General Rules & Guidelines that all participants should know for Co-Rec IM Team Tennis

- All players must present their own UGA 81# ID Card at every game. Any player not providing his/her own valid UGA 81# ID card will not be permitted to participate.
  - Any player caught violating this rule or any other rules/policies will face the sanctions listed on page 3 of this rule packet.

- Players are encouraged to call the Intramural Sports Weather Hotline, 706-542-8648, or check the Intramural Sports website for weather related cancellations. Cancellations will be posted by 3:00pm the day in question. If no decision is made by 3:00pm, teams are encouraged to arrive at the game site ready to play.

- A team’s roster may only have 15-players on it for the entire season. Once a player joins a team’s roster on IMLeagues and participates in a regular season game, they are considered to be a part of that team, and cannot switch teams, or be removed from the roster.
  - All players must login to IMLeagues and sign up on a team prior to being eligible to participate.

- All UGA Club Tennis members are eligible to participate in Intramural Team Tennis with the following restrictions.
  - A club sports member shall be eligible for intramural participation in the sport of his/her specialty, but can only have TWO such participants on its roster. All co-recreational teams can have one female club player and one male club player. No co-recreational teams can have multiple same sex club players on their roster.
  - A club sports member is defined as any individual who is on the club sport’s roster and participates in practices and/or plays in games. Any student who practices with the team is also considered by our program to be on the club team and thus considered a club team member. Once you are on or considered on the club team these restrictions apply for the entire school year which runs from the fall, spring and through the summer respectively. Those who violate this rule will be suspended for one calendar year from the date of infraction and may be subject to further penalty as deemed appropriate by the Intramural Sports Staff.

- A Team must be at its assigned court, signed in, and ready to play (including legal uniforms) at their scheduled time. If not, the clock will start, and the following penalties will occur:
  - 1 Minute Late = 1 Set-0; 2 Minutes Late = 2 Sets-0; 3 Minutes Late = 3 Sets-0; 4 Minutes Late = 4 Sets-0 (After 5 Minutes, End the Match = W-FFT/DFT)
  - If a match is scheduled for 5:30pm, once the Intramural Staff’s official clock reads 5:35pm, that game will be declared a default/forfeit.

- Player Equipment
  - Tennis balls (2-balls per court per match) will be provided by the Recreational Sports Department.
  - Players must provide their own tennis racquets.

- Players may only participate on one same sex team (which include: Fraternity, Men’s Recreational & Men’s Competitive, Women’s Independent & Sorority), and one Co-Rec team.
  - Any player found violating this policy will face a minimum penalty of being ineligible for participation in the league in which the violation took place.
  - All Intramural Participants must meet all eligibility guidelines which can be found in the Intramural Sports Participant Guide at [http://www.recsports.uga.edu/im](http://www.recsports.uga.edu/im)
CO-REC TEAM TENNIS RULES

All players must show their UGA Card before every match in order to participate. NO EXCEPTIONS!

1. GAME SCORING –
In Team Tennis the scoring is no ad. This means a game is won by the first team to capture four points (15, 30, 40, game, or more commonly 1, 2, 3, game). When the point score is tied, the receiving team chooses which side to receive the next serve. The winner of that next point wins the game. Hence, with no ad scoring, there is no “deuce” or “ad”.
   a. The score must be announced prior to each serve.

2. SET SCORING –
A match consists of five no ad pro-sets and includes two singles (men’s and women’s) and three doubles (men’s, women’s, and mixed) matches:
   a. On two courts, the order of the sets will be as follows:
      i. Two singles sets (men’s and women’s)
      ii. Two doubles sets (men’s and women’s)
      iii. Mixed doubles set
   b. Order may be changed if agreed upon by both captains.
Each no ad pro-set will be won by the first team to reach eight games. If a tie occurs at 7 games each, a tiebreaker will be used to determine the winner of the set. (See EXPLANATION OF TIE BREAKERS, rule “J”).

