



UTR Dingles Rules

Introducing UTR Dingles, a game for four players to maximize their time (and fun) on the court by playing both singles and doubles simultaneously. You need four players to play, any combination of genders works! The more level-based, the better!

Here's how to play UTR Dingles:

1. If you can, place a strip of scotch/masking tape from the end of the center service box line down to the baseline center mark so that the two sides of the court are clearly defined. If not, good sportsmanship is necessary to call the middle line fairly.
2. Spin a racquet to decide which team will start the ball feed (there are no serves in UTR Dingles!). The feed should be fair and manageable (keep it friendly).
3. To start each point, two players on the same team simultaneously start cross-court rallies (the double alley is always "in" throughout the game).
4. Play the points out crosscourt. When one point ends (either by a winner or error), the player who won the first half-court point calls out, "Dingles!" Do not stop playing! The second point continues, converting into a full-court doubles point. "Dingles!" must be heard by all players, so call it out LOUDLY!
5. Special instances: If the active balls hit each other during the cross-court rallies, replay the point. If a player is at the net and gets hit by the other cross-court rally before that ball touches the ground, it's an automatic point for the opposing team (the team that hit the player).
6. How to decide feed: If the feeding ("serving") team wins one or both rallies, they get to feed again. If they lose both points, they lose "serve," and the opposing team gets to feed. If a player misses the feed, it counts as a lost rally point and triggers "Dingles!".
7. Scoring: To earn a point, a team must win both points (singles and doubles).

8. Format: The Universal Tennis format is best 2 out of 3 sets, with each set to 7 points (play a sudden death point at 6-6). Change sides after each set. The time limit is at the organizer's discretion (i.e., if the game is not finished in 20 minutes, the cumulative points across the sets determine the winner.)

Tournament Format Details:

1. Divisions, entries, selections, and seedings for Dingles tournaments will be based on a team's combined UTR Rating (Dingles does not count toward UTR Rating).
2. For example, a division can be 14-17 UTR (i.e. If Player A has a 7.58 UTR and Player B has a 8.42 UTR, then this team has a combined 16 Team UTR).
3. A player's UTR can be verified, non-verified, projected, or self-rated – though this is subject to the tournament organizer's discretion and approval.
4. All scores can be posted into Universal Tennis.