

# Tennis Rules

## Intramural Sports

### Recreation and Wellness Services

#### University of Akron

Participation in any and all activities within this facility and/or sponsored by The University of Akron is voluntary. All participants understand and agree that use of this facility and/or participation in an activity sponsored by the university is at their own risk and that the university is not responsible for any incidents, injuries or loss of property that may occur.

Tennis rules will be conducted under the USTA rules with the following additions, exceptions, and clarifications.

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION:**

- All students, faculty or staff can participate provided they meet the eligibility requirements outlined in the Intramural Sports Participants Handbook. All participants must present a valid U of A ID.
- All players must report to the supervisor on duty at the tennis courts to avoid a forfeit
- All games will be played in the 2-court gymnasium of the Student Recreation and Wellness Center.

#### **GAME INFORMATION:**

- Matches must start at the assigned time. If the match has not been decided within 45 minutes, the player who is ahead at the end of 45 minutes is the winner.
- An eight game pro set will be used.
- The first player to win eight games will win the match.
- Players will make their own line calls. If a disagreement occurs that cannot be resolved, the point must be replayed or the game will end in a double forfeit.
- Scoring will be as follows for each player:
  - a. First point, score is 15
  - b. Second point, score is 30
  - c. Third point, score is 40
  - d. Fourth point, the game is won

## EQUIPMENT

- **Racquets and Balls**-Players should provide their own racquets and balls for intramural tennis league. Racquets can be checked out on a first-come, first-serve basis from the Check-in desk of the Student Recreation and Wellness Center. Game balls will be agreed upon by mutual consent of both teams.
- **Supports, Braces, Gloves, and Pads** - No casts/splints will be allowed under any circumstances. No pads or braces will be allowed above the waist. Players who wear a knee brace with exposed metal or metal hinges are required to cover it with at least ½ inch of closed cell slow recovery rubber or other material of the same minimum thickness and physical properties. Kneepads of a soft pliable nature will be allowed below the waist. Any player wearing illegal or dangerous equipment shall not be permitted to play. All equipment shall be subject to the approval of the SRWC-IM staff and their decisions shall be final.
- **Shoes** - Players must wear non-marking athletic shoes. No sandals, boots, or non-athletic-type shoes will be allowed.
- **Headwear** - Players may wear a one-piece elastic headband made of a soft pliable material. Rubber or elastic cloth bands may be used to control hair. No other headwear will be allowed. No baseball caps, bandannas (including "Do-rags") or helmets.
- **Jewelry** - Jewelry or hard hair control devices will not be allowed. This includes but is not limited to necklaces, earrings, newly pierced earrings, facial piercing, rings, bracelets & watches. Individuals will not be allowed to tape over any jewelry item. If you cannot remove the item you cannot play.

All final decisions to eligibility rules will be at the discretion of the Manager of Intramural Sports.

Any further questions can be directed to the Manager of Intramural Sports at 972-7443.

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