

Team Tennis Overview

1. Date & Time:

- Thursdays, during a given season
- 5:30pm
- Skipping holidays or dates with an interfering function

2. Season:

- Spring (Apr – May), 6 to 9 weeks, depending on conflicts and weather
- Fall (Sep – Nov), 6 to 9 weeks, depending on conflicts and weather
- Rainouts may be scheduled if courts are available after the initial planned final date.

3. Order of play:

- First WD Women's Doubles
- Second MD Men's Doubles
- Third XD Mixed Doubles

4. Balls:

- Home team brings balls for their court.

5. Scoring:

- Normal games, except no-ad. Match played as 1 set, first to 6 games.
- If games are 5-5, next game is played normally (keeping the serving rotation). Someone will win the set 6-5.
- When the game score is deuce 40-40 (aka, 3-3), the receiving team chooses which side is to receive the serve, except in the XD set, which must be gender to gender.
- Team scoring and eventual season winner is determined by total games played.

6. Winning a Set:

- To win a set, a team must win first to six games.

7. Subs/Alternates:

- If any team is down to 2 members of either gender available to play, the captain may elect to play those 2 or get a sub of similar skill level to the person being replaced. Having 3 different players involved is STRONGLY encouraged, as we will undoubtedly have plenty of subs available. **Captains (not players) will obtain subs as needed.** Subs need to be relatively equal in skill level to the person being replaced.

8. Winning the Match

- Adding Total games played from teams (MD & WD)
- **XD doubles team becomes the equalizer.**

Play the XD match normally, first to 6 winning XD

If the team ahead in the cumulative score wins XD, the match is over and that team is the winner.

If, however, the trailing team wins the XD set, the match is sent into **Extended Play** and continues until,

- a) The leading team wins one more game, or
- b) The trailing team ties the total game score.

If the score becomes tied, one more game is played, keeping the same serving rotation. At 40-40, serving is gender to gender.

This unique "team tennis" format allows for a team significantly behind to come back & win the match.

9. Rainouts:

- To be played after the original final date if courts are available.

10. Coaching:

- Coaches are selected by Captains when needed.
- Coaching is allowed throughout the match on change overs.

11. Substitutions during play:

- At any point, if a player wants to be substituted out (sickness, injury, fatigue, etc), the player notifies the Captain and may be replaced (same gender). However, once a player is replaced, he/she cannot return to that set.

12. Entertainment

- Music will be played
- Cheering and encouragement is allowed
- BYOB