University of Oregon
Intramural Sports

Tennis Tournament Rules

The Game
1. All games are played in the Student Tennis Center
2. Game time is forfeit time
3. Players/teams will determine who serves first
4. Receiving team chooses the side
5. Players/teams change ends after every four games

Eligibility:
1. UO students, faculty and staff, spouses are eligible
2. Must sign up on the valid roster via IMLeagues
3. Players must bring a valid UO ID to every match to check in
4. Varsity & club tennis players are not eligible to participate in their respective or alike intramural sport, activity or event until a period of one year has passed following completion of all activities for the Department of Athletics. After the period has passed, former intercollegiate athletes must participate at the highest level of competition offered in their respective sport.
5. Professional athletes, current or former, may not participate in their respective or alike sport, activity or event. A professional athlete is defined as a person who has been paid to participate in a sport, under contract with a professional team, included on a professional team roster, practiced with a professional team and/or compensated for trying out for a team.

Equipment:
1. Must wear non-marking shoes
2. Players/Teams must provide 3 cans of tennis balls for the tournament

Officiating: All games are self-officiated

Match Scoring:
1. Consists of three no-ad sets which includes men’s singles and doubles, women’s singles and doubles, and mixed doubles

Game Scoring:
1. Scoring is no-ad. (i.e. 15, 30, 40, game – no deuce scoring)
2. When game score is deuce (game point), receiving team chooses which side is to receive serve
3. In mixed doubles set, serve must be gender to gender at game point

Set Scoring:
1. Each no-ad set is won by the first team to reach six games.
2. A nine point tiebreaker will be played at five games all in any set (see tiebreaker explanation)

Tiebreaker:
1. Nine-point Tiebreaker explanation:
   a. Played at five games all in any set
   b. Person who is next to serve begins the tiebreaker
   c. Each player serves two points in succession starting from the deuce court
   d. Change sides after four points. First team (or person) to score five points wins
e. If tied at 4-4, the person who served the eighth point serves the ninth (final) point.
f. The receiver has choice of sides (except in mixed doubles, where they must be gender to gender).
g. Winner of the ninth point is the winner of the set.

**Match Scoring:**
1. The winner of the match will be determined by the total number of games won.

**Substitutions:**
1. Upon completion of point, subs can come in for any reason.
2. Must be for same gender.
3. Once a player is replaced, he/she cannot return in that set.
4. In doubles, the remaining player cannot change the side on which they receive or the service order.

**Service Lets:**
1. Lets WILL be played.
2. In doubles, either player on the receiving side may return the ball after it bounces.

**Injury:**
1. If a player retires during a set and cannot be substituted for, the score will be recorded with the games played standing with the opposing team receiving six games.

**NO alcoholic beverages are permitted on University property**

**PROTESTS**
Protests based solely on a decision involving the accuracy of judgment on the part of an official will not be considered. Protests can only be made based on rule misinterpretation by the Intramural Sports Staff at the time of the incident. (i.e. you cannot protest a rule misinterpretation after the game is over)
Protests involving player eligibility will be considered.

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