

AGM - March 2019

TORONTO LADIES TENNIS LEAGUE - EXTENDING THE DAY LEAGUE SEASON

Proposal: To extend the Day League season from seven to nine weeks, beginning in 2019

Background: The Toronto Ladies Tennis League, founded in 1929, has evolved over its 90 year history in order to meet the wishes of its members to play more tennis. It began as a Day League only, but added an Evening League in response to requests from women who worked during the daytime. The Evening League extended from a seven week season to a ten week season fifteen years ago, in response to requests from members.

Over the past two years, the League has received numerous requests to extend the day league season which currently runs for seven weeks in May and June. In 2018 the League surveyed the fifty-seven teams competing in the Day League and a majority indicated that they were in favour of a longer season. There was informal discussion at the AGM held in March, 2018 where Day League team representatives confirmed support for a nine week season. The C3 Division of the League has successfully played a nine week season for the past few years.

Implementation: Day League Divisions will be made up of ten teams who will play each of the other teams once, for a total of nine matches. The season will begin in the first week of May with the final matches being played in the last week of June. Currently each team has three or four home matches per season and with the extension to a nine week season each team will have four or five home matches per season.

For Clubs fielding only one team in the League, it may mean allocating three courts on one additional Wednesday morning to the ladies daytime team.

For Clubs fielding more than one team, it may mean allocating three courts on one additional Wednesday morning per team.

Process: The Motion below will be put before the TLTL AGM on March 4, 2019 and will be voted upon by representatives of Day League teams. A team must have a representative at the meeting in order to cast a vote.

Day League Team Captains: if you have not already done so, please discuss the proposal with your Club's Teams Director/Club Professional/Other as appropriate to ensure your Club's support of the extension and willingness to allocate court time on one additional Wednesday morning, if necessary.

Any questions should be sent to: Liz Wood, TLTL President at woke@pathcom.com

MOTION: THAT THE DAY LEAGUE SEASON BE NINE WEEKS, BEGINNING IN THE 2019 SEASON.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO PLAYING RULES

PLAYING RULE D) 5: currently reads:

A maximum of two juniors may be fielded on one team in any match. A junior is defined by the ITF Rules of Tennis: any person under 18 years of age as of December 31 of the preceding year.

Proposed amendment: to insert the words **In the Premier and A1 Divisions only** at the beginning of the sentence and add a new sentence for clarity: **Juniors may not be fielded in any other Divisions or Sections of the League.**

The amended Rule D) 5 will read:

In the Premier and A1 Divisions only, a maximum of two juniors may be fielded on one team in any match. Juniors may not be fielded in any other Divisions or Sections of the League. A junior is defined by the ITF Rules of Tennis: any person under 18 years of age as of December 31 of the preceding year.

RATIONALE: Some teams in the lower divisions of the league are fielding juniors who are provincially or nationally ranked. The juniors do not enjoy the matches and the ladies playing against them do not enjoy the matches. Restricting juniors to the two highest Divisions enables them to play at their skill level against other highly competitive players.

PLAYING RULE E) 9 currently reads:

Evening Division matches generally start at 7.00 pm with a 7.15 pm default time. Captains of teams with approved earlier/later starting times must notify visiting team captains at least seven days prior to the match.

Day Division matches generally start at 10.00 am with a 10.15 am default time. Captains of teams with approved earlier/later starting times must notify visiting team captains at least seven days prior to the match.

PROPOSED AMENDED E) 9:

Evening Division matches generally start at one of the following times: 6.30 pm, 7.00 pm, or 7.30 pm. Day Division matches generally start at one of the following times: 10.00 am, 10.30 am, or 11.00 am. Any other match start times must be approved by the TLTL Board.

All match start times are posted in the Schedules on the TLTL website.

RATIONALE: All match start times are posted on the website so there is no need for captains to notify other captains.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO PLAYING RULE E) 10

PLAYING RULE E) 10 currently reads:

The default time may be modified with the mutual agreement of the two team captains. If teams are playing a match where there is a player who has not arrived, no matches should commence until the default has been settled unless the potential default is in the lowest pair. Under no circumstances may a set be given to an opposing team as a penalty.

Proposed amended E) 10:

The default time is 15 minutes after the posted match start time on the TLTL website. The default time may be modified with the mutual agreement of the two team captains. If teams are playing a match where there is a player who has not arrived, no matches should commence until the default has been settled unless the potential default is in the lowest pair. Under no circumstances may a set be given to an opposing team as a penalty.

RATIONALE: The 15 minute default time was previously in Rule E) 9 but is better positioned in Rule E) 10. There is no change to the 15 minute default time.

NEW RULE (to be inserted after Rule E) 11)

It is the responsibility of the Home Captain to determine whether divider nets will be open or closed prior to the match beginning. Divider nets between courts are permanent fixtures of the court, irrespective of their distance from the doubles sideline. If a ball in play touches a permanent fixture after it has hit the correct court, the player who hit the ball gets the point.

RATIONALE: There have been questions as to whose decision it is to open or close divider nets. This rule gives the authority to the Home Captain.