

## Junior League Rules

1. The teams shall consist of four players, either boys, girls or mixed, who are 16 & under. **This means for this year's leagues all players must have been born between 2006 to 2011 inclusive.**
2. Where a Club enters more than one team it must play the best four available players in the 1<sup>st</sup> team, the next best four in the 2<sup>nd</sup> team and so on for the 3<sup>rds</sup> and 4<sup>ths</sup>. A Club's 1<sup>st</sup> team must be filled before their 2<sup>nd</sup> team i.e. the 1<sup>st</sup> team cannot concede a match on the grounds of not having a team if the Club's 2<sup>nd</sup> team is full. If two matches are scheduled for the same date players cannot play for two teams (i.e. 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> team) - even if one is rescheduled – should a circumstance arise where this might happen then please contact the league secretary before the match.
3. Players eligible to represent a club in the League Competition must be a fully paid up member of such club as defined in their rules. Players may only play for one club in a season in one competition. However, players may play for different clubs in different competitions, e.g. the Senior Leagues, provided they are fully paid up members of each club.
4. Each team **MUST** be accompanied by a responsible adult, aged 17 or over, who is to act as non-playing captain. They must be present for the duration of the match and **both adults must sign the score sheet**. League Points will be deducted for continual disregard of this rule.
5. The standard match time is Saturday at 3pm. Match times can only be altered if both teams are agreeable. It will be necessary to change home match times for some clubs who have entered multiple teams. Requests to change match times should be made no later than Monday of the match week.
6. If a match requires to be rearranged for any reason, it should be played on the earliest mutually agreeable date and in any case must be completed within **two weeks** of the last scheduled match date in the appropriate division. Failure to do so will result in the match being declared void. If the reason the match was rearranged was

due to only one team being unavailable, then the result will be treated as a concession by the originally unavailable team.

**The Junior League Secretary is to be notified immediately if a match is postponed.**

7. Each match will consist of four singles rubbers and two doubles rubbers. All **singles rubbers** are best of three sets - the opening two sets will have a tie-break at 6 games all (first to seven points with two-point margin) and the deciding third set if needed will be a championship match tiebreak (first to ten points with two-point margin). So, a singles winner is always decided.

All **doubles rubbers** are two set matches – with a tie-break at 6 games all (first to seven points with two-point margin). So, a doubles draw is possible.

8. The HOME team is responsible for providing good quality balls - **a minimum of 4 per court** - and a decent tea.
9. A team must play in order of merit - i.e. best player at No.1, second best at No. 2 - for the singles. For the Doubles the No.1 player must partner the No. 2 and the No. 3 must partner the No. 4.
10. Playing order at a **three court** Club:

	<u>Court 1</u> <b>Singles</b>	<u>Court 2</u> <b>Singles</b>	<u>Court 3</u> <b>Doubles</b>
Round 1	1 v 1	2 v 2	3&4 v 3&4
Round 2	3 v 3	4 v 4	1&2 v 1&2

- **The Home Club decides which round is played first**

11. The following **amendments** to the Rules are in force at **two court** Clubs.

- The singles rubbers are to be ONE SET ONLY.
- Playing order at a 2 Court Club:

	<b>Court 1</b>	<b>Court 2</b>
Round 1	1 v 1	3 v 3
Round 2	2 v 2	4 v 4
Round 3	1&2 v 1&2	3&4 v 3&4

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- **The Home club decides whether Round 1 or Round 2 is played first**
  - **The Round 3 doubles rubbers should be played last**

12. The scoring system is as follows:

- a) Two points are awarded for each rubber won and one point for each rubber drawn, no points for a rubber loss
- b) The team with the most rubber points wins the match.
- c) If both teams have the same rubber points (i.e. 6-6) the match is a draw.
- d) A team will receive 2 league points for a match win.
- e) A team will receive 1 league point for a match draw.
- f) A team will receive 0 league points for a match loss
- g) If a team concedes a match, they will be penalised a league point.

13. The final standings in each division shall be determined by the following:

- i. LEAGUE POINTS – TOTAL NUMBER OF POINTS AWARDED TO EACH TEAM FOR WINNING/DRAWING MATCHES ACROSS THE SEASON.
- ii. HEAD TO HEAD – LOOKS AT THE RESULTS BETWEEN TWO TEAMS TO SPLIT TEAMS WHO ARE TIED IN THE LEAGUE TABLE.
- iii. SET PERCENTAGE – COMPARES THE PERCENTAGE OF SETS WON AND LOST.
- iv. GAME PERCENTAGE – COMPARES THE PERCENTAGE OF GAMES WON AND LOST.

**IF THIS STILL RESULTS IN TWO TEAMS BEING EQUAL, THEN THE MATCHES BETWEEN THE TIED TEAMS WILL BECOME THE DECIDER - FIRSTLY BY SET PERCENTAGE AND FINALLY GAME PERCENTAGE.**

14. Normally, the top two teams in each league will be promoted and the bottom two teams will be relegated for the following season. This may be altered if there is any change in the number of entrants for the following season.

15. Official Tennis Tayside Junior Match Score Sheets can be downloaded from the Tennis Tayside Web site.
16. The non-playing captains of BOTH TEAMS are responsible for completing and signing the score sheet. The WINNING CLUB'S JUNIOR TEAM ORGANISER has then to **submit the results online AND email a clear photo or scan of the score sheet to the Junior League Secretary within 48 hours of the match.** Details of how to enter the results will be available on the League section of Tennis Tayside Web site.  
**Results still not received within 72 hours WILL be declared void.**
17. Results must be completed on the official Tennis Tayside Match Score Sheets with all parts fully completed and signed.
18. In the case of conceded matches a team must still process the score sheet in the usual manner. Teams receiving a concession will be credited with a win by six rubbers to zero and receive 2 league points. **Teams conceding a match will be penalised a single league point.**
19. Any team withdrawing from any League or conceding more than two matches may be relegated two divisions the following season.
20. All disputes should be referred to the Junior League Secretary in writing within 72 hours of the disputed event.
21. The Tennis Tayside Board will have the power to alter or add to the above rules as they may deem appropriate.

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