

Gauteng North Primary Schools League rules

1. AGE OF PLAYERS

OPEN TEAM: Players may participate in the Open League until the year in which they turn **13 years old** (Under 14 players may participate in the league, but may not participate in interprovincial tournaments.)

U/11 TEAM: Players may participate in the U11 age group until the year in which they turn **11 years old.**

2. The Home team's name appears first on the fixture list. The home team is responsible for:
 - i) ensuring that there are two courts available for the match to be played on.
NB Should 2 Home teams be scheduled to play on 3 courts. Apply the format supplied to play on 3 courts. It entails 4 rounds and very easy to do
 - ii) confirming the match with the opposing team at least four (4) days before the fixture.
 - iii) Optional: If there are two courts available an umpire must be supplied by each school. Ensure that the club house where they are playing is left tidy and that no tennis gear has been left behind.
3. Starting time for league matches is 14:15 (but not later than 14:30). Should any problem arise please contact the host team. Please adhere strictly to this rule, but use your discretion. We all get lost now and then.
4. Every team must supply new green dot balls at the beginning of the season (Dunlop, Wilson etc). Thereafter, only the **Open A-league teams** must supply **new balls each week**. Both Open and Under 11 sections play with used balls as they last long!
5. **Each team provides their own refreshments and balls.**
6. **FORMAT**
 - Only the **U11 C and D** sections play best out of seven (7) games. The number 1 player winning the match earns a bonus point for their team. A tie-break is played at 3 – 3 (games). **ORANGE DOT BALLS TO BE USED FOR THE UNDER 11 C AND D**
 - All other sections play best out of nine (9) games. The number 1 player winning the match earns a bonus point for their team. A tie-break is played at 4 – 4 (games).
 - Order of play is determined by the amount of courts available.
In the event of only 3 courts please follow this formula:
2 x singles (Number 1 and 2) and one doubles (Number 3 and 4) and vice versa.
 - Players participate in the doubles according to strength.
Therefore Number 1 and 2 play together and Number 3 and 4 play together.
 - Change sides after every odd game
 - In the unfortunate event of an incomplete team arriving, the opponents are awarded the points for those matches.

- Should a situation arise during a match the teacher on duty is responsible. Please take control of the situation and handle it professionally, e.g. blatant cheating, etc. must be addressed immediately. Address the players and umpire the match if necessary.
- An injured player may not be replaced in the singles (points are awarded to the opposition), but a reserve may fill the position of an injured player in the doubles. (No more than 15 minutes may be allowed for a reserve to arrive, should he/she not be with the team.)

7. PLAYERS

- A player may be disqualified should he/she not play according to the rules.
- Once a player has played twice in a higher league, he/she may NOT play in a lower league. Unless the organiser has consulted the chairman with a legitimate reason.
- No interference from spectators may be permitted. The teacher in charge must address any interference.

8. WEATHER

In the case of rain, teams should wait for an hour before making a decision. A match may be continued during the following week and is resumed from where it left off. However, should a match be replayed at the end of the league, the match has to start from the beginning.

9. IMPORTANT:

Results to be entered weekly on the Google Sheet – each school enters their own score.

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1q6mifxmSSF38W2zu_6uEDj3m1e6_jnqliFQ06x664N4/edit?usp=sharing



The summary sheet (not the results each week) must be completed at the end of the season and sent directly to **pvdvalk1941@gmail.com**

There will not be any play-offs. Winners of each section will receive a certificate.

- At the beginning of the league the Tennis Organiser should prepare a fixture Schedule for the team to be sent to all of the opposing teams. Should any changes arise, opponents should be advised on the Thursday of the week before, not on the Monday.
- In future when playing league or any tournament, if a let is called when serving, and the opponent plays the ball, there is no repeat of service, this is the rule applied internationally, nationally, provincially and by both High and Primary School.

Please note:

- Persons in charge of a team, should be provided with a file (or book) containing the score-sheets, league rules and the contact list.
- Any interference from parents must be addressed sternly by the organizer of the team.
- Any changes to the contact list should be sent to the Committee Coordinator immediately!
- For maximum results, Organisers should work closely with the coaches of their school.

Thank you

(By order of the Gauteng North Primary Schools Tennis Association)