

# TENNIS





# ICSC TENNIS RULES

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Tennis will be conducted according to the rules of the **International Tennis Federation (ITF)**, with specific ICSC exceptions listed below.

## EVENT FORMAT

Tennis is contested as a mixed gender Round Robin Tournament with Preliminary matches played over weekday mornings. Where results are available; the previous competition's top four placed teams will be seeded accordingly, while the remaining eight teams will be seeded according to the current year's Random Draw. Finals shall consist of two Semi-finals and a Grand Final, with a 3rd/4th play-off.

One male and one female player will compete in Singles rubbers; two male players will contest a Doubles rubber; two female players will contest a Doubles rubber; and one male and one female will compete in a Mixed Doubles rubber.

A player may play in only one rubber i.e. Singles or Doubles, in each contest.

The order of rubbers shall be: male and female Singles, followed by male and female Doubles, with mixed Doubles completing the contest.

## TEAM SIZE & ELIGIBILITY

Each college team shall comprise eight players (four male and four female).

**Per ICSC rules, each college is permitted to play two non-resident students (20%) in any given match.**

## MATCH DURATION

Preliminary and Finals matches will consist of five rubbers (two Singles and three Doubles). Each Preliminary rubber will consist of one set to six games. At six games all, a tie-break shall be played (first to seven points with a two point advantage.)

Each Finals rubber will consist of one set to eight games. At seven games all (except in the Grand Final), a tie-break shall be played – first to seven points with a two point advantage). In the Grand Final only, the set will continue until there is a two game advantage. The winning College will be the one that has won the greatest number of rubbers.

## FORFEITS

If a team does not have two players (male and female singles) to commence the game within 10 minutes of the scheduled starting time, a forfeit shall be declared.

## GAME OFFICIALS

Matches shall be self-umpired by competing players, or a resting player may umpire at the consent of both competing players.

## UNIFORM AND EQUIPMENT

Competitors should wear their College sport uniform. Only non-marking shoes should be worn on courts.

Tennis balls will be provided by the Host College and should be collected prior to each match. Competing Colleges may keep the balls allocated for their matches for future practice. Colleges and/or Individuals should provide their own tennis racquets.

## ICSC POLICIES

All ICSC Policies and Procedures must be adhered to by all participants. Designated Team Captains and College Sports Representatives are also expected to ensure their College participants are aware of all relevant policies and procedures and act accordingly. For more information, consult the ICSC Handbook.

## SPORT SPECIFIC RULES

### WASH OUTS

If a match is to be washed out, teams will play on reserved match days as indicated on the fixture. If the match is unable to be played due to another wash out, a draw will be recorded.

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