

GENERAL LEAGUE RULES

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 four times per year with sessions beginning in September, January, March, and June. Players may sign up for a league during the sign-up session that occurs about a month prior to new leagues being formed. See announcements at club, on website, or in BETC newsletter for specific dates and times.

League coordinator must be an active player (or the spouse of an active player) in the league that they coordinate.

The number of courts per league will be adjusted based on a number of factors including the number of qualified players within a league, the number of courts available during the time that league plays, the number of courts left available to book by the general membership, past history of the courts used for the league, the overflow of players on another similar league on a different day, and input from the league coordinator. The Club Director and Member Services will weigh these factors when allocating courts.

At least 50% of the players for a given league must be rated at the level referenced in the league's title. If this percentage is not met, we will have to reduce the number of courts assigned to the league until the 50% rule is met. For example, for the Men's 3.5 league, at least 50% of the players must be rated at 3.5. If the league title includes 2 skill levels such as Men's 3.5-4.0, then 100% of the players within that league must be of those skill levels.

For single skill level leagues, once the 50% rule has been met and all players of that skill level who signed up for the league are in, additional players necessary to fill out the roster can be added if their rating is within a 0.5 range of the skill level referenced in the league's title (example 3.5 league would be limited to 3.0, 3.5 and 4.0 players).

Since the number of courts is limited by various factors, not all people who sign up are guaranteed a spot in the league. 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.

For BETC same-gender leagues running during prime time, Priority Choice on sign-ups is required. Priority Choice is used in order to make the opportunity to get into these leagues more equitable. A member signing up indicates whether a league is their 1st or 2nd priority. Before one person gets into two of these leagues, another qualified sign-up gets the opportunity to get into at least one of the leagues. The coordinators of the respective leagues will communicate with each other regarding priority choices for members. Sign-ups not accepted into a league of their first priority shall be eligible (if they desire and so indicate) for entry into the next lower league (if indication on the sign-up sheets shows this is their second choice.)

When a sign-up period begins, each day of the week new sign-up sheets are available based on if the league normally plays on that day. For example, Tuesday league sign-ups begin on Tuesday and Wednesday league sign-ups begin on Wednesday. For leagues that are held before 3:30 PM, sign-ups begin at 9:00 AM daily. For leagues starting at 3:30 PM or later, sign-ups begin at 3:00 PM. Members may phone in or sign-up in person.

Limits to Participation and Eligibility

Depending on a player's 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 Club Rating to be selected for leagues that are skill level specific; such as 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, etc. If you do not have a Club Rating from a BETC pro, but have a USTA rating, then your USTA rating becomes your club rating. However, if you have only a self+ USTA rating, then you will need to get a club rating from a BETC pro. For leagues which accept All Skill Levels, players do not need a club rating. Some doubles leagues require players to sign-up as a team. See League Selection Processes for more specific information on eligibility: http://betconline.net/pdf/League_Selection_Processes.pdf

Players must be 18 and older to be eligible to participate in all adult leagues. However, members under the age of 18 may participate in an adult league upon approval of the Club Director and the league coordinator. Priority goes to adult members first.

During the summer months (July 1 - August 31) there are no prime time court allocation/activity restrictions except deemed necessary by the Club Director.

Skill Rating Determination and Usage

Players are required to have a Club Rating for all leagues except for those leagues that are open to all skill levels. In January, 2014, the USTA rating for any BETC who had only a USTA rating became their new Club Rating. If a member has both a USTA rating and a different Club Rating, only the Club Rating counts towards league eligibility.

Club Ratings remain the same until they are reviewed and changed as a result of the review. Reviews on Club Ratings can be requested by a member for himself/herself or by a member for another person. To request a Club Rating review, please complete the Club Rating Review Form: http://betconline.net/pdf/Club_Rating_Review_Form.pdf. The review process will be performed by at least 2 club pros and scores or other data may be requested (if applicable) from the league(s) 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, under Quick Links on the left.

Selection Process

For leagues that are Skill Level Specific, league selection is based on a member's Club Rating. The process will use your membership classification (Share before Associate) and the order of league sign-up. League entries will be sorted by the player's skill level rating (descending order), membership classification, and lastly, order of sign-up (ascending order). The coordinators of the respective leagues will communicate with each other regarding priority choices for members in prime time, same-gender leagues.

Notification of Selection

One week prior to a new session beginning, the coordinator will turn in the completed roster to Member Services 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. In leagues of all levels, all members must be contacted prior to calling a non-member. Further, members must exhaust all attempts at obtaining an adult substitute before a junior substitute is used in adult leagues. 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, the coordinator 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.

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. 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:

- Failure of a player, or his/her sub, to show up for play
- 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).
- Poor sportsmanship
- Causing injury to another player.
- 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.)

If there is a rule violation, the reprimand process is as follows:

- 1st offense-Coordinator gives the player a verbal warning and also contacts Member Services employee, who documents the event.
- 2nd offense-Coordinator gives the player a verbal warning and also contacts Member Services employee, who documents the event. Member Services provides a written warning to player, which states that the next offense might lead to removal from the league.
- 3rd offense-Coordinator informs Member Services of third offense, which may lead to removal from the league for the remainder of the session and/or future sessions. Member Services and/or Club Director communicate decision made about the third offense. If player is removed for the remainder of the session, league fees are not refunded.

All documented offenses will also be reported to the Club Director and further disciplinary action may result. Behavior which removes a player from a league may also lead to the player being excluded from BETC in general.

League Payment

If you are on a league roster, league charges will be applied to your account prior to the start of the league. To avoid a late fee, please make payment within the first two weeks of the league.