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Tennis Manitoba Team Tennis League

The following is the concept for how the Team Tennis League will operate.

The League will conduct operations to meet its stated Objective/Mission:

Create a weekly, fun, peer competition that is open and accessible for all ages of tennis club members to compete at their tennis level.

Definitions:

League Competition Structure – Matches will be based on player's skill level; therefore, divisions will be structured by level. For the initial year only 2 divisions are planned, levels 3.0/3.5 and 4.0/4.5.

Team – Initially, for the first year a team is defined as having a minimum of 4 players at each defined level 3.0/3.5 and 4.0/4.5. These can be different individuals, but the club needs to commit to having 4 players per level each week.

Matches - Only mixed doubles play is envisioned for the initial year. Doubles partners can be male-male, or male-female, or female-female.

Player's ratings – Players and Team captains are responsible for ensuring players are at the correct level. The league will look at more formal processes to validate a player's level such as rating sessions. Further player's results from league play matches will be tracked by the Tennis

Canada scoring system to create a database that can define a player's level. For details on player's initial self rating level please follow this link: [Tennis Canada's rating guide](#)

We will be using the International Tennis Federation (ITF) World Tennis Number (WTN) rating system to rate players.

More information on the WTN can be found here:

<https://www.tenniscanada.com/tournaments/world-tennis-number/>

Matches – Will be best of 3 sets with 3rd set being a 10-point tiebreaker.

League Schedule – will run from June to the end of August.

Match Day – Wednesday is designated as “League Day”.

Match times – Two sessions are planned.

- 1) Day-time sessions (matches) will be held starting at 11am (to be confirmed) being a home and home series. The plan is to utilize 4 courts in 1 session and depending on demand create a second session.
- 2) Evening session held at either National Bank Tennis MB Hub at West St Paul or Tennis MB Hub at Deer Lodge (and other venues subject to availability) starting at 6pm (to be confirmed). The plan is to utilize 4 courts in each session required.

Note:

To meet the league's mission; all the above parameters such as number of divisions, singles, and gender specific divisions will be adjusted in future years to meet the needs of the Leagues' "player demographic" demand. That is, if data shows Men's and Ladies only Divisions or Singles divisions will be implemented as soon as practical based on the League's ability to organize.

Team Tennis League Concept:

The schedule example below outlines the key elements. This scenario requires 8 players for each level (16 players total) from each club.

Daytime Session						
Division:	3.0/3.5					
Match No	Line #	Draw	Home Team players		Visitor Team players	
101	1	Doubles	WLTC player 1	WLTC player 2	TTC Player 1	TTC Player 2
102	2	Doubles	WLTC player 3	WLTC player 4	TTC Player 3	TTC Player 4
Division:	4.0/4.5					
201	1	Doubles	WLTC player 9	WLTC player 10	TTC Player 9	TTC Player 10
202	2	Doubles	WLTC player 11	WLTC player 12	TTC Player 11	TTC Player 12
Evening Session						
Division:	3.0/3.5					
103	3	Doubles	WLTC player 5	WLTC player 6	TTC Player 5	TTC Player 6
104	4	Doubles	WLTC player 7	WLTC player 8	TTC Player 7	TTC Player 8
Division:	4.0/4.5					
203	3	Doubles	WLTC player 13	WLTC player 14	TTC Player 13	TTC Player 14
204	4	Doubles	WLTC player 15	WLTC player 16	TTC Player 15	TTC Player 16

(Utilized 2 Clubs, Tuxedo (TTC) & WLTC to illustrate a schedule for just 2 clubs. A similar schedule would be completed for the session between another 2 clubs)

Note:

1) A “Line” on the schedule - a line is a match pairing on the schedule.

Think of a line as a match, based on having 4 players at 3.0/3.5 level will mean there will be 2 lines. If there were 6 players there would be 3 lines.

2) Captains are expected to place their better players in the first line. That is, your 2 best players in the 3.0/3.5 level play on the first line.

3) Additional lines could be added for singles matches in the future.

4) Club and club captains are responsible to ensure players play at the appropriate level, utilizing the club pro or other criteria during the first year. The pairings for a doubles team will be at each Club Captain's discretion. As there are two sessions at each level, this can accommodate Player's personal scheduling conflicts.

Match day players selection:

Each club captain will be responsible for identifying players for each line (match). Based on the league minimum both WLTC & TTC will need/have 4 players in each division (total of 8 players) that could play either in the daytime or evening session. HOWEVER, if both clubs competing that day have more players wanting to play, matches can and should be arranged to ensure the Leagues mission statement is adhered to.

The challenge will be aligning the player's availability with each session. There will be league and club learning curves that we will need to adapt based on situations.

In a perfect world, there will be an equal number of players at each club. However, to accommodate the league objective to be open and inclusive, club captains can schedule additional matches to address demand but only the league minimum 2 matches will be utilized in calculating Team points. However, the calculation of team points will be reviewed at the end of the year to consider how to incorporate all match results, as this is Team Tennis, all participants results could contribute to their Team's standings.

Scheduling of Matches:

The home team is responsible for scheduling matches on a specific court

The captain should identify their strongest players for each session per level on the first line and progress downward based on skill set. Our ultimate objective is to create competitive peer matches, to ensure players participate in a fun competitive match.

Ideally, the lower rates levels play first within each level and the 3.0/3.5 are followed by 4.0/4.5 levels.

Within each level, the better players of the 2 lines or skill set play last. The rationale is that the best players play matches at the end of the day's scheduled matches thus creating excitement.

Club Captains scheduling challenge:

Based on 2 sessions planned for league day, captains will be challenged to schedule players into the appropriate slots. The league will be providing a process and template to facilitate the scheduling of players on a weekly basis.

Player registration Fee:

Court fees, tennis balls and administration costs are major contributors. Once clubs decide on access to daytime courts access, the league registration fee can be finalized.

Not included in registration fee: Team uniforms are typically purchased and owned by the player.

League Standings (awarding points)

- As a team event, the goal is to have the most match wins in both divisions.
- Points will be awarded for each match a team wins.
- If a tie between clubs, the club team that has a better head-head record.
- If still tied, the club team that has the most sets won.
- If still tied, a one match play-off will be played to determine the winner