

LSU INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION

TENNIS RULES

General

1. Only LSU students are allowed to participate in the tournament.
2. Participants must have registered and paid for the tennis tournament before the registration deadline.
3. All participants are expected to conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner. Any disagreements should be brought to the notice of the match umpire whose decision will be final. Brawls and altercations between players are not permitted during the match. Engaging in these activities may lead to the disqualification of the offending participants, at the discretion of the match umpire.
4. **ARRIVE ON TIME.** Participants are expected to be present at the specified tennis court at the scheduled time of play. A grace period of 10 minutes past the scheduled time will be permitted. Players who are not physically present at the specified tennis court within 10 minutes of the scheduled time will be considered disqualified and the match will be awarded to the opponent.
5. If a participant has an issue with their match schedule, they are to contact the tournament organizer at least 2 days (48 hours) before the start of their match. The organizer will attempt to coordinate with the opponent to determine an alternate time, but this may not be possible because of court reservations and availability of match umpires. Failure to notify the organizer before the specified time will result in the match being forfeit and awarded to the opponent.
6. Both singles and doubles matches will be governed by these rules.
7. Matches will be held at the UREC tennis courts located at the LSU Student Recreation Center.
8. The tournament format may be knockout or round-robin. The final decision on the format will be made after the number of participants is finalized.

Equipment

9. Participants are required to provide for their own tennis rackets. One new can of tennis balls will be provided by the organizer for each match.

Scoring

10. All standard tennis rules apply.
11. A set will be won by the player who wins six games with a lead of at least two games. If the set score is 5-5, the winner is the player who wins the next two games making the score 7-5. If the set score becomes 6-6, a 7-point tiebreaker is held. The winner of the tiebreaker will be the player who gets 7 points with a lead of two. If the tiebreaker score reaches 6-6, play will continue until one player leads by two points.

12. The match winner will be the winner of two out of three sets. If a player wins 2 sets consecutively, the third set will not be played. If both players win one set each, the third set will consist of a 10-point tie breaker. The winner of the tiebreaker will be the player who gets 10 points with a lead of two. If both players reach 9-9, play will continue until one player has a lead of two points.

Other Rules

13. The first player to serve will be determined by a coin toss or by flipping a tennis racket. The person who does not win the toss may choose their side to start the match.
14. Players will switch sides after the first game and thereafter after every two games (at the end of odd numbered games).
15. Players may warm up by rallying for a reasonable amount of time, agreed to by both players and the match umpire, before the start of the match.
16. A ball on the line is considered in.
17. A server must serve from behind the baseline. The court in front of the baseline cannot be touched until the racket makes contact with the ball.
18. The server may toss the ball and catch it without penalty. However they will be penalized a fault if they attempt to strike the ball but miss.
19. Servers will not be penalized for a let serve. The serve will be replayed. There is no limit to the number of let serves.
20. If both a player and the match umpire are unsure of whether a ball is in, it is proper tennis etiquette to give the opponent the benefit of the doubt. The point will be awarded to the opponent.
21. Any clarification regarding rules should be checked with the match umpire before the start of the match. Once the match has begun, the decision of the match umpire is final.
22. Any concern regarding these regulations should be brought to the notice of the tournament organizer prior to the day on which the match is scheduled.
23. Decisions regarding any situation not described in these regulations will be left to the discretion of the tournament organizer whose decision will be final.