Tennis Rules

Rules

1. Schedule the time and day with your opponents before the set completion date
2. Keep a record of the time/date of the match, and scores for each INDIVIDUAL game
3. Play your opponent! If you signed-up, you are expected to play your match!
4. Equipment: You may use your own tennis balls and rackets or check them out from the Rec Center Ops Desk.
5. Scoring: A match will consist of the best 2 out of 3 sets.
   Server Wins Point: The server wins the point if the ball served, not being a let, touches the receiver or anything which he/she wears or carries before it hits the ground, or if the receiver otherwise loses the point as described below.
   Receiver Wins Point: The receiver wins the point if the server serves 2 consecutive faults, or otherwise loses the point as described below.
   Player Loses Point:
   1.) A player fails to return the ball directly over the net before it has hit the ground twice consecutively.
   2.) A player returns the ball in play so that it hits the ground, a permanent fixture (other than the net, posts or singles sticks, cord or metal cable, strap or band), or other object outside any of the lines which bound their opponent’s court.
   3.) A player volleys the ball and fails to make a good return even when standing outside the court.
   4.) A player deliberately carries or catches the ball in play on their racket or deliberately touches it with their racket more than once.
   5.) A player’s racket touches the net, post or the ground within their opponent’s court at any time while that ball is in play.
   6.) A player volleys the ball before it has passed the net.
   7.) The ball in play touches the player or anything that the player wears or carries other than the racket.
   8.) A player throws their racket at and hits the ball.
   9.) A player deliberately commits any act that hinders their opponent in returning the ball.
6. The winner must submit scores to the IMS Website ASAP after each match at http://recreation.rice.edu/ims/reportscores/.
Please Note: All intramural policies and procedures still apply.

**FURTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS MAY BE DIRECTED TO:**

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