3. MATCH SCORING –
The winner of the match will be the team that wins the most total games. If at the end of the five sets, the cumulative game score is tied, the overall match is awarded to the team that won the mixed doubles set. **If the incorrect scores are turned in and not found before leaving the courts, the score will stand. If it is found prior to leaving the courts, then the score can be corrected.**

4. LINE-UP AND SUBSTITUTIONS –
Teams must have at least one male and one female present to start a match and must have six to complete a match – only the singles players may play two sets. Teams are allowed to forfeit one set. If a team forfeits the third doubles set, they will lose the match. A team can at any point substitute a player into a set for any reason. Once a player is replaced, he/she cannot return in that set. If a substitution occurs in doubles, the remaining player cannot change the side he/she received on or the service order.
   a. Only the singles players may play two sets.

5. WARM-UP TIME –
In Team Tennis, you warm-up with your teammate. All players are allowed a 5-minute warm-up. Once play has begun, a 3-minute warm-up is allowed between sets. This must be adhered to so that all sets will be completed in the time allotted.

6. SERVICE ORDER –
The home team serves first in all doubles sets. The visiting team serves first in the singles sets.

7. CHANGING ENDS –
After every four games, players change ends.

8. COACHING –
Coaching is allowed throughout the match as long as it does not interfere with continuous play. We encourage team members to stand along the court and support their team as long as play is not being interrupted.
9. DEFAULT RULE –
If the visiting or home team player does not show up on time for his/her match, there will be a 5-minute default time if a substitute player is not available. At the time of default the opposing team may adjust their line-up.

10. EXPLANATION OF TIEBREAKERS –
If a set is tied at 7 games, the set will move into a tiebreaker. The next server in the rotation of the set will begin by serving once from the deuce court. At this point, play continues with the next server serving two points, the first from the ad court and the next from the deuce court. Play continues until the first team (doubles) or first player (singles) wins 7 points. If the tiebreaker is tied at 7 points, the set will continue until one team or player wins by two points. For example, a team can win with the set score being 8-7. That eighth point came as a result of the 12-10 win in the tiebreaker. Play changes ends after each four points in the tiebreaker.

DISCIPLINARY AND EJECTION POLICY

1. Disciplinary Rules
The following suspensions apply for misconduct during Intramural activities:
   a. Ejection
      i. Any participant ejected by any Intramural Sports employee will serve a two (2) game suspension for the team from which the athlete is ejected.
      ii. If the ejection is the result of violence or misconduct aimed at any Intramural Sports employee, the participant will be suspended indefinitely from all Intramural activities sponsored by the Department of Recreational Sports until the participant meets with the Graduate Assistants for Competitive Sports.
   b. Student Identification Card Infraction
      i. Any participant who attempts to partake in any activity by fraudulently using a UGA 81# ID Card will be suspended for six (6) months from all activities sponsored by the Intramural Sports Department. The rightful owner of the UGA ID Card will also be suspended for six (6) months from all activities sponsored by the Competitive Sports Department. The confiscated UGA ID Card can be claimed from the Competitive Sports Staff in room 201 Ramsey.

2. Meetings
   a. Purpose: The suspensions listed above are final unless the player meets with the Graduate Assistants for Competitive Sports. Meetings will provide players receiving disciplinary suspension the opportunity to present grounds for a reduction in the suspension. The Graduate Assistants have full authority to reduce or remove suspensions.

   b. Procedure: Meetings can be set up via email with the Graduate Assistants for Competitive Sports (imsports@uga.edu)
      i. Meetings will give the player direct contact with at least three members of the Department of Recreational Sports. These three members of the department will be all three Graduate Assistants. If a graduate assistant is unavailable, a Program Assistant will take their respective place. If a Graduate Assistant is directly or indirectly involved in an occurrence that is the subject of the meeting, the meeting will take place between the player and another member of the Competitive Sports staff, excluding the Graduate Assistant involved in the incident.