

RENSELAER INTRAMURAL RACQUETBALL RULES

General Rules:

1. **A team will consist of three players:** Two on the doubles team and one on the singles team. A player may not compete on both singles and doubles in the same match.
2. **A player may be substituted at any time, but the substituted player MAY NOT re-enter the same game.**
3. **A match will consist of one singles and two doubles games for a total of three possible points per match** (Note: Play all three games – not BEST OF THREE)
4. If a 15-15 tie results, continue playing until one team wins by two points (e.g. 19-17)
5. All questionable plays or points shall be replayed.
6. Teams will supply racquets and balls.
7. Matches may not be postponed by mutual agreement. If a match needs to be postponed, notify the league commissioner at least 24 hours in advance.
8. **FORFEITS are to be determined Five (5) minutes after scheduled starting time:**
 - (a) If only one player from a team is present that team forfeits both doubles games.
 - (b) If only two players from a team are present, that team forfeits the singles game.

Note: double forfeits on singles or games can occur.
9. Only the team serving can score.

Court:

FRONT WALL

**Area between Service
Line & Short Line is
Service Zone**

Service Line

**Service Box
Service Box**

Short Line

BACK WALL

Serves:

1. The player or side winning the toss becomes the first server and starts the first game. The side losing a game then serves the first in the following game.
2. The server may serve from any place in the service zone. His feet may not extend beyond the service zone, but he may step on, not beyond, the line. Server must remain in service zone until the serve ball passes the short line. Any violation constitutes a foot fault.
3. The server must drop the ball in the service zone, and it must not bounce up above his/her waist. A violation constitutes a fault.
4. Special cases for doubles:
 - (a) At the start of each game, each side shall inform the other of the order of service; this order shall be followed throughout the game. Only the first server serves the first time up and continues to serve first throughout the game. When the first server is out- the side is out. Thereafter both players on each side shall serve they each lost their service. It is not necessary for the server to alternate serves to their opponents.
 - (b) On each serve, the server's partner shall stand erect with his back to the side wall and with both feet on the floor within the service box until the served ball passes the short line. A violation constitutes as a foot fault.
5. Defective Serves:
 - (a) Dead ball serve- no penalty involved ("take over")
 - (b) Fault serve- two fault serves result in loss of service.
 - (c) Out Serve- results in loss of service.
6. Dead ball serve- occurs when an otherwise legal serve
 - (a) Hits the server's partner on the fly on the rebound from the front wall while the server's partner is in the service box.
 - (b) Passes too close to a member of the serving team and obstructs the view of the returning side ("screen")
 - (c) Hits one of the obstructions mentioned in the rules.
7. Fault serve occurs when a serve:
 - (a) Bounces in front of the short line on the rebound from the front wall
 - (b) First hits the front wall and on the rebound hits two sidewalls on the fly ("three-wall serve")
 - (c) Touches the ceiling after hitting the front wall either with or without touching a sidewall
 - (d) First hits the front wall and rebounds to the back wall before touching the floor
 - (e) Goes out of the court
8. Out serve occurs when:
 - (a) Any attempt to strike the ball results wither in a total miss or in touching any part of the server's body

- (b) A served ball strikes the server's partner or the ceiling, floor outside wall before striking the front wall
- (c) Either doubles partner serves out of order. Any points scored during an out of order serve will be automatically void.
- (d) A served ball on the rebound from the front wall touches the server, or touches the server's partner while any part of his body is out of the service box.

Take Overs and Losses of Service:

1. A take over, or replay of a point occurs when:
 - (a) The ball hits one of the following obstructions:
 - I. Beam between front wall and ceiling
 - II. One of the front four lights
 - III. Door or knob
 - (b) a player preparing to return a shot has his/her vision screened by a member of the opposing team.
 - (c) A player's return hits an opponent before striking the front wall
 - (d) A player unintentionally interferes with his opponent's return attempt
2. A loss of service (or point) occurs when:
 - (a) A return goes out of the court
 - (b) A team hits out of turn (same team returns ball twice in a row)
 - (c) A player interferes with his opponents return attempt intentionally
 - (d) The ball strikes a player in the team last returning the ball

REPORTING SCORES: Winning team captains must report scores to the Coordinator within 24 hours of the scheduled game. Unreported scores will be recorded as a loss for both teams.

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Assumption of Risk and Hold Harmless Agreement

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute does not provide accident insurance coverage for injuries received by Intramural participants. Each participant should make sure that he/she has coverage either through family policies or the student insurance plan. We cannot emphasize this point enough.

By registering a team, team captains assume the responsibility that they shall make their teammates aware of the various risks of participating in this activity. Captain's that do not agree to this responsibility will not be entered into intramural leagues.

Participation in sporting and athletic activities involves certain inherent risks. These include, without limitation, the significant risk of serious personal injury or death and the significant risk of personal property damage or destruction, and hereby assume all risks and consequences associated with or arising in connection with such participation.

Participants agree to indemnify and hold harmless the State of New York, the Board of

Trustees of RPI, and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI), and their employees and students, and all organizations involved in the coordination, hosting, staffing and contribution of equipment and supplies, and their agents, servants and employees from and against any and all claims, damages, actions, liability and expenses in connection with loss of life, personal injury and/or damage to property arising out of my participation in the above-referenced activity.

For all other rules consult I.R.A Four Wall Racquetball Rules Book

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