intramurals@uwlax.edu](mailto:intramurals@uwlax.edu).**

**REMINDER:** all participants are encouraged to review the participant handbook and general rules overview prior to participating in each activity in which they are interested. View these documents by visiting the [“Rules” website](#).

**UWL Intramural Sports welcomes all students and faculty/staff members meeting eligibility guidelines. Participants may compete in the gender league with which they identify. For any eligibility concerns, please contact [intramurals@uwlax.edu](mailto:intramurals@uwlax.edu).**

**Section 1: Starting the Contest****Start (Game) Time**

Game time is forfeit time. It is recommended teams arrive at the contest site 15 minutes prior to the scheduled start.

**Facility and Contest Set Up****a. Playing Location**

Tennis is played in the Mitchell Hall Fieldhouse. It is recommended teams review their schedules prior to each contest. Intramural Sports WILL NOT contact teams to remind them of contest dates/times/locations.

**b. Courts**

Courts are set up by Intramural Sports staff only. All playing equipment is property of Rec Sports (unless participants supply their own racquet).

**c. Officiating**

No officials are hired for Tennis, however a supervisor will preside over all contest situations (including protests, disputes, rules questions, etc.).

**d. Captain’s Meeting**

It is recommended captains meet with one another to review contest rules, participant eligibility, legal equipment and to determine possession/team sides.

**Equipment**

Intramural Sports will provide game balls, which must be used. Racquets are also available for checkout in the Rec Sports Office (Mitchell Hall room 118). Participants may use their own racquets if they so choose.

**Participation**

Doubles teams may have three (3) members on their roster. Singles players may have one (1) substitute player participate once during the regular season. Singles captains must play throughout the entire duration of the playoffs.

Doubles teams must compete with two (2) players at all times. Co-Rec Doubles teams must have one (1) male and one (1) female competing at all times.

No substitutions are allowed during a match unless someone becomes injured. If a player leaves the match, they are not able to return during that match.

**Eligibility****a. Sport Club Athlete**

- There are no restrictions on sport club athletes.

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**Eligibility (continued)****b. Intercollegiate Athlete**

- Athletes on the current UWL Tennis team rosters are ineligible for competition during the current academic year.
- Only one (1) member on a team roster from a previous academic year may play on a doubles team.

Intramural Sports administration will search and filter athletic athlete eligibility. It is not guaranteed that all roster violations will be noticed. Teams, players, officials and additional staff members are allowed to protest team rosters

When in-doubt about your roster or eligibility, please ask early. Contests (including playoffs) may be forfeited retroactively if ineligible rosters are discovered mid-season

**Section 2: Playing the Contest****General Game Play and Scoring**

Matches will be played as an eight-game set, win-by-two games (unless a tie-breaker scenario occurs).

Game scoring is counted as Love, 15, 30, 40. If both teams reach 40 before another point is won, advantage scoring will be used (deuce, add-in/add-out, game).

Teams will switch sides of the court after every odd number of games (1st, 3rd, 5th... etc.)

A tiebreaker will result if the game scores are tied at 8-8.

During a 7-point tie breaker for singles:

- "Player A" (team who's turn it was to serve) serves the first point from deuce/right court
- "Player B" serves points two (2) and three (3) from the add/left then deuce/right courts
- "Player A" serves points four (4) and five (5) from the add/left then deuce/right court
- "Player B" serves point six (6) from the add/left court
- After six (6) points (and every 6th point after), the players switch sides
- "Player B" serves point seven (7) from the deuce/right court
- "Player A" serves points eight (8) and nine (9) from the add/left then deuce/right courts
  - Play continues until one participant has seven (7) points, win by two (2) (no cap)

During a 7-point tie breaker for doubles:

- "Player A1" (player who's turn it was to serve) serves the first point from deuce/right court
- "Player B1" serves points two (2) and three (3) from the add/left then deuce/right courts
- "Player A2" serves points four (4) and five (5) from the add/left then deuce/right courts
- "Player B2" serves point six (6) from the add/left court
- After six (6) points (and every 6th point after), the players switch sides
- "Player B2" serves point seven (7) from the deuce/right court
- "Player A1" serves points eight (8) and nine (9) from the add/left then deuce/right courts
- Play continues until one team has seven (7) points, win by two (2) (no cap)

**Section 3: Co-Rec Specifications**

There are no Co-Rec specifications other than rules already outlined in previous sections of this rule book.

**Section 4: Winning Specifications****Contest**

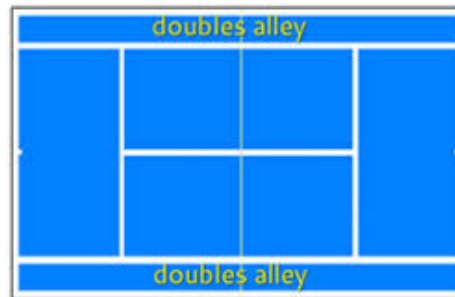
Matches will be played as an eight-game set. If a team reaches eight (8) games won, the match shall be declared over as long as the trailing team has fewer seven (7) games won.

**Playoffs**

All rules apply to playoffs. To qualify, teams must win at least one (1) contest and maintain a sportsmanship average of 4.0 during the regular season in addition to following forfeit policies. Other scheduling differences may apply to certain playoff circumstances. Qualification is monitored at the discretion of Intramural Sports administration.

**Protests**

Protesting is permitted. If a team wishes to protest eligibility, rule implementation/interpretation or a perceived scoring error in-game, they shall notify a staff member right away. To file a post-game protest, email the program at [intramurals@uwlax.edu](mailto:intramurals@uwlax.edu) or visit the [Online Protest Form](#). Teams may not protest officials' judgment calls (i.e. incomplete vs. complete pass, foul vs. no foul, violation vs. no violation, inbounds vs. out-of-bounds, etc.).

**The Playing Surface**

*Other than the specifications listed in this rulebook, official WIAA, NFHS and/or NIRSA rules will be followed.*