



Junior League Rules and Regulations Girls, Boys and Mixed Leagues (Updated April, 2010)

Girls and Boys Leagues –Saturday May and June

(Boys Majors: 9 pro sets, 3 courts, Girls and Boys “A”: 6 pro sets, 2 courts)

Mixed League -- **Sunday May and June** (5 sets, 2 courts)

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General Rules and Regulations

G1(a) Player Agreement: All players participating in the InterCounty Tennis Association (ICTA) programs, as a condition of their participation, agree to abide and be bound by the ICTA Constitution and By-Laws; the respective League Regulations; the “Rules of The Court” which includes, The Code for Unofficial Matches; and adhere to the standards of good conduct, fair play and sportsmanship.

G1(b) WAIVER OF CLAIMS. Players participating in any InterCounty Tennis Association Program acknowledge the risks associated with playing competitive tennis, accept those risks voluntarily, and in consideration of their acceptance in the Program assume all risks for bodily injury, waive all claims for injury and property damage and release and hold harmless the ICTA and the host facility, their officials, employees and agents with respect to any injury or loss caused by negligence or otherwise to the fullest extent permitted by law.

G2 All clubs must keep a copy of the "Rules of the Court" displayed in their clubhouse. "Rules of the Court" is the official rule book of Tennis Canada and can be obtained at a small cost or is free to download and print. Call 416-665-9777 to purchase, or download the Rules of the Court and The Code for Unofficial Matches.

G3 Clubs, which have not paid club and/or team fees by the Spring General Meeting date and have not submitted up to date information sheets are subject, at the discretion of the ICTA Executive, to either one of the following: 1) be assessed a late entry fee of \$50.00 or 2) be deemed to not be a member of the Association and therefore ineligible to play in the leagues or tournaments for the specific year. All clubs excluded in one year will have to re-apply for entry to the Association at the next general meeting.

G4 The League Director, subject to review by the ICTA Executive, may enact penalties against clubs, captains and individuals arising out of the behavior and non compliance with the rules both on and off the court. These penalties may include, but are not limited to, suspension of playing privileges, disqualification of teams, alternative placement in standings and/or denial of promotion to higher divisions.

G5 All captains will ensure that ALL of his/her team members obtain both the schedule and ALL of the League Rules.

G6 Coaching while a match is being played is NOT allowed except in Junior Mixed League.

G7 Cellular phones and pages are to be turned off and be only used in emergencies.

League Rules and Regulations

L1 All junior teams must designate a responsible adult as the primary point of contact.

L2 There can be a Mixed, Girls and Boys League divided geographically into Majors, and "A". Promotions and relegations determine movement between levels except in the Mixed League, where Clubs choose their own level: OTA 3 star players choose Majors, Rookie OTA and Club House League players choose "A". Under 12 OTA 3 star players are restricted to "A". There are no promotions or relegations as Clubs choose their own level.

L3 Because visiting teams are guests of the home club, home club rules apply and all players must conform to those rules. The home club will retain the right to refuse playing privileges to those players not abiding by their rules. These rules may include court demeanor as well as dress codes including the types of shoes one may wear. Tennis attire is required in all clubs. White tennis attire is required at Boulevard and Oakville clubs. Smooth soled shoes are worn on soft clay and har tru courts in Bayview CC, Boulevard, Brampton, Credit Valley, Lambton, Mimico, Mississauga Golf and CC, North York, Richmond Hill CC, Skyline and Timberlane clubs.

Team Organizations Rules and Regulations

T1 a In the Boys Majors League, a fixture consists of 9 matches using from 6 to 12 players who will be members of that club (or composite teams, see T1e) and may use some mixture of girls and boys (see T1d). There will be 3 doubles matches: one under 18, one under 16 and one under 14-12. There will be 6 single matches: under 18 ranked number one, under 18 ranked number two, under 16 ranked number one, under 16 ranked number two, under 14 and under 12.

In the Girls / Boys "A" League, a fixture consists of 6 matches using from 4 to 8 players who will be members of that club (or composite teams, see T1e). There will be 2 doubles matches: one under 18 and one under 14. There will be 4 single matches: under 18 ranked number one, under 18 ranked number two, under 14 ranked number one and under 14 ranked number 2.

In the Mixed League, the format is "World Team Tennis" (WTT) (see Mixed score card with WTT Rules). A fixture consists of five one set matches in a prescribed order, a Girls and Boys doubles, a Girls and Boys singles and a mixed doubles. WTT has no ad scoring and a special tiebreaker. Substitutions and coaching is allowed.

