

Willamalane Adult Tennis League Rules and Regulations

The tennis leagues will abide by all 2023-2024 ITF rules and/or the following regulations Rules Book unless stated otherwise in this document. Willamalane's Adult Rec Sports staff reserves the right to modify these rules and regulations in the best interest of the program.

Purpose Statement

The purpose of the Willamalane Adult Rec Sports leagues is to offer our adult community the opportunity to pursue, through athletics, the physical, mental, and emotional benefits of team and individual recreational sports. We believe in all adults having access to both casual and competitive outlets and expect that all participants conduct themselves within the Willamalane Adult Rec Sports Code of Conduct, and adhere to all additional District facility and program rules and regulations.

Code of Conduct and Player Agreement

- I understand that my participation in Willamalane Rec Sports, and my presence on Willamalane property, is governed by [Ordinance 100](#). I agree to adhere to all aspects of Ord. 100 throughout my participation, and understand that, should my decisions break Ord. 100, I will be subject to disciplinary action from the District, up to and including being excluded from all Willamalane programs and facilities.
- I will demonstrate good sportsmanship at all times, to all players, officials, program staff, and spectators.
- I understand that I am allowed to participate on only one team at a time per sport offered, and as such, may only identify myself under one consistent name during registration.
- I will uphold all District rules, regulations, and ordinances, and understand that I am liable for any violations of these agreements.
- I will remember that these are recreational sports leagues and that I am here to have fun and compete in a positive, public environment.
- I will treat all players, officials, program staff, and spectators with respect regardless of race, gender, sexuality, creed, or ability.
- I will remember that my participation in Willamalane Rec Sports is an opportunity and privilege, not a right, and will conduct myself appropriately at all times.
- I have reviewed and understand all league rules and regulations related to the program for which I am registered.
- I understand that there may be consequences for my actions while participating in Willamalane Rec Sports, and have read and understand the following:
 - Any player receiving a disciplinary foul (technical foul, yellow card, or similar) for inappropriate conduct will forfeit the current game and the game win will go to the opponent and the match will continue.
 - Any player receiving two cumulative disciplinary warnings (technical fouls for basketball or yellow cards) or an ejection in a contest will be disqualified from play for the remainder of that contest, as well as the next scheduled contest in the same season.
 - After any player's fourth disciplinary conduct warning or second ejection in a season, regardless of the timeline, the player will be excluded from league play for the remainder of the current season as well as a minimum of one additional Willamalane Rec Sports season. Exclusion must be fulfilled before that player will be allowed to participate in any Willamalane Rec Sports again. In cases of exclusions, an in-person meeting with league administrators will be required.

- The general management of all players, spectators and teams involved in each of Willamalane's Rec Sports leagues shall be the responsibility of league administrators. Final authority on any matter pertaining to the program will be determined by the Adult Athletics staff.

Good Teammate Golden Rules

- Don't assume the skill level and ability of your teammates AND treat them with respect no matter their skill level and ability.
- Always ask before coaching or providing feedback/advice to a teammate. If they don't want feedback, don't take it personally.
- Make sure all players on the roster have an opportunity to play, and when in the game, are involved in game action (i.e. pass everyone the ball).
- Creating an atmosphere where your teammates feel respected, valued and empowered to contribute will always be more important than how well you play.

League Placement and Rosters

Teams who register for any skill level may be moved to a different skill level on the same night if league enrollment dictates the need. The Athletics staff has full authority to move teams between divisions in an attempt to create a balance among all the leagues.

Fees and Refunds

- Individual players and free agents will only be refunded if the request is made at least one week (7 days) prior to the league's registration closing date.
- Once a team captain registers a team, players on the team will not be issued refunds if their withdrawal results in their team not having enough players to participate in the program, regardless of when the request is submitted.
- If a team captain would like to request an individual withdrawal for themselves, they can transfer the team to a new captain by contacting the adult athletics office and telling which registered player will be the new captain.
- No full team refunds will be issued after a team has been registered.
- Teams cannot be registered late. Fees for individual players being added to existing teams will be automatically prorated if they register after the start of the season.

Participation and Eligibility

- Age Requirement: Players must be 18 years by the time of the first game. Current high school or college players are not eligible to participate during their H.S. or college seasons.
- Rosters: All players on a team must be paid and on the roster before playing in a game. All games in which an ineligible player participates will be forfeited and the ineligible player will be suspended for the remainder of the season.
- A player can be registered with only one team per sport per season.
- Changing teams: Players cannot change teams during a season.
- Substitutes: If you have been invited by a team to substitute for any of Willamalane's adult sports leagues, you must sign up on Activenet or at the Bob Keefer Center as a single-game sub prior to the start of your game. Substitutes must register separately for each game in which they plan to participate. Single-game substitutes can participate on only one team, in only one league at a time per sport offered. Substitutes can not change to a different team/league once they have played for a team

that season. To sub for the playoffs, a player must have also played in at least 1 regular season game for the same team.

