

# TENNIS RULES & REGULATIONS

## GENERAL

- Wilson US Open Tennis balls will be provided, juniors will also use the same balls
- No referees in the initial rounds unless specifically requested for. Referees decision is final
- Players are required to be ready for their match at least 15 minutes prior to the schedule. This is in case the previous matchup finishes earlier. If you are not ready 15 minutes before, you may forfeit the match\*.
- USTA rules apply – Please click on the link below for the USTA rules:
  - [http://assets.usta.com/assets/1/15/2013\\_Friend\\_At\\_Court1.PDF](http://assets.usta.com/assets/1/15/2013_Friend_At_Court1.PDF)
- If there is a dispute, please address issues to one of the organizers
  
- Warm up time: 5 Minutes before each match
- Spin your racquet at the start of the game. Winner chooses serve or side
- After the last point, come to the net and shake hands with your opponents
- Do not walk across the back of tennis courts until the players have finished playing a point
- Accept all calls made by your opponent. If the ball touches any part of the line, it is good. Out calls should be made immediately. If in doubt, you should continue playing the point. You also have the option to play the point over if one is not sure if it was in or out.
- The players shall change ends at the end of the first, third and every subsequent odd game of each set. During a tie-break game, players shall change ends after every six points.
- Rest periods: 90 seconds on the changeover.
- Please make sure the score is given to one of the Al-Wahda organizers who will be at the Mayfair facility

## FORMAT

- During the first two days of the tournament players will participate in a round robin format playing matches within their own tier. The purpose of the round robin format is to determine the seedings for the elimination round to be played on Sunday.

- Depending on the number of players per division the top 4 players/teams from each group or up to 8 players advance to the quarter finals (knockout round). If time permits, we will have everyone playing at least 1 game on Sunday.
- All games will be played to a proset of 8 (i.e. first to 8 wins). In the case if the score reaches 7-7, a 10 point tiebreak will be played to determine the winner.
- Deuce points will be played in full

### **MEN'S DOUBLES**

- The men's division will be a doubles tournament

### **LADIES SINGLES**

- The ladies division will be a singles tournament

### **JUNIOR SINGLES**

- The junior under 15 boys and under 15 girls will be a singles tournament