**Tennis Rules**

**Villanova Intramurals**

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| Sport Type: | Season + Playoffs |  |
| Cost: | $10 singles, $20 doubles |  |
| Location(s): | Main, West Courts |  |

**GAME TIME IS FORFEIT TIME!**

**All decisions on forfeit times are at the sole discretion of the on-site Intramural supervisor.**

**Rules**

**Eligibility/Registration**

* All players must present wildcards when registering to participate.
* Each participant must have registered and submitted a wavier and entry fee ($10 per person) by the deadline.
* Undergraduate and graduate students, faculty and staff are eligible to participate. Currently Villanova men’s and women’s varsity and club tennis players are ineligible to participate.
* Current Villanova tennis players AND club players are ineligible to play in the same academic year.

**General Information**

* ~4 games will comprise the regular season schedule. The top teams based on win-loss record will move on to a one-day, single-elimination tournament, an email will be sent out if your team makes playoffs. The number of teams accepted into playoffs will be determined based on the number of teams and court availability.
* It is up to the participants to schedule their own season matches by the designated deadline, this will be available on the schedule. Contact information and match assignments/the schedule will be e-mailed to all participating members. It will also be available in the Intramural Office and posted on the Intramural website.
* Each team must bring a score sheet and a pen with them to the court. Score sheets can be downloaded off the website or picked up from the Intramural Office. The winning team must submit a completed scoresheet to the office by **11:59PM of the game deadline date**. If the office is closed, they can be slid under the Intramural Office door, or left in the Intramural mailbox located near the door of the Intramural Office on the 3rd floor of the Davis Center.
* Failure to communicate with each other and to play the assigned match will result in a loss for both teams. If you are having trouble contacting your opponent, it is your responsibility to contact the Intramural Office at least two days prior to the deadline with proof of an attempt to schedule a match. This also applies if one party is unavailable for all offered times.
* Every player must provide their own racquet and wear non-marking athletic sneakers/shoes. Three (3) balls may be borrowed from the Intramural Office per Wildcard. They must be picked up and returned during business hours.

**Length of Game**

* Matches will be best-of-three (3) sets no-ad scoring.
* Playoff or tournament games will be played best-of-five (5) sets, no ad scoring.

**Rules**

* All rules are governed by the USTA, unless specified below.
* Determine initial serve/end by coin toss, racquet flip, rock-paper-scissors, etc. Switch ends of the court after every odd numbered game. Each game starts with a serve from right to left. You are allowed one ‘fault’ per service point.
	+ A fault is when your serve does not land in or on the diagonal service box. Two faults earns a point for the receiver.
* If the ball makes contact with the net before falling into the proper service box, it is considered a ‘let.’ Lets are unlimited.
* A ball that hits a boundary line is considered in play.
* Participants must officiate their own matches. If there’s a discrepancy on a call, that serve/point shall be replayed. If the ball contacts anyone during play, the point is awarded to the opposing team.
* Scoring is as follows:
	+ Love – 15 – 30 – 40 – (Deuce) – game. No ad scoring.
* If you reach deuce (40-40), the receiving individual decides the side of the serve (right or left). First to six (6) games wins the set. No tiebreakers.

**Injury**

* If an in-game injury causes a team to terminate play, then that player/team receives a loss by forfeit unless agreed to resume play by all parties at a later date. **This must be reported to the office (by the original deadline)**, and the game must be completed and submitted by the **NEXT** deadline. No scores can be submitted after the last regular season deadline however.
* **IF AN INJURY REQUIRES MEDICAL ATTENTION CALL PUBLIC SAFETY IMMEDIATELY. USE THE EMERGENCY CALL BOX or DIAL (610) 519-4444.**

**Single and Mixed Doubles Tennis Rules**

**Serves**

* One player serves an entire game. Then the opposing team serves the next game. Each player serves every four games meaning the order of servers is: Team 1 Player A, Team 2 Player C, Team 1 Player B, Team 2 Player D, and repeat.
* If you receive the first serve, you are to receive the first serve in all games of that set when your team is not serving. Partners shall receive the service alternately throughout each game. This means, if you are on the right side you must stay on the right side during each serve for every game your team is receiving, in that set.