



# Northeastern University Intramural Sports Tennis Rules

## **GENERAL RULES:**

1. All players must present their valid Northeastern University Photo ID to play. No exceptions! Current, valid NU photo identification must be present in order to participate. Participation will be denied to anyone without their current, valid NU photo identification card.
2. Jewelry is not allowed to be worn by any participant during an Intramural event. Any and all dangerous equipment must be removed prior to participation. Jewelry cannot be taped or covered with a band-aid.
3. GAME TIME IS FORFEIT TIME! The minimum number of players must have their Husky Cards turned in, be present on the field and in uniform for a team not to forfeit. The team manager must be responsible for collecting his team's IDs and registering their uniform numbers with the IM staff.
4. 3 Unsportsmanlike Penalties will result in a team disqualification regardless of the score. 2 Personal Unsportsmanlike Penalties will result in the player leaving the game. Only a team's designated Captain is allowed to confer with the officials. There is a ZERO TOLERANCE policy for any unsportsmanlike behavior directed towards players, officials, and staff.
5. The supervisor on duty reserves the right to remove any player from competition who has violated any NU Intramural Policy or Rule and/or endangered any player or IM staff member. Ejected players must leave the facility. Any player or team that exhibits a pattern of troublesome behavior will be removed from intramural sports. Supervisors also have the authority to end a game.
6. Participants are not allowed to play in a manner that is potentially dangerous or reckless. Safety for all our participants is our number one priority. Any action(s) that is deemed dangerous and/or reckless by the game's official or the Intramural Sport Supervisor will result in either an unsportsmanlike penalty or an ejection depending on the severity of the action. Intramural managers and players should consider this rule their warning not to play in a dangerous or reckless manner.
7. Metal spikes are prohibited on any turf surface. Food, gum, and sunflower seeds are prohibited at the Carter Fields. No warm-ups or exercises may be conducted on the fences of backstops at the Carter Fields.

## **THE GAME AND THE COURT**

1. The game is played according to the customary rules of singles/doubles tennis, as described and modified below.
2. Matches are played best-of-three-sets, first to six games (win by two games). In the event of a 6-6 tie, a nine-point tiebreaker will be played.
3. Matches will be played at the Carter tennis courts. Players may provide their own racquets & balls, however, the intramural program will have a supply of racquets and balls available.
4. Matches are self-umpired. Players are expected to adhere to the honor system and the highest standards of sportsmanship when making calls.

## 5. Lets

- A let is a ball which, after striking the net, strap, or hand, lands in the proper service area.
- A let is also called when a player is unable to play a shot due to circumstances beyond their control, such as interference by a ball or player from another court.
- A let also occurs if a ball is served prior to the receiver being ready.
- When a let occurs on a service, only that service is repeated.

## 6. Scoring: A player/team loses the point if:

- the ball bounces twice on their side of the net.
- the player/team twice fails to legally serve the ball (a "double fault").
- the player/team fails to return the ball into their opponents' court.
- a player's body/clothing/racket touch the net while the ball is in play.
- a player reaches over the net to play a ball.
- the ball is hit twice while on the player/team's side of the net.

## LEAGUE/TEAM MAKEUP

1. Open Leagues (singles/doubles) have no restrictions on the composition of teams or competition.
2. Womens Leagues (singles) are open to players who identify as female.
3. CoRec Leagues (doubles) are open to teams comprised of one male and one female player.