



## 2023-2024 OTTC House League

### Prospectus

#### Overview

The **OTTC House League** is designed for competitive novice level players and above to compete together in a cooperative format from the start of the fall 2024 season and into the spring of 2025.

**Teams are formed by a "school-yard pick" on the draft day.** During the draft, the strongest players registered are called out as the team captains. One-by-one the team captains select from the pool of remaining players to add their 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> players to form their team. The league covers three months of activity and includes two stages. The first stage is a single or double round robin, and the second is a playdown where all teams play for position.

**Ideal participants for this league** are for OTTC Members looking...

- to gain experience in sanctioned competition
- to have fun and challenge themselves in a weekday-evening table tennis activity
- to contribute to a team format competition
- to exercise in a competitive, structured activity
- to gain sanctioned match experience, Ontario Ranking Point, or TTCan Rating Points.
- Available to play on average once a week on Wednesday and Friday evenings

**The new 2024-25 season aims to**

- tighten the skill variance between players competing by adding divisions if necessary
- Schedule matches on Wednesdays at 7:30pm and Fridays at 5:30pm
- provide flexibility for rescheduling matches for good reason on other weekday evenings.
- Provide teams with a total of 10 team matches. That is 30 individual matches with full participation and attendance.

#### Fees

OTTC Member Price: \$175+hst per player | Non-Members are: \$210.42 +hst per player

- Includes:
  - **Practice Sessions in September, prior to the league start date**
  - **Draft day September 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM**
  - **Matches:** All matches are best 3 out of 5. The season will have minimum 8 matches per team; 24 individual matches with full participation and attendance.
  - **Awards Social:** \$20 +hst per participant + \$20 per guests. Championship Team does not pay.
  - **Prizes:** The Championship Team will have their team and player names plated on the House League Trophy! The champions will be honoured at the awards social with individual trophies. Notable performances will also be rewarded.

#### Participation Requirements

- Who can join?
  - Ottawa Table Tennis Club members in good standing may join the league.
  - Non-Members can join the league too and will be temporary OTTC members for the duration of the league!
- All participants must be active competitive members of the Ontario Table Tennis Association, see *Appendix E*.
- **Current OTTC Members** who show proof of their OTTA Membership valid until the end of the league will receive an **OTTC Account Credit of \$30**, upon request, at the time of verifying their valid OTTA Member Card, OTTC Membership, and League Fee Registration. Account credit may be put towards equipment purchases, training passes, and more.

#### Format

- A team consists of 3 players and up to one substitute for each of the three players.
  - Each team match consists of a best-of-9 matches (9 singles). All singles matches are best of 3-out-of-5.
  - All 9 matches are played in every meeting.
- Team Stage 1: Single or Double Round-Robin, depending on participation
- Team Stage 2: Playdown with all teams
- Based on participation and skill variance, the league organizers may structure multiple league divisions.

#### Divisions

- The league may be separated into two divisions based on registration numbers, and the range of skill level represented in the league. This will be determined between the close of registration on September 25<sup>th</sup> and the Draft Day meeting on September 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM.



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- If two divisions are formed, the organizers may keep the two divisions separate for the duration of the league, both stages. In some cases, the Stage 2 playdown could be played with both divisions together.

### Substitutes

- Substitutes are required when one or more team players are unable to attend a scheduled match, and rescheduling the match was unsuccessful.
- Substitute players are floating and *not* loyal to any team. This means that a substitute may play for multiple teams during the league season, as required to fill absences.
- Substitutes are validated Ontario TT Association members and can replace players who are equal or above their own level. The level of the player will be the organizers final decision.
- Substitute players will receive Table Tennis Canada rating and Ontario ranking for their match performances.
- The organizer has the right to a confidential review of the players skill, and as part of this review, recent sanctioned performance records of the athlete will be considered before making the final decision.
- Each substitution adds a cost to the league, as per the rules of sanctioned matches. As a result, each substitution will be charged a **league pass of \$10 +hst.**

### Team Construction – Draft Day

- Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm is the draft day. All participants are recommended to attend. Players not in attendance, will be noted and available to be chosen by the selected team captains. They will be notified of their team afterwards.

### Scheduling

- **Match times are on** Wednesdays at 7:30pm & Fridays at 5:30pm. Players registering in the league are aware that their matches may be scheduled on either of these times.
- House league dates set out at the start of the league have priority over other club activities (i.e. the spots have been blocked off the schedule ahead of time). A special larger court setup with more space will be guaranteed during these times.
- **Flexibility in rescheduling a match will be considered upon request on a case-by-case basis.** We understand that teams may from time-to-time request to reschedule, and additional weekday evening times, can be provided upon request. The request must be approved by both team captains.

### Re-scheduling Matches

- **With adequate notice**, teams may agree to reschedule matches to a Monday evening, Tuesday at 8:00pm or Thursday at 8:00pm.
- Teams exceeding two reschedule requests, will be given a fair sportsmanship warning.
- The organizing committee may force a team that is excessively rescheduling to suffer a walkover.
- Teams with players who are unable to attend a match must notify the organizer as soon as possible.
- Teams may use an approved **substitute** for any match instead of rescheduling. Substitute players must be known to the organizing committee in advance of the request to use them in the match.

### Venue

- All matches will be played at the Ottawa Table Tennis Club
- The north side of the gym will have 4 courts of competition roughly 8 meters X 4.5 meters in area

Appendix A: Example Stages One and Two with Five Teams in Two Divisions

This is an example only and does not reflect the final schedule to be published after the draft day.

