



## 2023-2024 OTTC House League

### Overview

The OTTC House League is designed for competitive intermediate level players and above to compete together in a cooperative format. Teams are formed by a *school-yard pick* on the draft day. During the draft, the top third of 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. Naturally, the newly formed teams will have one captain, one advanced level player, and one intermediate level player. The league covers 5 months of activity and includes two stages. The first stage is a round robin, and the second is a playoff with consolation in which all teams play for position.

Ideal participants for this league are those looking to support their personal development as a player or captain of a team and want to interact with players of various skill levels within the club. Over the course of the league teams which improve their overall skills, may gain a competitive edge during the all-important playoff.

In contrast to the league last year, the 2023-24 season will see fewer spots available to register. Instead of twelve teams (36 players), the aim is to have eight teams (24 players + substitutes). There will 10 match dates. The match times are tentatively set during Tuesday evenings, with the option of rescheduling matches to a Thursday evening or Sunday evening with adequate notice.

### Fees

- Early-bird Registration: \$175+hst per player, by October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023. [After October 12<sup>th</sup>: \$190+hst per player]
  - Includes:
    - Draft day (**earliest is Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup>**)
    - Round robin matches: 7
    - Playoff matches: 3
    - Awards and invitation to awards social. \*Awards Social additional to the house league fee (TBD).
  - For tentative match dates: See Appendix B

### Participation

- Any Ottawa Table Tennis Club member in good standing may join the league.
- All participants must be active competitive members of the Ontario Table Tennis Association, see Appendix E.
- For new OTTA Member registrations (within one prior to league start) will receive an **OTTC Account Credit of \$50** on their account after submitting both their valid OTTA Member Card 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.
- For more about the match format, see Appendix C
- **Team Construction:** Teams will be formed on a draft day. See Appendix C for details.

### Scheduling (also see Appendix B)

- The match times are tentatively set during Tuesday evenings, with the option of rescheduling matches to a Thursday evening or Sunday evening with adequate notice. **The Draft Day will be earliest on October 17<sup>th</sup>.**
- Match dates will not be held on the same date as an ON1 tournament or ON3 tournament within 50km. This is to avoid conflict with other regional tournaments organized by the Ontario Table Tennis Association.
- 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 accommodated during these times only. This may not include rescheduled matches.

### Re-scheduling Matches

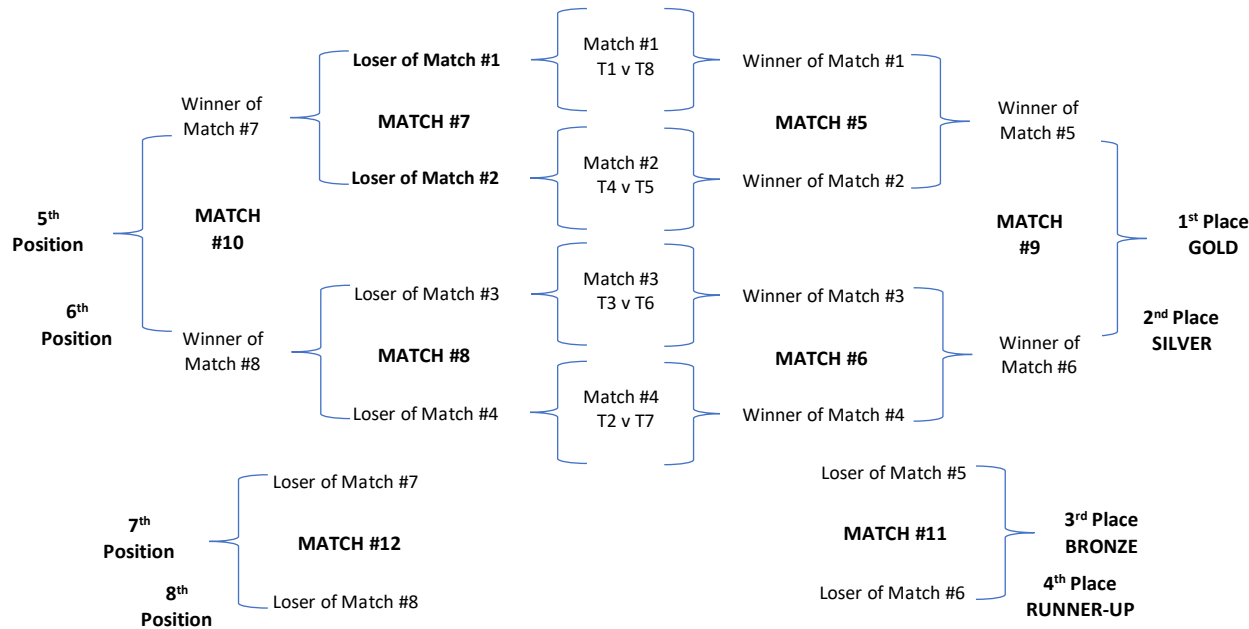
- Rescheduled matches may not have the special larger court setup (i.e. the larger court is not guaranteed for rescheduled matches).
- Rescheduled matches are based on individual schedules and limited to the provided alternative weekdays of Thursday and Sunday. In exceptional cases, teams may request additional rescheduling options from the organizing committee. This requires additional work and may be refused, by the discretion of the organizing committee.
- Each team will have 3 chances to early-reschedule a match.
- Teams unable to attend a match must notify the organizer with 72+ hour notice.
- Teams have one emergency reschedule option, which they can use to reschedule a match within the 72-hour window. Aside from this one case, additional late-reschedule requests should be played, with either the main team players or substitutes.
- Teams may use an approved **substitute** for any match instead of rescheduling.