- Player Identification: All players will be required to provide a photo identification at their first game (even if their first game is after the start of the season). The I.D. should match the name used to register. Team managers or the Athletics staff may inquire about an opposing player's eligibility before or during any game by approaching the official and requesting an I.D. check. All players should be advised to have some form of I.D. present at all games.
- Insurance: All players are responsible for their insurance. Players also understand that there are inherent risks of recreational sports and they must assume those risks.
- For seasons where only "mens" and/or "womens" leagues are available, we encourage folks who do not identify as either male or female to select the league in which they feel most comfortable participating.

Starting Times, Forfeits, and Time Limits

- Gametime is forfeit time, Players and teams not showing up on time may result in a forfeit or point deductions based on arrival
- Matches will not be rescheduled under any circumstance when a team forfeits. Team managers knowing in advance they are unable to field a team are responsible for notifying the Adult Sports Office at adultsport@willamalane.net
- If additional player(s) arrive before 20 minutes past the original starting time, only the first set will be forfeited and the second and third sets will be considered "official" sets.
- If teams play a "practice set" during the 20-minute grace period, while waiting for additional players, the practice set will cease upon the arrival of the player(s) necessary to begin the official set 2 of the match.
- A match shall be a Best of Three Sets match with **no-ad scoring**
- Games will have a 55 minute limit. Whoever is ahead at the end of 55 minutes will be declared the winner. If tied at 55 minute
- Team who wins best two out of three sets wins the match. A third set may still be played if time allows
- Game Scoring: No point - "Love" First point - "15" Second point - "30" Third point - "40" Fourth point "Game"
- The official time is the clock at the court or the official's watch if a clock is not available.
- Breaks between sets: There will be a maximum of 2-minute break between sets

Doubles

- Willamalane Tennis Doubles will be mixed but not required to be different genders on the same team
- Teams may play same gender doubles and match up against teams of mixed genders
- Doubles serving will remain with one player serving the whole game and then the other team serving and the doubles partner then serving. etc, teams may change the order of serves after a set. During a game, teams may not switch positions
- Teams are not required to serve to the player of the same gender with the mixed rules

Tie-Breakers

- All sets will be scored to 6. If the sets are tied 6-6, a 7 point tiebreaker will be played (Win by 2)

- If the first two sets are split, the third set will be a best to 10 tie-breaker, scores will be read as “1”, “2” etc. Game must be won by 2 in the final set.
- Players will switch ends of the court when they hit in the sum of 6 points “3-3”, “4-2” etc.
- The player/players who received the last point will serve to start the tie-breaker, the serve will then switch to the other side for the next two points, and will rotate for every two points until the tie-breaker is won

General Rules

- The league will feature a court manager. Players will be responsible for tracking their own games score and can report final scores to the court manager.
- Players must make their own calls on whether a ball is within bounds. Any disagreement over the call may be solved via rock, paper, scissors or another method such as coin toss to solve the disagreement
- Court managers will help to solve disagreements and make sure games are being played with proper sportsmanship
- Deciding first serve: Prior to the match, the captain or team player will call the toss of a coin or racquet for the choice of service/receive side.
- Adjoining Court: If the adjoining court is in use, a player cannot play a ball or follow through into the adjoining court or the area behind the adjoining court. This rule applies throughout the match regardless if the adjoining court becomes free prior to the conclusion of the match.
- Match Cancellations: Any scheduled match canceled due to weather or other uncontrollable circumstances will be decided by 4:00 p.m. the day of the match and posted [HERE](#). Cancellations after 4pm will be the referee decision. Games will be rescheduled for the end of the season whenever possible.
- The ball must be cleanly hit and not held or double hit from a racket
- The ball is out-of-bounds when it touches any surface, object, or ground outside the lines. A ball touching the lines is considered "in"

Faults

- Serve out of turn. (Will also result in loss of points scored by ineligible servers)
- The ball hits outside of the proper boundary of the proper service court
- The serve strikes any part of your partner or other permanent fixture such as nets, poles etc, the service will be a fault
- If the server foot sets or starts on the baseline, they may be considered a foot fault and must reserve
- Players may not walk or run to move their spot to serve or it may be considered a fault

Officials, Feedback and Protest

- All officials' decisions are final. Although we do not retroactively change the calls of a referee, we do value your feedback and encourage you to submit feedback about our program, officials, facilities, etc. [HERE](#). This feedback helps us improve our programs!

- The official has full authority to take any action or remove any player or spectator from the playing area if, in his/her judgment, this action is necessary to maintain proper playing conditions.
- We do not overturn the results of a game unless they were input incorrectly and we can verify the correct information.

Standings

League standings will be determined by number of matches won. In the event of a split match (i.e. both teams have won one set when the 55 minutes expire), it will be considered a tie. In calculating final standings, teams will receive 2 points for a win, and 1 point for a tie.

In the event of a tie (two-, three-, or four-way) in the final standing, places will be decided by:

1. The number of sets won in the matches between teams involved in the tie.
2. The point spread difference of sets between the teams involved in the tie.
3. If a tie remains, the point spread difference will be calculated between each team involved in the tie and the next-placed team.

Team Captains

- Team captains are responsible for the conduct of their players and spectators.
- Team captains should be the primary point of contact with the Adult Sports staff and Referees. Players should ask their manager to contact the office or speak to officials on their behalf.
- All players will receive an opportunity to provide written feedback via survey at the end of each season.

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