

FALL 2025 TENNIS RULES

(Updated 7/2/2025)

Recent rule changes will in appear highlighted and italicized font.

Rule 1: Facility

1. All matches will be played at the Hawkeye Tennis and Recreation Complex (HTRC). Alcohol and tobacco are not permitted inside the complex or in the parking lot.

Rule 2: Player Eligibility

1. All Intramural Sports eligibility rules apply. Please check the Intramural Sports Rules and Regulations carefully.

Rule 3: Team Composition

1. For singles, each team will consist of one participant.
 - a. Men's/Open does not have any gender restrictions.
 - b. Women's is reserved for women only.
2. For doubles, rosters must be finalized before play begins.
 - a. Men's/Open does not have any gender restrictions.
 - b. Women's is reserved for women only.
 - c. Co-Rec must have one identifying man and one identifying woman on a team.

Rule 4: Equipment

1. Participants must bring separate cans of tennis balls; **tennis balls will not be provided.**
2. Participants must bring their own racquets; **racquets will not be provided.**

Rule 5: Ground Rules

1. All rules will follow USTA rules unless otherwise noted.
2. Players/Teams will be paired with opponents for three pool play matches before being placed in a single elimination tournament.
3. The scheduling format is "play-by," meaning players will be paired with opponents, but it is up to each pair to determine the exact date and time of the match. The date and time of the match listed on IMLeagues is the deadline by which the match must be played and of when scores need reported on IMLeagues (See Rule 6), not the time when the match is scheduled to be played.
 - a. Matches may be scheduled by calling the HTRC Front Desk at 319-384-1215. Please reference that this is an Intramural match.
 - b. If the match cannot be played by the listed deadline on IMLeagues, both players must notify the Sport Programs Office. Note that the extension of a deadline is only permitted with approval from the Sport Programs Office and does not extend following match deadlines.
4. Once in the single elimination tournament portion, the bracket will be updated the day following the deadline for each round. It is the responsibility of each player/team advancing in the tournament to set up the date and time for the next round to be played. Contact information for all other participants will be emailed once pool play matches are scheduled.
5. All matches are self-officiated. If a disagreement should occur regarding a line call, point, game, or match, it should be handled immediately by the players involved. All players should mutually

agree to replay the point. No protest, other than for eligibility, will be accepted by the Sport Programs Office.

6. A match shall consist of best two-out-of-three sets of “No-Ad” scoring (love, 15, 30, 40, deuce, winner, no advantage).
 - a. The first player/team to win six games (Example: 6-4), wins the set.
 - b. If a set is tied at five games each, a player/team must win two games to make the score 7-5 to win the set.
 - c. If the set becomes tied at six games apiece, a tiebreaker game will be played with the first player/team scoring seven points winning the set.
 - i. During the tie breaker game, the player/team who returned serve in the last game of the set has the right to start the tiebreak serving from the right-hand side of the court. After the first point, the serve changes and the other player has two serves with their first one coming from their left-hand side of the court. There is always a change of serve when the sum of the points is an uneven number. After one point, three points, and so forth.
 - ii. After every six points, players/teams need to switch sides.
 - iii. During the tiebreaker game to seven points, if players tie at 6 points to 6 points, the first player/team with a 2-point margin wins.
6. The first player/team to win two sets wins the match.


Rule 6: Reporting Scores on IMLeagues

1. Click on the user home page (the page seen when logging in) and scroll down to the “My Teams” area, click onto the team page, scroll down and there will be a blue “report score” button next to the most recent match:

Next Game


Tue, Jun 27

01:23 PM


vs  Scrimmage

Away Game
Away Game

MVP:
Vote Jun 27

 Baseball
(0-0-0)

VS
Upcoming



Game Page

Report Score

NOTE: Once a score has been submitted, the other team has 12 hours to confirm the score (they confirm by logging into their account and clicking the “confirm/dispute score” alert on their user home page), or it will automatically be posted.

2. If a match is not played by the listed deadline on IMLeagues, or if the results of the match are not submitted on time, the result will be a double forfeit.
 - a. **Participants that forfeit will be assessed a \$25.00 Forfeit Fine.**
3. After pool play and once the single elimination tournament portion begins, all match losers are eliminated from further competition.