T1 b Ages given must be as of JANUARY 1st of the CURRENT year. The OPERATIVE word is "UNDER".

T1 c All captains MUST have proof of age for all players at each match. If questioned by the opposing captain, players without proof of age will default their match.

T1 d Girls may play on boys "A" teams and "Major" teams. Boys may play on a Girls team providing there are no more than two Boys on a team per fixture, and only if the Boys are under 12. See Rule T3 also. The Saturday Girls and Boys League players may also play on the Sunday Mixed League. **A minimum of two boys and two girls are required for the Mixed League.**

T1 e Composite teams made up of players from different member ICTA clubs are permitted entry into a league at the lowest level ("A") with the approval of the host club providing the courts.

T2 Players can play for only one club in the same-day Junior League. Players CAN play for one club in the Saturday Boys/Girls league and play for a different club in the Sunday Junior Mixed League. Exceptions to these rules are as follows: Where a player has moved her/his residence during the season and their new residence is not in the same vicinity of the original club. A player having played only once for any club in any league may, at the discretion of the Junior League Director, switch to any other club in that league, but will play only for that club for the balance of the season. In other exceptional circumstances as permitted by the Junior League Director. In no case is a player to play for more than one club at the same time or the matches will be defaulted.

T3 a Players are permitted to play at only one level, but the league does recognize that in those clubs with teams at more than one level it is better for the club and team members to allow players who normally play at a lower level to substitute for absent members of a higher level team. To accommodate that situation, the following regulations will apply:

T3 b Players may play two matches above their normal level of play. Any player who plays three (3) fixtures above a level will be ineligible to play any further matches at the lower level and is locked into the higher level. For example, a player on a Boys "A" or Girls "A" team may play twice for a Boys Major team, but after the third time they are locked into the Boys Major team.

T3 c Similarly, where a club has two or more teams playing at the same level (e.g. level Boys "A"), once a player has played three matches for one of the teams, she/he is automatically ineligible to play for the other team. This "three match rule" also applies to crossing over between the Girls and Boys Leagues, or between Mixed League Divisions.

Match Rules and Regulations

M1a In the Junior Girls and Boys Leagues, each match will consist of a Pro set (first to eight games; tiebreak at 7-7). The Mixed League Play WTT format --see Mixed score card for format and rules. No-ad scoring: At deuce (40-40), the receiving team decides which side they are to receive the serve from. The winner of that point wins the game. In Mixed Doubles, game point is always served gender to gender. In the Boys and Girls Leagues, with the agreement of both captains prior to the start of play, deuces may be played out

M1b One point will be awarded to the winner of each set. Games are counted but only come into play to resolve a tie between the two teams. The Mixed League has WTT scoring rules.

M1c A one point bonus point (1 set) will be awarded for a complete compliment of players on a team.

M1d The visiting team will be deemed to have won the toss at the start of play. The visitors may choose to be Server or Receiver in which case the home team will choose the side (or the Visitors may choose the side in which case the home team will choose to be SERVER or RECEIVER). The Mixed League follows the WTT rules where serve is determined for each set.

M1e No points will be awarded for fixtures not played. If a complete fixture is defaulted, the offending team gets 0 and the non-offending team gets 9 points for Boys "Majors" or 6 points for Girls and Boys "A". The Junior Division Chair deals with these exceptions having heard from both sides. In the Mixed League a default is scored as 1-0.

M2 All League Matches must be played on outdoors courts, weather permitting, except with mutual agreement of team Captains. This rule does not apply to those few clubs whose membership in ICTA is as an indoor club.

M3 The home team will supply 3 cans of new tennis balls for the Girls and Boys Leagues and 2 cans for the Mixed Leagues.

M4 The home team will supply food and drink to be available at the completion of play. The away team Captain will advise the home Captain of the number of players he is bringing, from 6 to 12, to help plan refreshments.

M5 The visiting team will have the choice of order of play taking into account the composition of matches in T1. It is recommended that the doubles matches be played first in the Girls and Boy Leagues.

M6 Each team will have a captain to be in charge of the line-up. Captains are to exchange line-ups prior to the start of play. Changes are not to be made after the line-ups have been traded unless by consent of both captains or unless a match has been defaulted by one team (the default occurring on the lower level court within an age category).

M7 Team captains are to abide by the principle that the number 1's play against number 1's.

