**Tennis Rules FALL 2015**

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All additions/changes to the rules from 2014-15 are selected in GRAY. Please read carefully.

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**General Overview**

**Team Registration and Entry Fee**
All team registrations are done online via IMLeagues. Registration periods are listed on the Intramural Sports website under the “List of Sports” section.

Instructions on how to register a team in IMLeagues can be found on our “Forms and Videos” page. Don’t forget about the pre-registration option!

The team entry fee for Tennis is $5 (individual)/$10 (team) and is to be paid online via PayPal at the time of registration. Captains will be able to pay with a credit/debit card or online check. In-person payment options are available if online payment is not feasible.

UW-L Rec Sports WILL NOT hold spots for teams or individuals during registration (including teams in the pre-registration waiting list).

**Team Captain’s Quiz**
All team captains are required to take an online rules and handbook quiz and score 100% in order to complete the registration process for a team. The quiz will contain general policy and sport-specific rules questions in multiple choice format.

**Player Registration**
Individual player registrations (i.e. roster additions) are also done via IMLeagues. Instructions can be found here.

All players are required to take a brief participant quiz and score 100% in order to be added to a team. Individuals will be prompted to take the quiz online in IMLeagues as part of the roster addition process.

No roster addition sheets are available on-site. Please make sure all roster additions are completed prior to the scheduled contest start time.

**Team Schedules**
All team schedules for regular season and playoff contests will be published in IMLeagues. Captains and participants will be contacted via IMLeagues when schedules are completed and ready to view.

*Please do not ignore email or text messages from IMLeagues, as they will be sent from UW-L Intramural Staff*

**Forfeits and Defaults**
If a team cannot participate in a contest, please notify the REC Information Counter (608-785-5225) at least three (3) hours prior to the scheduled contest to avoid a forfeit fee. Forfeit notifications will not be accepted via email.

**Contact Information**

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General Procedures/Reminders
Please refer to the 2015-16 Intramural Sports Participant Handbook for all policies and procedures related to Intramural contests. Additional information can be found on the Intramural Sports website.

1. **No ID, No Play**
   Each participant must present a valid (current) UW-L student I.D. to the Intramural Supervisor or Scorekeeper at every contest. No exceptions will be made and no other form of identification will be accepted.

   If a participant forgets their UW-L-issued I.D., a forgotten I.D. pass may be obtained at the REC Info Counter or the Rec Sports Office in Mitchell Hall (when applicable). Supervisors, Scorekeepers, and Officials do not distribute these passes. A forgotten I.D. pass may only be used once per semester across all program areas within Rec Sports.

2. **Team Roster**
   All participants must be on the team roster in IMLeagues. Any member not on the roster may complete a roster addition online via IMLeagues. **No roster add sheets will be made available at the site of the contest.**

   No participant may play on two teams in the same league or a forfeit will be charged to the second team he/she participated on. **Roster additions are allowed up until postseason brackets are published.**

3. **Apparel**
   Each participant must wear appropriate apparel and non-marking athletic footwear.

4. **Injuries/First Aid**
   First aid treatment is typically, but not always, available during Intramural contests. Any bleeding must be stopped and cleaned up before participant can re-enter the contest.

5. **Jewelry**
   For your safety, all visible jewelry, watches, and bracelets must be removed or covered legally prior to participation. Medical bracelets may stay on.

6. **Sportsmanship/Participant Conduct**
   Sportsmanship is important before, during, and after Intramural contests. Teams will be scored on a scale of 1 (unsatisfactory) to 5 (excellent) based on their behavior and conduct after every game. Teams must average a 3.5 rating in order to qualify for playoffs. Teams or individuals failing to abide by these sportsmanship guidelines must meet with the Intramural Sports Coordinator and Graduate Assistant for reinstatement.

7. **Refunds**
   Team registration fee refunds are permissible based on certain circumstances. Please email intramurals@uwlaus.edu to request a refund. Due to online processing fees, you may not receive a full refund of your team’s registration.

8. **Team Names**
   Team names must be appropriate. Captains of teams that reference anything deemed inappropriate or offensive in their name will be contacted by Intramural Sports to change the team name. Intramural Sports reserves the right to change names at any time and without notice (based on circumstance).