## Appendix A: Format of Stages One and Two

### Stage 1: Round Robin

Team	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
A	X	December	November	December	October	November	January	November
B	R6	X	December	October	November	January	November	November
C	R2	R5	X	November	December	November	January	October
D	R5	R1	R4	X	November	December	November	December
E	R1	R4	R7	R3	X	November	December	December
F	R4	R7	R3	R6	R2	X	October	December
G	R7	R3	R6	R2	R5	R1	X	November
H	R3	R2	R1	R7	R6	R5	R4	X

### Stage 2: Play down Matches (February 2024)



### Appendix B: Tentative Schedule (plus other key competition dates)

Event Title	Dates	Matches/Activity
	October 4-11 <sup>th</sup> / October 12-15 <sup>th</sup>	Early Registration Period / Late-Registration Period
House League Draft Day (earliest)	Tuesday, October 17 <sup>th</sup>	Draft Day and Practice with team.
House League Round 1	Tuesday, October 24 <sup>th</sup>	M1(T7,T6); M2(T1,T5)
House League Round 1	Tuesday, October 31 <sup>st</sup>	M3(T2,T4); M4(T3,T8)
House League Round 2	Tuesday, November 7 <sup>th</sup>	M5(T6,T5); M6(T7,T4);
House League Round 2	Tuesday, November 7 <sup>th</sup>	M7(T1,3); M8(T2,T8)
House League Round 3	Tuesday, November 14 <sup>th</sup>	M9(T1,T8); M10(T6,T3)
House League Round 3	Tuesday, November 14 <sup>th</sup>	M11(T7,T2); M12(T5,T4)
House League Round 4	Tuesday, November 21 <sup>st</sup>	M13(T4,T3); M14(T5,T2)
House League Round 4	Tuesday, November 21 <sup>st</sup>	M15(T7,T8); M16(T6,T1)
House League Round 5	Tuesday, November 28 <sup>th</sup>	M17(T3,T2); M18(T4,T1)
House League Round 5	Tuesday, November 28 <sup>th</sup>	M19(T5,T7); M20(T6,T8)
House League Round 6	Tuesday, December 05 <sup>th</sup>	M21(T2,T1); M22(T5,T8)
House League Round 6	Tuesday, December 05 <sup>th</sup>	M23(T4,T6); M24(T3,T7)
House League Round 7	Tuesday, December 12 <sup>th</sup>	M25(T1,T7); M26(T2,T6)
House League Round 7	Tuesday, December 12 <sup>th</sup>	M27(T3,T5); M28(T4,T8)
House League Round (Make-Up Date)	Tuesday, December 19 <sup>th</sup>	Make Up Date
House League Play Off	Tuesday, January 02 <sup>th</sup>	Quarter Finals: Match #1 and Match #2
House League Play Off	Tuesday, January 09 <sup>th</sup>	Quarter Finals: Match #3 and Match #4
House League Play Off	Tuesday, January 16 <sup>th</sup>	Semi-Finals for Main Draw: Match #5 and Match #6
House League Play Off	Tuesday, January 23 <sup>th</sup>	Semi-Finals for Consolation: Match #7 and Match #8
House League Play Off	Tuesday, January 30 <sup>th</sup>	Main Draw Finals & Positional Matches for 1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> ;
House League Finals (all teams play)	Tuesday, February 06 <sup>th</sup>	Positional Matches: 5 <sup>th</sup> /6 <sup>th</sup> ; 7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup>