M8 A club entering a junior team must make available sufficient time for junior play. The Girls and Boys fixtures will be played on Saturdays. The home team will have the flexibility to have start matches either between 9:00-10:00am or 1:00-2:00pm (unless prearranged or with the approval of the Division Chair). Warm-up is limited to 10 minutes. Start time for subsequent matches will be 5 minutes after the completion of the earlier match with a 10 minute warm up. When a player is more than fifteen (15) minutes late for her/his match, the match will be defaulted at the request of the opposing captain. The Mixed League plays on Sunday starting between 10:00am to 2:00 p.m. (unless prearranged or at the approval of the Mixed League Division Chair). Using the WTT format a match can be played on one court but two courts will take less time.

M9 a If a Boys or Girls team has less than (4) players for Boys Majors or less than (3) players for all other divisions, the team will be defaulted (see Rule M1e)."

M9 b If a team defaults three (3) fixtures during the season, the Junior League Director will review the situation before the team is placed on the schedule the following year.

M10 No substitution will be made for any player once that player has commenced play. In the event of a player retiring during play, the match will be scored as if the opposing team had won all the remaining games in that pro set and the player is retired for that fixture. Substitution is allowed in the Mixed League.

M11 Should a fixture be abandoned after play has started, any completed matches will stand. Pro sets not completed will be re-scheduled in their entirety using players who have not already played in the completed matches.

M12 If a fixture cannot be played as scheduled, on account of rain, the home team could arrange the fixture for another day (e.g. Friday, Sunday) or as a double header on a Saturday (for example at the next scheduled meeting of the same two teams if applicable). The fixture should be played within 2 weeks (except in the case of a double header between the two teams), and must be played by the last Saturday of the regular season. The home team arranges the rematch, and must give the visitors at least two alternate choices of dates. If not, the offending team will be defaulted (see Rule M1e).

M13 Balls hitting lights, wires or other fixtures over court surfaces will be declared a fault. (Rules of Tennis)

Division Rules and Regulations

D1 Home Captains will submit match results on <http://www.intercountytennis.com/> Junior League website within a week. To access the website, the Captains submit their form to the League Director who enters their data on the website and authorizes them to request a password. The Captain requests his own password by clicking onto "Junior League" and then clicking on "login". The captain should enter his or her email address and click on request password. This password will be emailed to the captain. This login capability allows him or her to enter "home" games and he or she enters both home and away scores along with all the player's names. If weekly "home" games are not entered, there will be no scores showing in the system.

D2 One point will be awarded to the winner of each pro set. The winner in each division will be the team with the most points at the completion of the playing schedule. In the case of a tie at the end of the league schedule, the winner is the team winning the most pro sets/games in "head-to-head" matches. If there is still a tie the winner is the team with the most games in all matches. The Mixed Team plays WTT rules, plays sets and counts games for each fixture. The team with the most games at the end of each fixture is the winner and receives 1 point, the loser gets 0.

D3 a Four teams from the "A" Divisions will be promoted to the Boys Major Division the following season. The bottom two teams in each of the Major Divisions will be relegated to the Boys "A" Division.

D3 b All Division winners will receive a team plaque, at the ICTA Annual Tournament held in September at the Rexall Centre, and are eligible for promotion. . The first and second place teams from the Boys "A" East will be promoted to Boys "Major" East. The first and second place teams from the Boys "A" West will be promoted to Boys "Major" West. The Mixed League has no promotions or relegations. Clubs choose their own level of entry.

Junior Playoffs: The winners of the Boys "Major" East will playoff against the winners of Boys "Major" West. The winner of Boys "A" East will playoff against the winner of the Boys "A" West. The first place team in the Girls "A" will playoff against the second place team. The winners of the Mixed "A" East will playoff against the winner of the Mixed "A" West, the first and second place teams in the Mixed Majors will also playoff.

D4 Where playoffs are necessary, a player will have played in a minimum of two (2) league fixtures to qualify for participation in playoff competition. The winner of the playoff will be the team that has won the most matches. In the Mixed League, players must play a minimum of two (2) league matches to qualify for participation in the playoff competition -- the playoff winner is the team winning most games according to the World Team Tennis rules (see Mixed score card).

D5 Teams will have the right to refuse promotion in the Junior League.

D6 The Division Chairs will have the authority to rule on all specific complaints or questions during the season. After the season, the Junior League Director holds a Division Chairs and Captains Meeting and submits their motions and a report to be approved at the fall ICTA AGM.

D7 Plaques will be awarded to Division winners at the ICTA Annual Tournament held at the Rexall Centre in September.