

CALEDON DUFFERIN INTERCLUB LEAGUE

Rules 2016

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Membership

Membership in the Caledon Dufferin Interclub League is restricted to volunteer-run not-for-profit local community tennis clubs. Participating communities: Belfountain, Bolton, Caledon, Caledon East, Erin, Inglewood, Orangeville, Mono Centre and Palgrave.

1) General Rules

- a) Participating clubs must be from a volunteer-run, not-for-profit locally-based community.
- b) Team players must be a member of a participating club.
- c) Play is governed by “The Rules of the Court, Tennis Canada, 2016”.
- d) The participation fee is \$70.00 per team as determined at the Annual Meeting.
- e) The League will create two divisions (A and B) if there are enough participants.
- f) Participating clubs will enter their teams at the Annual Meeting.
- g) A home-and-away schedule for each division will be created and distributed by the League.
 - i) Time will be allotted for makeup matches prior to the playoffs.
- h) Playoff date and locations will be determined at the annual meeting.

2) League Format

- a) Each club must have a designated captain.
- b) Each team must consist of 8 players (4 men & 4 women). Players are organized into the following teams:
 - i) 2 mixed doubles (rank 1 & 2)
 - ii) 1 women's doubles
 - iii) 1 men's doubles
- c) Courts to be available at 7:00 p.m.
- d) Fixtures to begin at 7:30 p.m. **SHARP!** (Some flexibility is allowable due to court conditions).

3) Team Captains' Responsibility:

- a) Fielding a complete team for each league fixture
- b) Co-ordinating players into teams
- c) Providing a completed scorecard to the visiting captain
- d) Assure joint signature of the scorecard
- e) Exchanging rosters at the same time

- f) Deciding on the cancellation of a fixture
- g) Rescheduling rainouts in conjunction with the visiting captain

4) The Home Team's Responsibility:

- a) Co-ordinating food, drink and tennis balls
- b) Coordinating the order of play with the visiting captain
 - i) The visiting team has the choice of service or side
- c) Bringing a participant record/scorecard available from the Web site at <http://www.caledondufferinterclub.weebly.com>
- d) Communicating the results (score) of the fixture to the Statistician **no later than the Monday noon following the fixture**
 - i) **A PENALTY OF 10 POINTS WILL BE DEDUCTED FROM THE HOME TEAM SCORE FOR ANY LATE RESULTS.**
 - ii) The completed scorecard should be e-mailed by the home captain to Jason Hall at: jhall@monocliffsinn.ca
 - iii) Reporting rain date results to the Statistician as soon as the fixture or partial fixture has been completed
- e) Copying the visiting captain on any email pertaining to their club (i.e. submission of scores and disputes)

5) Scoring

- a) All teams will play two (2) sets and if tied at 6-6, a 12-point tiebreaker will decide the set, advantage points are played.
 - i) One point will be awarded for each game won and one additional point will be awarded for winning the set. **The maximum number of points for a set is seven (7).**
- b) If an entire team does not show for a fixture, the opposing team will be awarded points based on the greatest of the following:
 - i) average of their three (3) previous fixtures
 - (1) if three (3) fixtures have not been completed, the average based on the previous fixtures plus the next consecutive fixtures to total three (3);
 - ii) average of all their other fixtures in the season (to be calculated at end of season);
or
 - iii) points scored against defaulting opponent in the other scheduled fixture during the season.

6) Short-handed teams

- a) If a club does not have a full team for any fixture, the teams will play the three matches for which there are players. In order that there is not a default and in the spirit of the league.
 - (1) The short-handed team may choose a player who has already played a completed match to play the remaining match.
- b) The short-handed team can only record a maximum of seven (7) points for the match. The full team is guaranteed a minimum of seven (7) points for the match, plus any additional points it may earn above that from playing to a maximum of 14.
 - i) In the event a team cannot field a player from their own club members, players may be borrowed from other league teams without penalty; preference is to borrow from teams not playing that night (teams that have a bye). In the case of A teams,

the preference is to recruit from own club's B team before recruiting from another league club. Recruitment from other teams must be through the Team Captain. In the spirit of the league, appropriate substitute players should be chosen.

- 7) The final standings for the season will be determined based on the totals points for the season. All teams make the playoffs.
 - a) The top four (4) teams in the league standings will play for the Tier 1 Championship; remaining teams will play for the Tier 2 Championship.
- 8) Ties at the end of the season will be settled according to the record of play between the tied teams. The criteria in order of priority is:
 - i) Total points in fixtures played between the tied teams
 - ii) Total sets won in fixtures played between the tied teams
 - iii) If the teams are still tied, it will be officially a tie – a coin flip will determine standing for playoff qualification/position purposes
- 9) Any player who has played in four (4) fixtures for their own A team cannot play for a B team.
- 10) A maximum of two juniors (under 16 years of age as of Jan. 1 of present year) are allowed to play for any given team on any given night.
- 11) Players must have played in at least two regular season fixtures for their own club to be eligible to participate in the playoffs.
- 12) In the event of a rainout or other unforeseen event, report the results of any completed matches to the Statistician by email.
 - i) All matches that have been completed (two sets) will stand
 - ii) Regardless of completing one set, both sets must be replayed in their entirety
 - iii) Any player who has not played in the fixture is eligible to play
 - iv) If a player who has played a completed match must play, the 7-point ceiling rule (Rule #4) takes effect.
- 13) In the event of illness or injury during match play, the score will stand for the defaulting team to that point of play and the other team will claim the set(s).
- 14) A team may forfeit a fixture by default if a player that is scheduled to play is more than 30 minutes late. The spirit of the league is to play. If a player is late, then the captains should make all efforts to play the fixture. If the captains cannot agree, then a default will be awarded 30 minutes from the vacant court. In the case of playoffs, the grace period is 15 minutes from the scheduled time.
- 15) Any scheduling or other issues that cannot be resolved between the captains must be brought to the attention of the Convener whose decision is binding.
- 16) Playoffs**
 - i) Date: Saturday September 10th (rain date Sunday, September 11th)

- ii) Location: **A Division - Bolton Tennis Club**
B Division - Erin Tennis Club
- iii) Format: The top four (4) teams in the league standings will play for the Tier 1 Championship; remaining teams will play for the Tier 2 Championship. All matches will be completed in their entirety (even if points do not affect the result of the fixture due to previous match results).
- iv) Schedule: The playoff schedule will be posted on the league website.
- v) Playoff Scoring - same as regular season play
- vi) Short-handed teams:
 - First round: substitute players not scheduled to play may be recruited from other teams without penalty (through the players' captain)
 - Second round: substitute players can be used for a second time; also players eliminated from the first round may be selected via lottery without penalty
 - Substitute players (one male/one female from each team) must be identified for the lottery prior to the first round if required
- vii) In case of a tie - both teams return and play a tiebreaker until one team wins a majority of the tiebreakers. If the teams tie 2 consecutive tiebreakers if both captains agree, a coin can be flipped to determine who proceeds to the next round. If both captains do not agree, the teams will proceed to play another tiebreaker.
- viii) Only players who played in the preceding fixture are eligible to play the tiebreaker. If a player was injured and could not complete the preceding fixture, the team may substitute an eligible player from their club.