



## Bayview Village Tennis Club House League

### Introduction:

House League is a very popular program for our adult members, and it is played on Monday evenings from 7 until 10 PM. Ladies' doubles, Men's doubles, Open doubles, and Mixed doubles, are played and matched according to players ranking, 2.5 and up. It is a friendly social competition in which typically 6 teams face off over a 16-week period and scores are recorded. Volunteer Team Captains ensure the players and matches run smoothly. To qualify for House League, players must possess an NTRP skill level of 2.5 or higher, see [Skill Rating Guide](#), and be 18 years of age or older.

### Procedures of Play:

The evening of play consists of 3 sessions with duration each of 1 hour starting at 7:00 pm . It is the responsibility of the Games League Director to provide the schedule for the season. A warm-up period of maximum 10 minutes will be included before the start of the first match of each session. Serve is decided by flip of a coin or a racket spin.

Courts will be allocated according to the following rankings:

Court 1:	Mens Doubles	(3.5 and up)
Court 2:	Mixed Doubles	(3.0 and up)
Court 3:	Ladies Doubles	(3.0 and up)
Court 4 :	Open	(3.5 and up)
Court 5:	Open	(2.5 to 3.0)

Games are played with a three point deuce to maximize the number of games completed in the hour. Each court will play as many games as possible within the hour. Scoring system: Two (2) points will be awarded to the winning team on each court. One (1) point will be awarded for a tie. Scores are recorded and given to the attendant on duty. The teams which start at 7:00 pm will open 4 new cans of tennis balls (provided by the club). Game must be stopped at the sound of the bell, only completed games will be counted.

### Team Composition:

Each team consists of a minimum of 15 and a maximum of 20 members. There will also be a substitute list for members that cannot commit to a full season.

## **Captains Duties:**

Each team consists of a minimum of 15 members but only 10 will play each week. Please ensure that all team members are given equal playing time over the course of the season. Communicate with your team in advance with regards to your weekly Team Line up. Determine Line-ups according to the strength of available players in order to make fair and competitive play for all. Ensure the players are reminded one day before the match. Each team captain fields players for one of the time slots 7:00, 8:00, and 9:00 pm in accordance with the schedule provided by the Games Director

## **Substitutes:**

In order to give the Captains adequate time to organize their lineups, it is critical to have everyone let their Captain know early enough in the season of their intentions to play or abstain. If a player has been selected by their Captain to play, but is unable to do so, it is the player's responsibility to immediately notify their Captain so that he/she may find a substitute. The Captain will initiate the Sub Priority Sequence (SPS) which will be as follows: First contact other HL players on your own team. Should no player be available *then:*

Contact HL players on other teams (if possible with similar rating of absent player);  
Should no player be available:

*then:*

Team captains will get a sub from the list of available subs. Should there be a no show any BVTC member who is present may substitute.

## **Players:**

All house league members are expected to abide by the Bayview Village Tennis Club Rules and Regulations. Communicate with your Captain by giving as much advanced notice as possible with regards to your availability for your team's matches throughout the season. This is especially critical during the summer vacation period when it is more difficult to find subs.

As part of a team, it is your obligation to participate in your scheduled match if selected to play. If you fail to show up, and a substitute player cannot be found, then your team is at risk of losing by default. A forfeited match on account of insufficient players (by a player not showing up) is disrespectful and unfair to your teammates. Players are expected to make themselves available to play at least 70% of the matches. In the event that you do not show up 3 times for a match (without having given prior notification to your Captain), as a consequence you will be removed from your team and the House League.

Come to the courts at least 5-10 minutes before the start of the matches. This gives your Captain enough time to assign you to a court before you step onto the court. If you show-up after the warm-up period and no sub was found, then your team forfeits that match. If you show-up within the 10 minute warm-up period and a sub was meanwhile found, it is at the Captain's discretion to decide who will play the match. The sub will be expected to play the entire match if selected.

Scheduled players must follow the lineup given by their captain.

## **Rain Dates:**

Rain dates are missed play time. The decision to cancel due to inclement weather will be decided by the Games Director. The condition of the tennis courts' surface will be assessed approx. 2 hours before the first match start time. If the courts are found to be slick or wet with puddles, then the Games Director will broadcast a notice of cancellation to all Games members. This is for all players' safety as wet courts are slippery and dangerous. A make-up schedule will be provided by the Games Director as the season progresses.