



## Tennis League Rules

- All schedules, standings, game results, league information, and communication will be posted on [www.teamsideline.com/denton](http://www.teamsideline.com/denton) . Please register for notification updates and inform all players about the website. City of Denton reserves the ability to make changes to any league related items throughout the duration of the season. Any changes will be communicated to coaches/managers in advance via email and/or phone.
- League administrators will begin formulating league schedules the day after the registration period concludes. Once league schedules have been posted on [www.teamsideline.com/denton](http://www.teamsideline.com/denton) , league administrators will not reschedule games at the request of any team or coach. Matches must be played during the allotted time on the schedule. Make-ups will not be allowed unless matches are canceled due weather.
- **Rainouts:** The tennis center number is (940) 349-8526 and will be updated by 4pm during the week and 10am on weekends if court conditions are questionable. If games are called due to weather, the matches will be made up at a later date.
- **Excessive rainouts:** In the event of multiple rainouts, league administrators reserve the right to schedule on alternate nights if necessary. Every attempt will be made to schedule all make-up games on your league night.
- **Refund Policy:** Once registration ends, partial credits or refunds will not be given for any reason unless we are unable to make a division. This includes any make-up games and/or speed games that your team is unable to make.
- **Forfeiture Policy:** As a courtesy to the team you are playing, please contact the PARD Athletic office by noon on your game day to let us know if you are forfeiting. This will give us enough time to contact the team you're playing to let them know.
  - a. If both teams do not have enough players at their scheduled game time, that game will be declared a double forfeit. Each team will receive a loss in the standing

### Roster/Player Eligibility

- Teams will consist of 2-3 players Ages 18+
- Men's Doubles League: All men
- Women's Doubles League: All Women
- Mixed Doubles League: at least 1 Man and 1 Women on the roster and on the court

**Free agents:** Team coordinators are encouraged to acquire new players from the free agent list, which can be found at [www.teamsideline.com/denton](http://www.teamsideline.com/denton)

**Roster Submission:** All rosters must be filled out online before the first game.

**Player Eligibility:** Players may only play on one team. Exception: a player may play on a Mixed and a men's/ Women's team. Players must be on all rosters of all teams that they are playing on.

**Players can only play in one division per league. Teams cannot play down to a lower division.** (EX: If one player is an advanced player and their teammate is an intermediate player the team must play in the advanced division) If a player is caught playing on two teams, it will result in a forfeit for both teams he/she is playing on and the protested player caught playing illegally will be suspended from ALL games in ALL leagues for the remainder of the season.

**Mandatory ID checks will be conducted by staff before the beginning of each playoff game.**



## **EQUIPMENT**

- Players must bring their own rackets for the league.
- The Center will provide Games balls for matches (Penn Championship)

## **SELF-REFEREES**

All games will be self-refed. Players are responsible for recording their own scores. Teams will call all scores before each serve and be responsible for calling the ball “in” or “out.” All players are expected to be honest throughout the league. If a call cannot be agreed upon, replay the point. All scores should be reported to staff at the end of the match.

## **BEGINNING OF THE GAME AND PLAY FORMAT**

Each set will count in the overall record for the regular season standings. The teams will spin rackets or do rock, paper, scissors for the choice of ends and the choice to be server or receiver in the first game. The player/team who wins the toss may choose:

- a. To be server or receiver in the first game of the match, in which case the opponent(s) shall choose the end of the court of the first game of the match; or 2
- b. The end of the court for the first game of the match, in which case the opponent(s) shall choose to be server or receiver for the first game of the match; or
- c. Require the opponent(s) to make one of the above choices.

**Change of ends** - The players shall change ends at the end of the first, third, and every subsequent odd game of each set

### **The Let During a Serve**

- The service is a let if:
  - The ball served touches the net, strap or band, and is otherwise good; or, after touching the net, strap or band, touches the receiver or the receiver’s partner or anything they wear or carry before hitting the ground; or
  - The ball is served when the receiver is not ready.
  - In the case of a service let, that particular service shall not count, and the server shall serve again, but a service let does not cancel a previous fault

## **SCORING**

A. A standard game is scored as follows with the server’s score being called first:

- a. No point - “Love”
- b. First point - “15”
- c. Second point - “30”
- d. Third point - “40”
- e. Fourth point - “Game”

B. No-ad will be played in every match. In the instance of 40-40, otherwise known as ‘Deuce’, the receiving team will choose which partner is served to.

A player/team must win 8 games to win the set. Only one set will be played. If tied 7-7, see “tie-break” rule below.

All games will be allotted 55 mins. Whoever is winning when time runs out, will win the game. If the game is tied, next point wins

**In Mixed Doubles on deuce point, men will serve to opposing men, women will serve to opposing women.**



### **TIE-BREAK**

If the match comes to 7-7 there will be a 7-point tie breaker played to decide the winner.

Teams will continue the same serve order, with the following format

1<sup>st</sup> server: 1 serve on deuce side (right side)

2<sup>nd</sup> Server: 2 serves, starting on 'ad' side (left side)

3<sup>rd</sup> Server 2 serves, starting on 'ad' side etc... each server will continue with 2 serves.

After every 6 points played, teams will switch sides of the court and continue the same order.

Tie-Breaks will be capped at 10 points

All players must report the score on the clipboard on each court. Staff will collect the clipboards at the end of the night and enter scores online at [www.teamsideline.com/denton](http://www.teamsideline.com/denton)