

Summary of Tennis League Rules and Regulations – 2015 Version 1

Membership:

Membership privileges are subject to adherence to the conduct Rules and Regulations outlined in the signed Waiver:

[Recreation Grounds Waiver](#)

There are two types of memberships hosted by the London Life Tennis League – Employee and Guest

- **Employee Members:**
 - Membership is open to all LL/GWL/CL employees currently active on head office and field payroll as well as all retired employees
 - Upon registration and completion of a league waiver, employee members will receive a numbered employee tennis membership card
 - Employee members have access to book all four courts at the grounds in accordance with the court reservation rules
 - Employee members may bring outside guests to play on the London Life courts for non-league games
 - Employee members who join the league have the privilege of sponsoring one guest over the age of 18 to join the league (space permitting)

Sponsorship:

Non-employee members (Guests) are invited to join the league through an Employee Sponsor:

- Responsibilities of the Sponsor include:
 - communicating key messages to their guest
 - Keeping their guest up to date with any league developments and league events
 - Ensuring Member Cards are returned
- Responsibilities / privileges of the Guest include:
 - Bound by the same code of conduct as an employee while on company property
 - Be aware of and follow instructions on signs posted around the grounds
 - Guests of the league are not allowed to invite other guests to play tennis at the London Life courts
 - Guests cannot book court 4

LL Recreation Grounds Conduct:

The League reserves the right to suspend members for any behavior that it deems contrary to general good conduct, including but not limited to the following rules:

- Maintain respect and courteous court decorum while at the Recreation Ground

- Follow direction provided by the London Life Tennis League (the League) Committee or London Life Property Management staff, including the Club attendant on duty.
- Refrain from swearing, screaming or physically threatening or aggressive behavior toward another player or players, Committee member or Recreation Ground's Staff.
- Follow League rules in connection with scheduling the tennis courts.
- Exercise consideration for others in not monopolizing limited court time.
- Abide by League rules in connection with appropriate attire and membership identification.
- Respond politely and accurately when asked for proof of membership or concerning use of the courts.
- Treat all members with respect and courtesy regardless of age, gender, race, ethnicity , sexual orientation etc.

Membership Cards:

- All Tennis League Members will be provided with a membership card at the beginning of the season with an assigned card number unique to the member. The card should be deposited in the card holder which is attached on the south fence of the tennis courts during use of the court. Both players are required to put their card in the holder during play.
- Make a note of your card number. Instructions regarding membership cards can be accessed from the Membership Cards FAQ link on the website. Please become familiar with the rules regarding these cards as you are responsible for their use and care.

Smoking Policy:

- The London Life Recreation Grounds at 2 Oxford Street East is now a smoke-free property.
- Smoking of all types (including but not limited to cigarettes, cigars, pipes) as well as the use of chewing tobacco and e-cigarettes is not permitted anywhere on the property, including clubhouse, patio, parking lots and grounds.
- Compliance with the policy is mandatory for all persons.
- Violators will be asked to move off the property to smoke or cease smoking while on the property.
- Those who persist in violating this smoke-free policy will be directed to leave. Failure to comply could result in a warning to the league member, up to and including expulsion from the league if the league member re-offends.

League Structure

- The league's basic structure is a singles challenge ladder.
- All players are ranked and then grouped into divisions, typically about 10 people per division.

- The players in each division should have comparable abilities.
- The season is divided into four 'rounds of play'.
- Each round has players in the same division playing amongst each other.
- The first and second division members with the highest number of wins are promoted to the next higher division.
- It's each player's responsibility to contact persons in their division to schedule matches with dates and times convenient for both.
- Please remember to be considerate of the baseball players during their game. Please stay close to the tennis fence.
- Also remember that you park your car at your own risk on the grounds. Softballs have been known to be hit near the cars parked next to the tennis courts.

Court Availability / Reservations

- The courts will be available for reservation throughout the summer for one hour time slots to London Life employees and London Life Tennis League participants. The timeslots are on the hour and not on the half hour.
- Court reservations may be made:
 1. by phone: call 435-4183 (Recreation Club) for Court 4 – only available to employee members
 - Employee members can book court 4 by calling the Recreation club.
 - Non-employees **will not** be able to book court 4.
 2. on the web site:
 - <http://www.lifetennis.ca/>
 - 1. Log in**
 - 2. Click the <Schedule Game> link**
 - 3. A calendar of up to 2 weeks will be displayed**
 - 4. Select the day that you are interested in and the list of courts and times for that day will be displayed**
 - 5. Select the court and time that you would like to book and click the [Book Court] button**
 - 6. To view all your scheduled/booked courts click the [Show My Bookings] button**

N.B You would not be allowed to select more that 2 courts between 4p.m - 8p.m. in any 1 week period.

To Print the Schedule

 - 1. Use the steps above to get day that you would like printed**
 - 2. Click the [Print this schedule] button**
 - 3. In the Printer Selection box, select your printer and click ok**
- Each league member can book up to 2 courts per week.

ROUND FORMAT

- **Scoring Matches**

We suggest that you use the 'first to win 10 games', or 'most games won within the hour time limit (maximum 10). Remember, there is a 1 hour time limit on the courts when other London Life staff are waiting to play.

- **Reporting Scores**

The match winner is responsible for reporting the win.

Record your scores on the website:

<http://www.lifetennis.ca/>

1. *Log in*
2. *Verify your match has not already been recorded by Clicking <Round Results> from the menu on the left and selecting your division*
3. *Click on <Add Game Scores> from the menu on the left*
4. *Select the Division of each player*
5. *Select yourself and your opponent as Player 1 and Player 2*
6. *Enter the number of games won by each player*
7. *Click the <Save Scores> button*
8. *You and the person you were playing will receive an e-mail confirming the recording of the score*
9. *You can check your points as you play matches by Clicking <My Games> or <Round Results> from the menu on the left*

- **Point System**

Points are awarded on the following basis:

1. The match winner receives 3 plus the number of games (s)he won,
2. The non-winner receives 1 plus the number of games (s)he won.
3. In case of a tie, each player receives 2 plus the number of games (s)he won.
4. In a default situation, the opponent who showed up ready to play, scores the match as a victory, that is, (s)he receives 13 (3 plus 10) points, the "no show" receives 0 (zero) points.
5. While multiple games against the same opponent are not prohibited, we want to encourage people to play as many opponents as possible within their division. As such, only the results from the first game will be recorded for scoring purposes.

At the end of each round, your match results are tabulated and used to determine participation awards and movement up/down the ladder for the next round.

- **Participation Awards**

The top 2 players in each division, based on the total number of points accumulated for that round, will each receive a set of tennis balls.

An additional prize will be awarded to the person who accumulated the overall highest number of points in the round. Please note that the prize will not be awarded to the same person more than once in a season. In the event that the same person has the highest points in more than one round, the person with the next highest score will receive the prize.

- **Ladder Progression**

Movement on the ladder depends upon your **performance within your division**.

The top two players in a division advance 1 division, the middle ones remain, and the bottom two drop 1 division.

The top two players advancing will be decided based on the following criteria:

- Total number of wins and ties against divisional opponents (one point for a win and half a point for a tie)
- In case of a tie, next look at total number of points recorded for divisional play only
- Still tied, look at head to head results
- Lastly, total number of points for the round for all games

The bottom two players dropping down a division will be players with the lowest number of points recorded for divisional play. In the case of a tie, the results will be decided by a coin toss.