

Hiram College
Racquetball Rules

1. Doubles teams may add one player. Doubles teams must compete with 2 players at all times and co-ed teams must always have one male and one female player competing at all times.
2. Singles may not add any players.
3. When two play, it's called singles and when four play it is called doubles.
4. Points are scored only by the serving side. Losing the serve is called a sideout in singles. In doubles, when the first server loses the serve it is called a "hand-out" or "half-out" and when the second server loses the serve it is then a sideout.
5. **SERVE IN DOUBLES**
At the beginning of each doubles game, when the first server is out, the team is out. Thereafter, both players on each team serve until the team receives a handout and a sideout. On each serve, the server's partner must stand erect with their back to the side wall and both feet on the floor within the service box until the served ball passes the short line.
6. **DEFECTIVE SERVES**
There are three types of defective serves: 1) a dead-ball serve which results in no penalty and the server is given another serve (like a wet spot or broken ball), 2) any fault serve (foot fault, short, long, screen, three-wall, etc.), and 3) an out serve which results in an out (double fault, server hits self with serve, etc.)
7. **SIDEOUT**
A server continues to serve until an out serve, OR two consecutive fault serves, OR one player hits partner with an attempted return (in doubles), OR a player or team loses a rally, OR a player or team commits an avoidable hinder. In singles, retiring the server is a sideout. In doubles, the side is retired when both partners have lost service.
8. **MATCH**
A match is won by the first side winning two games. The first two games of a match are played to 15 points. If each side wins one game, a tiebreaker game is played to 11 points. *In the tiebreaker it is **NOT** required that a player/team "win by two" points.*

**At the conclusion of the match, report all scores to the Intramural Office.

League Regulations

While a schedule will be predetermined it will be up to each participant to schedule a time within each week to complete the assigned match. Once the match has taken place and a winner is determined the winner is responsible for notifying the intramural office. The intramural office will then update the website and determine a ranking order for playoffs to occur and determine and overall champion for singles and doubles competition.

The meeting for all competitors will be held in the Coleman Center Conference room on Monday, September 30th at 5:30p.