

Truman State University

Intramural Recreational Sports

Tennis (Singles & Doubles) Rules



Truman State University Intramural Tennis will follow United States Tennis Association rules. The following is a listing of the more common rules applying to Intramural play along with Intramural Recreational Sports Modifications specifically for Truman. The complete rulebook is available for viewing in the Intramural Recreational Sports Office. Please note, some rules have been modified in order to accommodate time and facility availability and may differ from rules listed in the U.S. Tennis Association rulebook.

SECTION 1: GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS

TEAM REQUIREMENTS

1. All games shall be played on the date and hour scheduled. **GAME TIME IS FORFEIT TIME.**
2. In the case of Doubles, both team members must be present for a game to occur.
3. Teams are expected to input their time preferences into IMLeagues prior to the tournament schedule being posted. However, teams can adjust their preferences at any point throughout the tournament to accommodate future games.

EQUIPMENT & FACILITIES

1. All participants must be dressed in appropriate athletic attire. This attire must be in line with the guidelines outlined in the Truman Intramural Participant Handbook. A copy of this handbook is available on the Truman Recreation website, IMLeagues, and in the Campus Recreation Office.
2. Tennis balls will be provided by the Intramural staff. Participants may use their own balls, provided both sides agree to do so.
3. Tennis Rackets are NOT provided by the Intramural Recreational Sports program. Participants are required to provide their own.
4. Games will be held on one of the six (6) outdoor tennis courts on Truman campus.
5. All personal items and belongings not being used in the course of play should be away from the court at least ten (10) feet from any court lines.

GAME RULES

1. Participants are expected to arrive to the facility at least 5-10 minutes prior to the start time of their match. At this time, participants are to check in with the Truman Intramural Recreational Sports Official and be recorded on the game sheet before they are allowed to participate. Students need to be registered on IMLeagues to compete and must have successfully completed the waiver that accompanies online registration.
2. The first participant(s) to win a total of eight (8) games will win the match.
3. Games will be played to four (4) points with no deuce or advantage being applied.
4. Participants will officiate their own matches including, but not limited to, serves, faults, and out of bounds.
 - a. There will be a Truman Intramural Recreational Sports Official on hand if there are any issues or questions regarding any aspect of play. Please use this resource if there are any questions or concerns that arise during play.
 - b. Scores are to be reported to the Truman Intramural Recreational Sports Official for recording on IMLeagues. Both teams will be required to verify all scores and sign the score sheet after each match is completed. Any unreported scores will be input as a Loss for all members.

SECTION 2: MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

PROTESTS

1. Protests shall not be received or considered if they are based solely on a decision involving the accuracy of a judgment call. Only rule interpretations may be protested.
2. A protest must be made with the Intramural Supervisor immediately following the call in question or before the next game.
3. Protests involving ineligible players may be made any time before the game or upon the participant entering the game. All eligibility protests will be marked by Supervisor as being played under protest, but will complete the game. A written protest must be submitted to the Director by noon the following day in order for the protest to be heard. Protests that do not follow these guidelines will not be heard.

PLAYER/PARTICIPANT CONDUCT

1. We will hold all participants and spectators to a high degree of sportsmanship. This includes respect to authority, other participants and other spectators. Intramural officials may cite any participant or spectator with acts of non-sportsman-like conduct, and we may link spectators to participants for the purposes of assessing penalties.
2. Intramural staff may eject participants and spectators from any contest and/or event facility for acts of non-sportsman-like conduct. Those ejected for any reason may not participate in any further intramural activities until arranging a meeting with the Director of Intramurals to discuss reinstatement.
3. The Intramural Department, in coordination with the Office of Citizenship and Community Standards, will potentially suspend any person ejected from competition two times during the academic year (in any sport or combination thereof) for the remainder of the academic year. If the ejection occurs in the last game of a school year, the penalty will carry over to the next school year, if warranted. These cases are reviewed before a suspension is assessed and handed down.
4. Fighting and malicious contact are strictly prohibited at intramural contests. Those who threaten or physically abuse intramural officials or other applicable authority will potentially be removed from Intramural participation permanently. These cases are reviewed on a situational basis in cooperation with the Office of Citizenship and Community Standards.
5. Participants are responsible for intentional or negligent damage to personal and public property, and the Intramural Department may penalize those involved in such acts as well.

ALL Intramural rules posted in the handbook are applicable with this sport. Each participant is responsible for reviewing Student Recreation Center guidelines and Intramural guidelines available on the website before participating in any event.

<http://www.truman.edu/recreation/intramural-sports/>