The Intramural Sports program reserves the right to put into immediate effect any new sport rule changes or modifications based on eligibility, league and tournament structure, or participant safety.

I. General
   A. This is a play by day league sport
   B. Participants contact one another to set up a game time by a certain day
   C. After completion of a game, participants must post the score and winner on imleagues
   D. Games are played on any tennis court surface
   E. Participants will play three games and then single elimination tournament

II. Game Format
   A. Matches will consist of one proset. A match is won by the first team to win eight (8) games. Teams must win by two (2).
   B. Add scoring will be used.
   C. If the match becomes tied at eight (8), the first team to reach seven (7) points wins the match. Players will alternate serves after every odd point.
   D. Scoring: 15-30-40-Game: If a player wins their first point, the score is called 15 for that player. On winning their second point, the score is called 30 for that player; and winning the third point the score is called 40, and the fourth point won a player is scored.
   E. Finals Format: During the finals we will play a best two out of three sets to six (6) games, must win by two. If a set is tied at six all, a 12 point tie-breaker will be used.
   F. The 12 Point Tie-Breaker
      i. Conducted at the 6-6 score in a set
      ii. Team due to serve, serves to the DEUCE court. The other team then serves two, starting in the ADD court.
      iii. After six (6) points have been played in the tie-breaker, players switch sides of the net. The server will serve once to the DEUCE court after the changeover.
      iv. The first team to seven (7), win by two, wins the set.

III. Order of Service
   A. To determine the serve in the first game of the first set, the two sides will volley. Once the ball has legally passed over the net 3 times, the ball is live. The player that wins the volley has choice of serve/receive or side. At the end of the first game the receiver becomes the server.
   B. If a player serves out of turn, the player who should have served overtakes the serves. The points scored before the discovery is legal.
   C. Players shall change ends at the end of every other game of each set and at the end	
of each set unless the total number of games in that set is even. In that case the change occurs at the end of the first game of next set.

IV. **The Serve**

A. Before the server begins a serve, he/she must stand with both feet behind the baseline within the center mark and sideline.

B. The service always begins to the right of the center mark and is made to the opponent’s right service court. After each point is played, service courts are changed for the next service in alternating fashion.

C. Once the server and receiver are ready, the serve shall commence. The server shall project the ball by hand into the air and strike it with the racquet before it hits the ground. The server get two attempts to put ball in play without committing a fault.

D. The ball must clear the net and land in the proper service court or on one of the proper service court lines before being hit by the receiver of the service. The call CAN be hit before it bounces.

E. **Foot Faults:** A ‘foot fault’ is declared on a serve when

   i. The server changes his/her position by walking or running
   
   ii. The server touches the baseline with either foot

F. **Service Faults:** happen when the server

   i. Assumes the position before serving
   
   ii. Commits a foot fault
   
   iii. Misses the ball while attempting to hit it
   
   iv. Fails to hit the ball into the proper service court
   
   v. The served ball hits a permanent structure other than the net, strap, or band
   
   vi. The server hits his/her partner

G. **Let:** is a served ball that touches the net band or strap

   i. A let is a served ball that touches the net, band, or strap.
   
   ii. A let may be called when another ball or player comes onto the court while a serve is going on.
   
   iii. A let is called if a serve is delivered before the receiver is ready. However, if the receiver makes an attempt on the served ball no let can be called.
   
   iv. When a let occurs on a serve, only that serve is repeated. If it occurs during play, the point is replayed.

H. If any of these examples happen on the first serve, it is a fault. If any occurs on both serves, it is a double fault and the point lost.

V. **Scoring a Point**

A. A Player loses a point if:

   i. The ball bounces twice of their side
   
   ii. The player volleys the ball and fails to return it to the opponents court
   
   iii. His/Her body, clothing or racquet touch the net while the ball is in play
   
   iv. The player reaches over the net to play a ball, unless the ball has bounced back over the net due to spin or the wind
   
   v. The player throws the racquet at the ball
   
   vi. The player hits the ball more than once. In doubles, both players may swing at the ball but one may make contact
   
   vii. The ball hits the net, legally falls into a players court and the ball bounces twice.
VI. Conduct

A. The Intramural Sports programs promote positive sportsmanship at all contests and activities. Unsportsmanlike conduct includes actions, which are unbecoming to an ethical, fair, and honorable individual. It consists of acts of deceit, disrespect, or vulgarity and includes taunting.

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