

Florida Atlantic University  
Campus Recreation

## Tennis Rules

The United States Tennis Association rules will be in effect with the following exceptions:

### Players

Doubles teams will consist of two players, in co-rec (mixed doubles) matches it shall be one man and one woman.

### Equipment

Players are encouraged to bring their own racquets. A few racquets will be on site and available for check out with a valid FAU photo I.D. All teams and players should bring an unopened can of balls to each match. The winner of the match will keep the unopened can of balls and the loser will keep the balls used during the match. Players must wear tennis or court shoes.

### General Rules

1. Choice of side and right to be server or receiver shall be decided by the toss of a coin. The player winning the toss may choose:
  - A. to serve or receive, or
  - B. the side of the court.
  
2. A match is won by the first player or team to win 12 games. A player must win by only 1 game to win the match.
  
3. A game is won by the first/player or team to win 4 points.
  
4. No-ad scoring will be used for all matches. If the score is tied at three points for each player or team, the next point wins the game.
 

Scoring	
15	1 point
30	2 points
40	3 points
Game	4 points
  
5. A one hour time limit is in effect for all matches. The time limit will be lifted for all semi-final and final matches.
  
6. Server shall project ball by hand in to the air in any direction and before it hits the ground strike it with his/her racquet; the delivery shall be completed at the moment of impact of the racquet and the ball.
  
7. The server may not serve until the receiver is ready.
  
8. At the end of the first game the receiver shall become the server and the server, the receiver. Players will switch sides after each odd numbered game, i.e. 1, 3, 5.
  
9. In all cases where a let has to be called under the rules or to provide an interruption to play it should have the following interpretation:
  - A. When called solely in respect of a service that one service only should be replayed if the let serve lands within the serving area.

- B. When called under any other circumstances, point should be replayed.
10. Service is a let:  
A. When the ball served touches the net, strap, or band and is otherwise good, or, after touching the net, strap.  
B. If a service or a fault is delivered when the receiver is not ready.
11. In the case of a let, that particular service shall not count, and the server shall serve again, if the let serve lands within the serving area.
12. Players are to respect all opponents calls of in or out. If in doubt whether a ball is in or out, a player should always give the opponent the favorable call.

### **Doubles Service**

The order of serving should be decided before the beginning of the first game.

1. The pair serving in the first game of the match shall decide which partner shall do so.
2. The opposing pair should also decide who is going to serve in the second game.
3. The partner of the player who served in the first game shall serve in the third game; the partner of the player who served in the 2nd game shall serve in the 4th game.
4. In delivering the service, the server shall stand alternately behind the right and left courts, beginning from the right in every game.
5. If service from the wrong half of the court occurs and is undetected, all play resulting from such wrong service and services shall stand, but the inaccuracy of the station shall be corrected upon discovery.
6. The ball shall pass over the net and hit the ground within the service court which is diagonally opposite, or upon any line bounding such court before the receiver returns the serve.

### **Receiving Serve-Co Rec**

7. Partners shall receive the service alternately throughout each game

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