



Rules of House League – Play Hard, Have Fun!!



1. HAVE FUN! House League is intended to be a fun league, where players get to meet other players, get a regular game in every week for 12 weeks, and get into the spirit of competition!
2. A match consists of a set of ten games. Each match is one hour long. If neither team has reached ten games by the end of the hour, then the score is recorded as at the end of the hour. *Note: Please accompany your opponents after each match to mark your final scores together, to help ensure our accuracy of scoring, and thank you!* Scores will be posted each week online and in the clubhouse. For any disputes about scores, please notify the HL Convenor within 1 week after your match.
3. Tennis balls are provided. The monitor marks the court # on each set of balls. One set of new balls are provided for each match at 7pm, 8pm and 9pm. Please return the balls when you are finished to the monitor.
4. Players must play a sudden death deuce if your game gets to a second deuce. The receiving team has the right to choose which player receives the sudden death point.
5. Matches must end promptly after 1 hour, and the scores finalised. The court monitor will announce when all players must stop. If the court is open after that 1 hour, players may continue to play if they wish, just for fun, but no further HL scoring.
6. If you cannot play your match any week it is your responsibility and NOT the responsibility of your Team Captain or the House League convenor to organize a substitute. Please see below info regarding substitutes.
7. If a player misses two matches WITHOUT organizing a substitute, he/she may be replaced with a player from the substitute list.
8. If the match is rained out, then the score is recorded as a tie, 5-5. There are no rain out dates.
9. If any member of a team is no-show, the opposing team will win 10-0 by default.
10. Please arrive on time, and plan a few extra minutes to be on time since close parking is sometimes a challenge to find! If a team is 10 minutes late, the on-time team will be awarded a 2 point advantage. 15 minutes late: 3 point advantage. After 20 minutes, the on-time team wins 10-0 by default, but please feel free to have a fun match for the rest of the hour anyways! Our intention is to encourage people to be playing!

Substitutes

House League is a weekly commitment that you and your partner make through the course of the 12 weeks. However, we realize that life happens and there may be a week or two you are not able to play.

- Please be considerate of your partner and let them know if you are not able to play a particular week. Both of you must work on finding a replacement. It is your responsibility to find a sub.
- **Get a sub from the Sub List:** We prefer that you find a substitute at your same player-level, and you can source from our league Sub List. Your team captain will issue a sub list to your team.
- **Or, get another House League player to sub:** Email some players on another team that are playing immediately before or after your team, and maybe someone can play 2 games back-to-back. NOTE: But if you pick a House League player that is on the Andreescu strongest-level team to be a sub on the Raonic team, then your opponents get a 3 point starting advantage.
- **Or, get any suitable Valley Tennis club member.** Please let your Captain know if you are choosing a sub that is not on the sub list. Advanced player subs, such as those on interclub teams, will be treated as if they are on the strongest-level Andreescu team, and if you are on the Raonic team, your opponents get a 3 point starting advantage.
- **If you are still stuck, you must call your team captain** to let them know, and he/she will try to help find a sub.
- Please choose a sub of the same sex. If a female player can only find a male sub at their same level, or vice versa, then that team must give their opponents a 3 point advantage at the start of the match.
- Overall, remember we are out to have fun!