



Section 3.04 LEAGUES

League play is one of the most significant retention programming a club can offer its membership. Whether this type of programming is internal to the club (house league), or organized by an association external to the club, it can provide opportunities for members at all levels of proficiency to play and compete on a regular basis. Leagues also provide players looking to improve with regular varied competitive situations to build their experience and understanding of the game.

Leagues are particularly well suited to current social trends because:-

- League play takes place at a scheduled time and place on a recurrent basis for a predetermined season.
- Leagues are usually organized by level and have some opportunity for readjustment from year to year, so players can generally expect their league matches to be with people who are of similar skill levels.
- The team format provides opportunity for building a social relationship between club members.
- The team format provides a competitive situation that is challenging but not generally as cut-throat as a tournament environment.
- Leagues provides team members with an opportunity to meet new players and widen their playing and/or social circle.
- Leagues can be organized to accommodate many different standards of play and formats.

Healthy interclub leagues exist in many communities across Ontario. Many leagues have been in existence for decades. Some of these leagues are organized by a region of the OTA, while others are organized by independent groups or associations that exist solely for the purpose of running leagues. Most of these leagues are currently organized and run by volunteer committees and a network of volunteer captains organize the teams.

Historically leagues have been run independently by local volunteers. Because league play operates on a reciprocal basis between clubs and on a user pay basis where these apply, many leagues are run with minimal expense and sophistication.

There are various tools for leagues to help modernize the administration and take advantage of internet technology. For example, the [TennisScores](#) system is used for the Toronto Ladies Tennis League.



Some of the leagues operating in Ontario are listed below with contact information where it is available.

1. Biggest league - **Intercounty Tennis Association** www.intercountytennis.com. Mixed, Ladies Day, Over 55 daytime and junior leagues operates in the Greater Toronto Area.
2. Toronto Ladies Tennis League www.tltl.org – evening and daytime leagues.
3. Toronto Mens' Tennis League
4. Windoor – ladies indoor league West of the GTA
5. Ottawa NCTA league
6. NYTA
7. STF
8. Caledon-Dufferin Inter Club Tennis league
9. Durham tennis league
10. Winter tennis league
11. GTA GA Tennis league Dofasco in Hamilton
12. Hamilton and District league
13. Fort Erie, Windsor