

Tennis

General Rules

- All individuals must show up and be checked in by their designated game time.
- Players must show their Panther Card or a government issued photo ID to the Intramural Sports staff to sign-in for each game. Players without a valid form of ID will not be allowed to play
- Sportsmanship:
 - A player may be ejected at any time by a supervisor.
 - If ejected, the player automatically must sit out at least the next scheduled game. The player and team are also subject to further suspension/discipline depending on the judgment of the Competitive Sports Coordinator. If a player is ejected from a game, that player must meet with the Competitive Sports Coordinator before being allowed to participate in further games. It is the player's responsibility to schedule the meeting with the Competitive Sports Coordinator. The meeting must take place in the Coordinator's office the next day at the earliest.
 - After each match, both teams will be given a SPORTSMANSHIP RATING by the officials, scorekeepers, and supervisors. (See the "Player Conduct & Sportsmanship" section on the Policies page for more information)

Equipment

- The Department of Recreational Services and the Intramural program will not provide participants clubs
- Athletic attire is recommended

Timing

- Each pool play and tournament match shall consist of one set played to the best of 5 games.
- The championship match shall consist of the best of 3 sets played to the best of 5 games
- Traditional tennis scoring will be used with the following exception:
 - Do not have to win a set by two

Gameplay

- Playing Area
 - The lines are considered "in"
 - Singles tennis lines will be used
 - A player cannot enter an adjacent court to play the ball.
- A coin toss will determine who serves the first game of the match. The winner will choose: 1) first serve; 2) to receive the first serve; or 3) the choice of the court for the first game. The loser may choose from the other options.
- If, after releasing or throwing the ball for service, the server allows the ball to fall to the floor without touching it, the service effort shall be cancelled, and a reserve directed.
- There may be more than one reserve during any term of service, but not consecutively, nor to purposely delay play.
- The service is considered legal if the ball passes over the net and lands in the opposing service court. If the serve is illegal (hits the net, server steps on the end line, ball does not land on opposing service court), a fault will be called against the server. The second fault in the same service will result in a point being awarded to the opponent