

DEPARTMENT OF RECREATIONAL SPORTS
THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA
INTRAMURAL SPORTS

**TEAM TENNIS RULES
(CO-REC)**

***All players must bring their UGA Card to every match. NO EXCEPTIONS!!**

A. GAME SCORING:

In TEAM TENNIS the scoring is no ad. This means a game is won by the first team to capture four points (15, 30, 40, game, or more commonly 1, 2, 3, game). When the point score is tied, the receiving team chooses which side to receive the next serve. The winner of that next point wins the game. Hence, with no ad scoring, there is no "deuce" or "ad".

B. SET SCORING:

A match consists of five no ad pro-sets and includes two singles (men's and women's) and three doubles (men's, women's, and mixed) matches:

- On two courts, the order of the sets will be as follows:

- Two singles sets
- Two doubles sets
- Mixed doubles set

- Order may be changed if agreed upon by both captains.

Each no ad pro-set will be won by the first team to reach eight games. If a tie occurs at 7 games each, a tiebreaker will be used to determine the winner of the set. (See EXPLANATION OF TIE BREAKERS, rule #10).

C. MATCH SCORING:

The winner of the match will be the team that wins the most total games. If at the end of the five sets, the cumulative game score is tied, the overall match is awarded to the team that won the mixed doubles set.

D. LINE-UP AND SUBSTITUTIONS:

Teams must have at least one male and one female present to start a match and must have six to complete a match – only the singles players may play two sets. Teams are allowed to forfeit one set. If a team forfeits the third doubles set, they will lose the match. A team can at any point substitute a player into a set for any reason. Once a player is replaced, he/she cannot return in that set. If a substitution occurs in doubles, the remaining player cannot change the side he/she received on or the service order.

E. WARM-UP TIME:

In TEAM TENNIS, you warm-up with your teammate. All players are allowed a 5-minute warm-up. Once play has begun, a 3-minute warm-up is allowed between sets. This must be adhered to so that all sets will be completed in the time allotted.

F. SERVICE ORDER:

The home team serves first in all doubles sets. The visiting team serves first in the singles sets.

G. CHANGING ENDS:

After every four games, players change ends.

H. COACHING:

Coaching is allowed throughout the match as long as it does not interfere with continuous play. We encourage team members to stand along the court and support their team as long as play is not being interrupted.

I. DEFAULT RULE:

If the visiting or home team player does not show up on time for his/her match, there will be a 5-minute default time should a substitute player not be available. At the time of default the opposing team may adjust their line-up.

J. EXPLANATION OF TIEBREAKERS:

If a set is tied at 7 games, the set will move into a tiebreaker. The next server in the rotation of the set will begin by serving once from the deuce court. At this point, play continues with the next server serving two points, the first from the ad court and the next from the deuce court. Play continues until the first team (doubles) or first player (singles) wins 7 points. If the tiebreaker is tied at 7 points, the set will continue until one team or player wins by two points. For example, a team can win with the set score being 8-7. That eighth point came as a result of the 12-10 win in the tiebreaker. Play changes ends after each four points in the tiebreaker.