### Other Important Dates

Event Title	Dates	Matches
Quebec Circuit #1	October 1 <sup>st</sup>	
Ontario Champs (ON1)	Saturday October 21 <sup>st</sup> & Sunday, October 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Some players will be away.
High-Performance Camp	Evenings of October 24-26	
Quebec Circuit #2	Sunday, October 28 <sup>th</sup> (Simples Divisions)	Some players will be away.
Chops Open	Sunday, November 4 <sup>th</sup> & Saturday, November 5 <sup>th</sup>	Some players will be away.
OTTC Challenge #2	November 18 <sup>th</sup> (tentative)	OTTC is reserved for the tournament.
Quebec Circuit #3	December 2 <sup>nd</sup> – December 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Some players will be away.
OTTC Challenge #3	December 16 <sup>th</sup>	OTTC is reserved for the tournament.
OTTC Challenge #4	January 6 <sup>th</sup>	OTTC is reserved for the tournament.
Quebec Circuit #4	January 20 <sup>th</sup>	Some players will be away.
OTTC Challenge #5	February 3 <sup>rd</sup>	OTTC is reserved for the tournament.
Quebec Circuit #5	February 17 <sup>th</sup>	Some players will be away.



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### Appendix C: 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 D: Team Construction

- **What?** Teams will be constructed from one top-level player, one advanced player, and one intermediate player.
  - This will have the positive result of mixing players who may not yet have met, or seldomly meet.
  - This will lead to a field of teams where there will be no *stacked* team.
  - Players will play someone at their level, and some different from their level.
  - Matches between counterparts becomes very important. Winners of these matches are more difficult to predict.
  - Players are motivated to strengthen their skills, particularly to perform better than their counterparts in other teams.
  - Players are motivated to help their teammates improve their level and encouraged to meet for practices together during Open Practice times.
- **How?** Top-level players (top one-third of league registrants) will be called to be the initial team captains.
  - **Draft:**
    - The lowest ranked of these captains is first to select their *2<sup>nd</sup> team member*. Then the next highest ranked captain will make their selection. Finally, the highest ranked team captain will make their selection. This process repeats for the *3<sup>rd</sup> team member*.
  - After teams are formed, each team may choose a Team Communicator, to be the main contact with the organizer.
- **When?** A meeting will take place to pick the teams.
  - All league participants are requested to be present at this meeting or assign a proxy to represent them. This meeting will take only as much time as necessary to form the teams. A social to follow is considered.
  - Unpicked players may be a sub or try to form another team following the dominant ideas about this league.



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- Teams who are not formed by the draft and wish to participate will require application and approval by the league committee. The approval will consider the level of the players, and whether the team was formed in earnest consideration of the league motifs and is ultimately fitting in this league. Finally, whether there is space in the league for an additional team.
- **Who?** Players who are part of the Teams Program will be the first to know about these league details.
  - The Teams program consists of the weekly weekend match practices, the participation in the Team WhatsApp groups, and those earnestly pursuing training and sanctioned competition.
- **Why?** This is the first sanctioned league in Ottawa since the pandemic started. Amateur competition is an essential component to sport. It promotes skill development, good sportsmanship, generates news, and opportunities for others to participate in a multitude of other ways – not limited to officials, social media gurus, webpage managers, and fans!

### Substitutes

- Teams may occasionally require a sub to fill in. Subs are not loyal to a team and may sub for any team any number of times. The sub must only replace a player at or above their level. To avoid controversy, the TTCan rating and recorded Team Program match results will be considered when approving substitutes. Subs without any recorded performance data risk not being approved.

### Schedule and Commitment

- The schedule will include match times on the weekend evening.
- Expect one double header during the season.
- Expect commitment of two matches per month on average.
- Please handle vacation requests early. Find a substitute or reschedule the match.

### Additional considerations will be,

- Details of an end of season social
- Trophy and awards certificates/medals
- Promotion online via social media, photo galleries

## Appendix E: 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](https://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.