Stage 1: Double Round Robin

**Division A: Wednesdays at 7:30pm | Teams 1 to 5**

RR1

Date	Oct 2	Oct 9	Oct 16	Oct 23	Oct 30
Match #1	T1 vs T4	T3 vs T1	T5 vs T3	T2 vs T5	T4 vs T2
Match #2	T2 vs T3	T4 vs T5	T1 vs T2	T3 vs T4	T5 vs T1
Team on Break	Team 5	Team 2	Team 4	Team 1	Team 3

RR2

Round & Date	November 6	November 13	November 20	November 27	December 4
Match #1	T1 vs T4	T3 vs T1	T5 vs T3	T2 vs T5	T4 vs T2
Match #2	T2 vs T3	T4 vs T5	T1 vs T2	T3 vs T4	T5 vs T1
Team on Break	Team 5	Team 2	Team 4	Team 1	Team 3

**Division B: Fridays at 5:30pm | Teams 6 to 10**

RR1

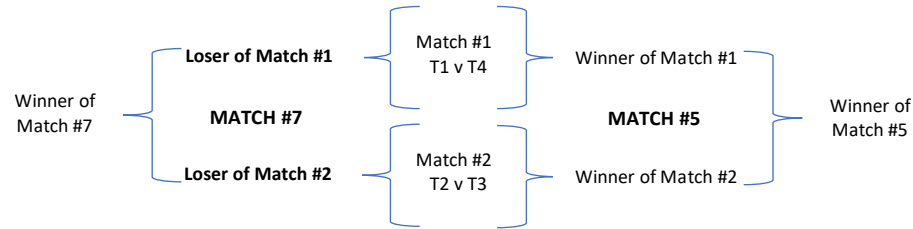
Date	Oct 4	Oct 11	Oct 18	Oct 25	Nov 1
Match #1	T6 vs T9	T8 vs T6	T10 vs T8	T7 vs T10	T9 vs T7
Match #2	T7 vs T8	T9 vs T10	T6 vs T7	T8 vs T9	T10 vs T6
Team on Break	Team 10	Team 7	Team 9	Team 6	Team 8

RR2

Date	November 8	November 15	November 22	November 29	December 6
Match #1	T6 vs T9	T8 vs T6	T10 vs T8	T7 vs T10	T9 vs T7
Match #2	T7 vs T8	T9 vs T10	T6 vs T7	T8 vs T9	T10 vs T6
Team on Break	Team 10	Team 7	Team 9	Team 6	Team 8

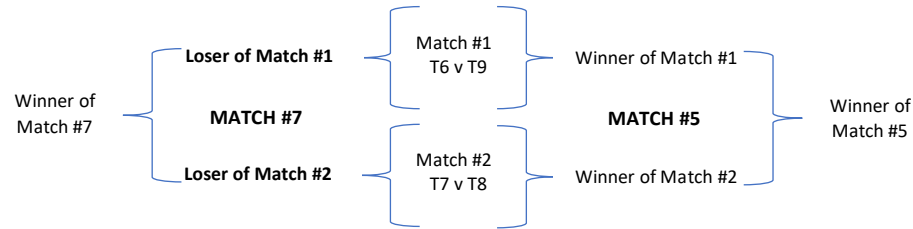
Stage 2: Play down Matches  
(December 11, 13, 18, 20)

Division A  
December 11th and 18th



Discretionary Bonus Match (January 8<sup>th</sup>): Team 5 versus Team 6

Division B  
December 13th and 20th





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### Appendix B: Operation and Procedures

#### Team Match

- Teams of 3 play all players of the other team to complete one *Team Match*.
- All individual matches must be completed or result in a default.
- How it works:
  - All individual matches are BEST 3 OUT OF 5

#### Order of Play

- The order of play for Team ABC v Team XYZ shall be:
  - A v X, B v Y, C v Z
  - B v X, A v Z, C v Y
  - B v Z, C v X, A v Y
- Prior to the start of each match, teams, in private, choose their order of play.
- The matches are then played according to the *order of play*

**Scoresheets:** Scoresheets are available from the OTTC desk prior to each scheduled match. This is where the results are initially recorded.

- These scoresheets show the match time, player, and team names, and have areas to record the details of each match
  - Score and results
  - Scorekeeper name
  - Players sign off on results after the match
- After the match, all nine sheets are returned to the OTTC desk for processing

**Order of Play Sheets:** Used to write down the order of play prior to the start of the match.

#### Court Selection, Equipment, Apparel, and Setup:

- Every team match may utilize any two adjacent courts inside the OTTC gym.
- Each court has:
  - one score table & scoreboard
  - one OTTC league ball and spare balls
- Every team match must have a scorekeeper. This can be one of the players not currently playing a match or a volunteer.
- Equipment must meet minimum standards for sanctioned competition.
- Apparel worn must be according to the TT Canada rules for competition.

### Appendix C: Sanctioned by the Ontario Association

#### Sanctioned League | OTTA Membership Requirement

The league is sanctioned, and all participants are required to have OTTA membership in good standing to register. This is something each player must get themselves. In the past (2+ years ago), this was done between OTTA and the club, but now it is direct between OTTA and the player.

- Register at [tcan.tournamentsoftware.com](http://tcan.tournamentsoftware.com)
- Visit <https://ontariotabletennis.com/> for more information
- Visit <https://ttcanada.ca/canadian-rankings/> for Rankings
- Validation: email a copy of your new/renewed **OTTA Member Card** to [club@ottc.ca](mailto:club@ottc.ca) with subject: OTTA Member Card.