UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA
WELLNESS AND RECREATION SERVICES
INTRAMURAL SPORTS

Doubles Tennis Rules

1. Play will be organized as a pool play tournament with single elimination play off for each division.

(Top two winners in each pool advance to play offs or the top players in the standing according to records will advance. If only 4 players in a division the winner will be decided by best record.)

Days and times for competition will be arranged between opponents. All matches MUST be completed by the indicated date on the schedule. Matches not played by the designated deadline may result in a forfeit.

Schedules will be posted on https://services.recreation.uni.edu/FusionIM.

2. Matches may be played on the Bender tennis courts, or another mutually agreed upon site.

3. Official tennis rules will be used. Choice of service will be determined by a coin flip. All tennis matches are decided by winning two (2) out of three (3) sets.

4. All participants must furnish their own balls.

Racquets and goggles for each sport may be checked out from the WRC Welcome Desk.

Contact WRC Welcome Desk, 273-2413, for reservations. Reservations can be made one day in advance for the WRC indoor courts.

5. Game Play: **Doubles Tennis Serving Rotation**

Serves rotate from team to team, but instead of a two player rotation (singles) a four player rotation (doubles) is noted and maintained throughout a set.

For instance, let’s say competitors A and B (Team 1) are playing a set against competitors X and Y (Team 2). Player B is serving first on Team 1 and Player X is serving first on Team 2. It has been determined that Team 2 is serving the first game in the set.

- Game 1 - Player X serves
- Game 2 - Player B serves
- Game 3 - Player Y serves
- Game 4 - Player A serves
The serve continues to rotate - X, then B, then Y, then A, then X, then B ... for the entire set. Simply put, each player rotates to serve every fourth game until the set is finalized.

In the set(s) that follow, teams can decide which player will serve first for their respective team and establish a new rotation. Strategic game play comes into play, but my advice is to let the best server on your team serve first.

There is a slight addition to serving options in doubles in relation to singles. The server gains the area behind the alley, along baseline between the singles and doubles sidelines.

In other words, the server in doubles tennis can choose to serve from anywhere behind and along the baseline from the center mark to the doubles sideline on the team's end of the court.

**Opt To Receive: Deuce Court or Advantage Court**

Prior to game play, teammates must opt to receive serves in the right service court (deuce court) or left service court (advantage court). Once this is decided, each player on that team can only return serves from his or her designated service court for that set.

Switching service courts to receive serves is not an option until the set is over. At that point, teammates can switch service court sides to start a new set and at the beginning of each new set.

Teammates can stand anywhere on the teams end on the court providing that the player expected to return the serve actually attempts or executes the return and not the other player. Typically, the receiver positions behind the baseline to receive serves and the teammate positions in or along the adjacent service court.

6. The winner of each match should report the results to [https://services.recreation.uni.edu/FusionIM](https://services.recreation.uni.edu/FusionIM), as soon as possible after each match. Or you may call in results to 273-5528.

7. Results and standings will be posted on [https://services.recreation.uni.edu/FusionIM](https://services.recreation.uni.edu/FusionIM) for both league and playoffs. Playoff brackets will also be posted on the IM bulletin board.

8. Winners of each division and sport will be awarded an Intramural Champion's T-Shirt.

9. Questions concerning play should be referred to the Intramural Office, WRC Room 161, phone 273-5528.

Good luck and have fun!