

## GENERAL LEAGUE RULES

With the exception of the Ladies Flights, the following are General Rules for participation or eligibility into leagues sponsored by BETC:

### Sign-up Schedule and League Start Dates

- New leagues will be formed 4 times per year with sessions beginning in September, January, March, and June.
- Players may sign up for a league during the months of August, December, February, and May. See announcements at club, on website or in BETC newsletter for specific dates and times.
- The number of courts available to each league determines the number of participants. As a means of accommodating more players, the League Coordinator may use byes or have the last eligible sign-ups, share a position. This decision is up to the League Coordinator. During the fall and winter sessions the BETC singles leagues at 3:30 daily, will be limited to 4 courts. During spring and summer session's court allocation may be increased at the discretion of the Manager.
- For those leagues on the Coordinated Schedule (all leagues but ladies flights), the coordinators of the respective leagues will communicate with each other to insure that all players are placed into a league before anyone can play in a second same gender league. Sign-ups not accepted into a league shall be eligible (if they desire and so indicate) for entry into the next lower league (players should note the priority section of the sign-up sheets and indicate their preference).
- When a sign-up period begins, each day of the week new sign-up sheets are available based on if the league normally play on that day. For example – Tuesday leagues sign-ups begin on Tuesday. For leagues that are held before 3:30 PM sign-ups begin at 8:00 AM daily. For leagues after 3:30 PM sign-ups begin at 2:00 PM. Members may phone in or sign-up in person.

### Limits to Participation and Eligibility

- Depending on a players membership, they may play in as many as two (2) prime time leagues (Monday – Thursday 5:00 PM – 9:30 PM), and/or an unlimited number of non-prime time leagues. Players are encouraged to sign-up as a sub in other leagues.
- Players must be a BETC member in good standing, and have a USTA or a Club Rating (rating from a BETC pro) to be selected for leagues that are skill level specific; i.e. 5.0, 4.5, 4.0, 3.5, 3.0. For leagues which accept All Skill Levels, players do not need a USTA or Club rating. Some doubles leagues require players to sign-up as a team - See selections process for more specific information on eligibility.
- Players must be 18 and older to be eligible to participate in all Adult Leagues.

### Skill Rating Determination and Usage

- Players are required to have a USTA or Club rating for all leagues except for those leagues that are open to all skill levels. Annually the USTA updates their ratings. Adult or senior computer ratings will be valid for 3 years and once a members USTA rating expires, it will be converted to a Club Rating. For BETC league purposes, a self-rating is not a valid and a Club Rating should be obtained. In the event a player has both ratings, the USTA rating will take precedence and the Club Rating dropped.
- Annually, at the initiation of any member, a Club Rating may be reviewed by filling out a form provided in the office area. The review process will be performed by at least 2 club pros and scores or other data may be request (if applicable) from the league or leagues the member is participating in. The pros may also watch the member play. The result of a review will be communicated to the player and member requesting the review. Reviews of any Club Ratings must be completed prior to any league sign-up or selection process periods. Current USTA and Club Ratings are available at [www.betconline.net](http://www.betconline.net)
- In all tournaments that BETC hosts, the player must play at their designated rating.

### Selection Process

- For leagues that are Skill Level Specific, league selection is based on a members USTA or Club Rating. The process will use your membership classification (Share before Associate) and the order of league signup. League entries will be sorted by the players' skill level rating (descending order), membership classification, and lastly, order of signup (ascending order). Due to the high demand of participation in BETC leagues, the Coordinators are requested to communicate with each other the priorities of participation identified by members and the sign-ups in general to ensure that every member is placed in one same gender league before any member is able to participate in two.
- Junior Affiliate members are not allowed to sign up the league as a full time or split position but can participation in adult leagues as a substitute.
- League Coordinators are encouraged to recruit players to strengthen their leagues. This must be done before the signup period ends. Recruitment after signup can only be done to fill vacant roster spots. No player who has signed up by the end of the signup period and qualifies for the league can be dropped from the roster due to additional players being recruited after the sign up period has ended.

### Notification of Selection

- One week prior to a new session beginning, the coordinator will post the roster on the Activities bulletin board at BETC and distribute the roster to the players. The coordinator will also communicate with those sign-ups who did not make it in.

### **Roster Posted, Course of League Session**

- Once selected for participation, players are expected to participate regularly and to pay the league fee. If a player is unable to fulfill the commitment to play in a league, he or she is expected to get an appropriate replacement.
- Depending on the league, players are expected to get their own sub when necessary. In leagues that are skill level specific, member subs must be at the skill level of the person they are playing for, or if a league consists of 2 skill levels, member subs may be used interchangeably. Either way, members must always be contacted to substitute before non-member subs. In leagues of all levels, all members must be contacted prior to calling a non-member. Non-member subs (noted with an "\*" on the sub list) **must pay a guest fee**. Players are encouraged to advise the coordinator who their sub will be so that at his/her option, may call the sub to confirm or adjust the court assignments.
- League players (or their sub) are expected to show up at the time the league is scheduled to play. As a courtesy to others, a phone call to the club explaining an unavoidable delay is appreciated.

### **Dress Code**

- Players must wear proper tennis clothing consisting of warm ups, tee shirts, tank tops, skirts or shorts, court shoes. Items specifically not allowed include: halter-tops, mesh shirts, soiled clothing, overexposure, clothing in poor taste or shoes that mark the floors, and tank tops that hang low in the armpit area.

### **Reasons for Ineligibility in Leagues – Also See the BETC Operation and Procedures**

All players should be knowledgeable of BETC Standard Court Etiquette and Policies as well as the disciplinary actions for violations of them. (See BETC Operations and Procedure brochure.) After two warnings by the league coordinator or club management, a player may become ineligible for participation in the current or subsequent sessions of a league for the following reasons:

- Failures of a player, or his/her sub, to show up for play dates.
- Tardiness – players are expected to show up on their designated court at the leagues' official start time.
- Not attending at least 50% of the play dates (using a sub) within a session (exceptions for injuries).
- Unnecessarily causing injury to another player, poor sportsmanship or poor treatment of partners/opponents.
- Physical abuse or poor treatment of players or staff.
- Unnecessarily causing property damage such as: intentionally striking the net or court with your racquet, throwing your racquet, hitting the ball against the sidewalls, curtains, or backdrops, or punching through the walls, insulation or ceiling.
- Failure to adhere to BETC's dress code
- Regularly acquiring non-member subs. (See above.)
  - 1<sup>st</sup> offense – verbal warning from league coordinator,
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> offense – written warning from club management,
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> offense – removal from the league for the remainder of the session and league fees will not be refunded.

Revisions of these General League Rules will be made as necessary.