

## **Men's House League Operating Guidelines**

### 2023 2024 MEN'S WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON HOUSE LEAGUE

1. The House League will operate Wednesday with six teams.
2. Four teams will play at the East club each week.
3. Play will take place 12 noon to 2pm and 2pm to 4pm.
4. Teams will play as per attached schedule.
5. The NYWTC will supply tennis balls for use in all matches. The balls are to be returned to front desk after the match is completed for use in the NYTA Junior Academy Winter after School Programs.
6. Each team will play (XX) times over the winter.
7. Players will be expected to arrive at the East site at least 5 minutes prior to the scheduled start time of 12 noon or 2pm.
8. NO "LATES" PLEASE - YOU AFFECT OTHER PEOPLE IF YOU ARE LATE.
9. The success of the League depends entirely on each player confirmed to play showing up or getting another player from their team to play.
10. Once you are confirmed to play by your team Captain and are unable to play you must contact the captain ASAP so a replacement can be found. Last minute cancellations could result in a court fee charge.
11. All changes should be reported to the team Captain so the proper names can be input by the club. Chits will be prepared each week for the players scheduled.
12. Team roster should be printed and given to front desk staff at begin time of play which is 12 noon and 2 pm by team captains so the names can be entered into the computer. It is the captain's responsibility to make sure that all players are given so system can be updated, and chit can be prepared.
13. TEAM MEMBERS IF AVAILABLE MUST PLAY BEFORE SPARES ARE UTILIZED. Only then can you contact players on other teams.
14. During the first 55-minute period, a player is partnered with a second team member. For the second 55-minute period, players change partners so in effect there are two separate matches on each court. A 5-minute warm-up is permitted only at the start of the first period. No warmup allowed for the second period (unless 1-hour replacements are used).

15. The 55-minute matches will be indefinite in number of games unless there is a 10-game difference. In other words, it is the score at the end of the first buzzer, which will count for points. The pair leading in completed games, at the end of the 55 minutes gets two points. If game score is tied at the end of the period, the points are split 1-1. If score is tied in games but one pair is leading in an incomplete game, the incomplete game does not count, and is in effect cancelled - so points are split 1 - 1.
16. Report scores to Team Captain, who will enter scores on the scorecard. The maximum points possible are eight for four wins.
17. Scores should be reported to front desk staff at end of play on all days by team captain. Scorecards should be kept by captains for future reference.
18. Please note that players may only move up or down one court at the changeover.
19. The top two players listed on each team may only play on courts 1 and 2. They are not permitted to play on courts 3 and 4.
20. Remember the objective of the house league is have competitive games. Scoring: At the second deuce it is sudden death. Receivers' choice of side.
21. The cost to play will be \$15.00 plus tax per play, which includes court time and tennis balls. Please note that due to the time and effort of the team captains they will not be charged.
22. Any questions or concerns can be addressed to [Kunj@nywintertennisclub.com](mailto:Kunj@nywintertennisclub.com) or you can call him at 416-496-0225

## HOUSE LEAGUE

### TEAM CAPTAINS' DUTIES:

- Select a team each week consisting of players to fit the court level.  
Ensure all team members have equal playing time.
- Make sure all players have a schedule showing what date and time they will be playing.
- Ensure all team members or their substitutes are available for each game
- Ensure that substitutes are of the same playing level.
- List team members for each game on the Match Results form, upon arrival at courts, and record the results on same sheet after the game and leave completed sheet at the desk.

### PLAYER RESPONSIBILITIES:

Your team captain will contact you and ask for your vacation schedule and any other planned absences.

Based on your availability the captain will draw up a playing schedule for everyone.

**After the schedule has been issued, if you cannot play your match any week it is your responsibility to notify your team captain.**

Please see below info regarding substitutes\*.

If you are not able to play when scheduled court fees are YOUR responsibility.

**DO NOT ATTEND THE COURTS WHEN SICK or INFECTIOUS.**

### GETTING SUBS...

1. Try to get someone from your own team, not scheduled to play, who is around the same level.
2. Get someone from the sub list that is of a similar level.
3. Additional subs will be added as they become available.
4. Contact someone from another team that is playing immediately before or after your team.  
Maybe they will not mind playing 4 hours.
5. Your priority is to use a Men's Winter League player but if you are absolutely stuck, you may sub as necessary with a member who is of a similar level.
6. Please be considerate and do not cancel at the last minute and expect someone else to get a sub for you – a lot of people, including the captains, work or have other commitments