



## 2023-2024 OTTC House League

### 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.