9. **Playoffs**
   Playoffs will commence following the regular season. Teams playing more than four (4) contests are required to win two (2) contests and meet all outlined sportsmanship requirements. Teams that play four (4) or fewer contests will automatically make playoffs as long as sportsmanship requirements are met.

   Intramural Sports administration will send messages out to all participants regarding playoff procedures as regular season action winds down.

10. **Communication Efforts**
    Throughout the season and playoffs, Intramural Sports may attempt to contact teams and/or individuals on multiple occasions. Please do not ignore messages from Intramural Sports or IMLeagues, and be sure to check your voicemail.
Activity-Specific Rules

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 sign the online waiver in IMLeagues prior to competing.

Starting the Game

1. Game Time
   GAME TIME IS FORFEIT TIME. It is recommended that teams arrive at the game site fifteen (15) minutes prior to the scheduled start.

2. Game Set Up
   a. Courts
      All courts will be set up by Rec Sports staff.
   b. Officiating
      All contests are self-officiated. Please play honestly and in accordance with the rules. In the event of a dispute, a point shall be replayed.

3. Game Equipment
   a. Two (2) game balls will be provided for each match.
   b. Participants are encouraged to provide their own tennis racket.
   c. Rackets may be checked out in the Rec Sports Office, 118 Mitchell Hall.

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

5. Eligibility
   a. Athletic Athlete (NCAA, NAIA, NJCAA, etc.) Eligibility
      • Members of the 2015-16 UW-L Tennis teams are ineligible for competition during the 2015-16 academic year.
      • Only one member of a 2014-15 collegiate team may play on a doubles team during 2015-16.

Playing the Game

6. General Game Play/Scoring
   a. Matches will be played as an 8 game set.
   b. 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).
   c. Teams will switch sides of the court after every odd number of games (1st, 3rd, 5th... etc.)
   d. A tiebreaker will result if the game scores are tied at 8-8.
   e. 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 2 and 3 from the add/left then deuce/right courts
      • “Player A” serves points 4 and 5 from the add/left then deuce/right courts
      • “Player B” serves point 6 from the add/left court
      • After 6 points (and every 6th point after), the players switch sides
      • “Player B” serves point 7 from the deuce/right court
      • “Player A” serves points 8 and 9 from the add/left then deuce/right courts
         Play continues until one participant has 7 points, win by 2 (no cap).
General Game Play/Scoring (continued)

f. 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 2 and 3 from the add/left then deuce/right courts
   - “Player A2” serves points 4 and 5 from the add/left then deuce/right courts
   - “Player B2” serves point 6 from the add/left court
   - After 6 points (and every 6th point after), the players switch sides
   - “Player B2” serves point 7 from the deuce/right court
   - “Player A1” serves points 8 and 9 from the add/left then deuce/right courts
     - Play continues until one team has 7 points, win by 2 (no cap).

The Playing Surface

![The Playing Surface Diagram]

Drink Policy
Participants and fans are not permitted to bring/consume alcoholic beverages at any Rec Sports facility and event. Violators of this policy will be removed from the facility and a forfeiture of the Intramural contest/suspension from Intramural activity is possible.

Any participant and/or spectator suspected of possessing an alcoholic beverage must cooperate with Rec Sports Staff.

Drug and Alcohol Policy
All team members (including “coaches” and “fans”) coming to any Intramural activity under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs will be asked to leave to site of competition immediately if, in the opinion of the Rec Sports Staff, they pose a threat to the safety, welfare, fairness, and overall enjoyment of all players, officials, and spectators. Teams/players will also face likely disciplinary measures determined by Rec Sports administration.
REC*IT – Intramural Sports’ Mobile App
All participants are invited to download the official smartphone app of UW-L Intramural Sports and IMLeagues, REC*IT! REC*IT allows users to track their personal Intramural schedules and statistics, see content updates from the Rec Sports program, interact with other participants, and much more!

New to 2015-16, users can now create and pay for teams and add themselves to rosters! Anything you can do on IMLeagues you can now do straight on your smartphone via REC*IT!

Download REC*IT for FREE from the Android or iPhone stores. To learn more about REC*IT, visit recitcollege.com.

Watch the REC*IT promo video here!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION!

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