

IM Sports - TENNIS Singles & Doubles Rules

MATCH: Each match will be the best of three sets. "Ad" system (conventional) of scoring will be used in all matches (love-15-30-40-game).

NEW CAN OF BALLS: Each player must bring a new (unopened) can of tennis balls to every match. The winning player takes the new can of tennis balls for his next match. The team losing, keeps the balls used during the match.

HONOR SYSTEM: The match shall be self officiated and proper tennis etiquette will be observed. Show your PSU ID+card at each match to verify your opponent !

COURT LINES: A ball falling on a line is regarded as falling in the court bounded by that line and is therefore in play.

SINGLES MATCHES ...

Service: The choice of first service and courts should be decided with a coin toss. The player that wins the toss can serve first or choose the side of court they want to start. The other player has the remaining choice. Players should change courts after every odd game.

Tie-Breaker (at 6-6): a tie-breaker shall be used which will be "5 out of 9 points" sudden death. The player whose turn it is to serve the 13th game (player A for instance) shall serve the first two points, the first point to the deuce of right court and the second one to the ad or left court. Player B then serves points three and four to the deuce and ad court respectively. The players change sides of the court and player A serves points five and six; player B serves points seven and eight. If the score reaches four points all, player B serves the ninth point to the court that the receiving player (player A) selects. The player (player B in this instance) serving last in the tie breaker shall serve first in the following set, thus assuring that he/she will serve first if the next set goes to a tie-breaker. The players shall start the next set in the same court that they finished the tie-breaker.

DOUBLES MATCHES ...

Service: The choice of first service and courts should be decided with a coin toss. The team that wins the toss can serve first or choose the side of court they want to start. The other team has the remaining choice. Teams should change courts after every odd game. The order of serving shall be decided at the beginning of each set. It is not required that the order of service, as between partners, carry over from one set to the next. Each team is allowed to decide which partner shall serve first for it in each set.

Receiving Serve: The pair who has to receive the service in the first game shall decide which partner shall receive the first service, and that partner shall continue to receive the first service in every odd game throughout the set. The opposing pair shall have the same choice when they receive service. At the beginning of each set, both teams have the option to change their receiving formation.

Tie-Breaker (at 6-6): a tie breaker shall be used which will be "5 out of 9 points" sudden death. If it is A-1's turn to serve the 13th game (at six all), s/he shall serve points one and two, first the deuce or right court then the ad of left court. Player B-2, the person who has served from that side of the court that the B team is on, serves points three and four, right and left court. The teams change sides of the court and A-2 serves points five and six; then B-1 serves points seven and eight. If the score reaches four points all, player B-1 serves the ninth point to the court that the receiving team A selects. Each player shall serve from the same end of the court in the tie breaking game that s/he has served from during that particular set. This operates to alter the sequence of serving by the partners on the second serving team. The team (B) serving last in the tie breaker shall serve first in the following set, thus assuring that they will serve first if the next set goes to a tie-breaker. The players shall start the next set in the same court that they finished the tie-breaker.

MATCH RESULTS: Report scores to the IM Office ...865-5401...RECSPORTS@PSU.EDU... by match play by date.

QUESTIONS: Intramural Sports, Room 2 IM bldg, 865-5401 (8am - 4:30pm, Mon-Fri).

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