

## **Soccerplex & Sports Center Lake Zurich**

### **ULTIMATE SOCCER TENNIS**

### **RULES**

#### **Rule Number 1: The Draw**

There are 2 players to a team. The choice of side or field and the right to serve or receive in the first game will be decided by drawing lots. The team that wins the toss may choose or require his opponent to choose:

- The right to be server or receiver, in which case the other partner will choose side
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#### **Rule Number 2: The Serve**

Players may serve with a punt directly out of the air or a drop-kick (a punt that bounces before the player strikes the ball). If the serve goes out of bounds the serving team does not have an opportunity to re-serve. The opposing team receives the point and controls the serve for the next point.

#### **Rule 3: Returning the Ball after the Serve**

Players may allow the ball to bounce **once** on their side of the court. Each team is allowed **only 3 touches** to return the ball to the other side of the court. Once the players have touched the ball the ball may not bounce on their side of the net again until the ball has been returned again by the opponent. Both players **are not** required to touch the ball before the ball is returned back to the opponent's side of the court.

#### **Rule Number 4: Game Format/Scoring**

A team will be awarded a point if:

- The opponent plays the ball across the net and the bounce lands out of bounds
- The opponent's return does not make it over the net
- The opponents take more than 3 touches to return the ball
- The ball bounces more than once on the opponents' side of the court
- The ball bounces on the opponents' side of the court after an opponent has already touched the ball

Games will last 12 minutes. The team with the highest score at the end of the 12 minutes will win the game. In the event of a tie at the end of 12 minutes the teams should play one final point. Whoever wins the point wins the game. Players will play 3 games each match day.

#### **Rule Number 5: Special Situations/Refereeing the Matches**

Teams on the court are responsible for refereeing the matches themselves. If the teams cannot come to an agreement on how a point should be scored the point **MUST** be replayed. If the ball bounces onto a cone impacting the direction the ball traveled while it was still playable the point is to be replayed. If a coach witnesses any dispute the coach may decide on the ruling without replaying the point.