Intramural Tennis League

**Please refer to the Participants’ Manual for a complete list of all Intramural Sport guidelines & procedures**

A. General IM Procedures
   A. Teams should arrive 15 minutes before the game to check-in with the supervisor. All participants must display a valid Carolina Card, or be able to show their digital Carolina Card via the GET Mobile app before each game in order to play. **No ID – No Play – No Exceptions!**
   B. Teams are expected to begin the game at the schedule time. **Game time is forfeit time!**
      i. Forfeits: If your team does not have the minimum amount needed to start your game at game time, you will receive a forfeit. You then have 3 business days to come into the IM office and pay a $15 forfeit re-entry fee or you will be withdrawn from the league. You will also receive a 1.0 sportsmanship rating for that game
      ii. Defaults: If you notify the IM office by 3p on the day of your game (*by 12pm on Sunday for Sunday games) your team will receive a default (instead of a forfeit). You will not need to pay the $15 re-entry fee and you will receive a 3.0 sportsmanship rating (instead of a 1.0)
         1. Teams that don’t have the minimum number of players required to play on their www.imleagues.com roster by 3pm the day of their game (Monday through Friday) or 12pm the day of their game (Sunday) will have their game automatically defaulted by the USC Intramural Sports office.
      iii. The USC Intramural Sports Office can be reached:
         1. By email at intramurals@sc.edu
         2. By phone at 803.576.9387
         3. In person at the Strom Thurmond Wellness & Fitness Center – Room 201D
   C. To receive the latest USC Intramural Sports schedules, scores, and updates be sure to download the Imleagues app directly to your phone.
   D. The USC Intramural Sports Rainout Line number 803-574-1504. The Rainout Line also has a downloadable app option for the most up to date game updates: https://rainoutline.com/search/dnis/8035741504
   E. **No jewelry can be worn during games.** Captains are responsible for making sure all jewelry is removed before a player takes the field.
   F. **Sportsmanship:** Each team will be given a sportsmanship rating 1-4, in accordance with the Participants’ Manual, from the officiating crew/on-site supervisor following the game. If a player is ejected, their team may play down a person for the remainder of the game.
   G. **Protest:** The only 2 things that can be protested are rule interpretation & player eligibility.
      i. In order to protest rule interpretation, you must tell the supervisor you wish to protest before the next play.
      ii. Protests of alleged ineligibility should be made immediately to the intramural sports staff rather than waiting to see the outcome of a game.

B. Location
   A. Matches can be played at the Blatt PEC courts (M-F 7a-8p) or the Blossom Street courts (M-Sn 2-8p).

C. The Game
   A. Players are eligible to play on up to one (1) Men’s/Women’s team.
   B. Please use your first and last name as the team name.
   C. The games will consist of a best 2 out of 3 sets for women and the best 3 out of 5 sets for men.
   D. To determine the serve in the first game of the first set, the sides will volley. Once the ball has legally crossed the net three times, the ball will be "live." The person who wins the volley has choice of serve/receive or side. At the end of the first game the receiver shall become the server, and the server shall become the receiver. This order is repeated throughout the match
   E. The game will be self officiated. Make sure to call all obstructions and hinder.
F. If there is a question on a call, play the point over.

D. Reporting Final Score
   A. At the end of each match please report the score to the intramural sports office at intramurals@sc.edu before the deadline (typically before the next week of games start).

E. League Schedule
   A. Each team will play a four week league schedule and will be eligible for playoffs as long as they have completed and reported the results of all of their matches from the regular season.
   B. It is each team’s responsibility in order to get their match played in a timely fashion.
   C. The league itself is self-scheduling. If a team is having trouble contacting their opponent to find a time to play, they should contact the intramural sports office at intramurals@sc.edu and let our staff know.
   D. At the conclusion of the regular season, teams will be placed in a playoff bracket based on how they performed in the regular season. Each round of the playoff bracket should also be played in a timely manner.
   E. All game results must be reported to the intramural sports office at intramurals@sc.edu in order to be considered official.