

GENERAL LEAGUE RULES

The following are general rules for participation or eligibility into leagues sponsored by BETC:

New leagues will be formed four times per year with sessions beginning in October, January, March, and June. Players may sign up for a league during the sign-up session that occurs about a month prior to new leagues being formed. See announcements at club, on website, or in BETC newsletter for specific dates and times.

League coordinator must be an active (qualified) player (or the spouse of an active player) in the league that they coordinate.

The number of courts per league will be adjusted based on a number of factors including the number of qualified players within a league, the number of courts available during the time that league plays, the number of courts left available to book by the general membership, past history of the courts used for the league, the overflow of players on another similar league on a different day, and input from the league coordinator. The Club Director and Activities Coordinator will weigh these factors when allocating courts.

At least 50% of the players for a given league must be rated at the level referenced in the league's title. If this percentage is not met, we will have to reduce the number of courts assigned to the league until the 50% rule is met. For example, for the Men's 3.5 league, at least 50% of the players must be rated at 3.5. If the league title includes 2 skill levels such as Men's 3.5-4.0, then 100% of the players within that league must be of those skill levels. After registration closes, unregistered players with a qualified rating for a league must contact the league coordinator directly to request a roster spot. Any remaining spots will be awarded to these players. If any roster spots remain, players within a 0.5 range of the league level may be added.

Since the number of courts is limited by various factors, not all people who sign up are guaranteed a spot in the league. As a means of accommodating more players, the League Coordinator may use byes or have the last eligible sign-ups share a position. This decision is up to the League Coordinator.

For BETC same-gender leagues running during prime time, "Priority Choice" on sign-ups is required if you are signing up for 2 leagues. "Priority Choice" is used in order to make the opportunity to get into these leagues more equitable. A member signing up indicates whether a league is their 1st or 2nd priority. Before one person gets into two of these leagues, another qualified sign-up gets the opportunity to get into at least one of the leagues. The coordinators of the respective leagues will communicate with each other regarding priority choices for members. Sign-ups not accepted into a league of their first priority shall be eligible (if they desire and so indicate) for entry into the Priority #2 league (if indication on the sign-up sheets shows this is their second choice.)

All Signups are done online through the club website. League registration start approximates 6 weeks prior to the start of the next session – this is always on a Sunday starting at 5pm. The registration period will last for 2 weeks, ending also on a Sunday at 5pm.

Age Limits to Participation and Eligibility

Players must be 18 and older to be eligible to participate in all adult leagues. However, members under the age of 18 may participate in an adult league upon approval of the Club Director and the league coordinator. Priority goes to adult members first. Junior members must contact a club pro to determine their equivalent Adult club Rating. Junior Ratings do NOT equal Adult Ratings.

Skill Rating Determination and Usage

Players are required to have a Club Rating for all leagues to sign up online. New club members who have a computer (C) USTA rating can use this as their club rating. Members with no USTA history must contact a BETC Pro for a rating review. The 0.5 Rule: You cannot have a Club rating more than 0.5 greater than your USTA rating.

Club Ratings remain the same until they are reviewed and changed as a result of the review. Reviews on Club Ratings can be requested by a member for himself/herself or by a member for another person. To request a Club Rating review, please complete the Club Rating Review [Form](#) and return to Activities Coordinator or the Head Pro. The review process will be performed by at least 2 club pros and scores or other data may be requested (if applicable) from the league(s) the member is participating in. Reviews of any Club Ratings must be completed prior to the end of league sign-up / selection process periods for upcoming league consideration. Current Club Ratings are available on the League Information [Page](#).

Selection Process Document can be found on the [BETC League page](#).

Notification of Selection

Prior to a new session beginning, the coordinator will turn in the completed roster to Activities Coordinator and distribute the roster to the players. The coordinator will also communicate with those sign-ups who did not make it in.

Substitutes

Once selected for participation, players are expected to participate regularly and to pay the league fee. If a player is unable to fulfill the commitment to play in a league, he or she is expected to get an appropriate replacement.

Players are expected to get their own sub when necessary. In leagues that are skill level specific, member subs must be at the skill level of the person they are playing for, or if a league consists of 2 skill levels, member subs may be used interchangeably. In all leagues, member subs must be contacted prior to calling a non-member. Further, members must exhaust all attempts at obtaining an adult substitute before a junior substitute is used in adult leagues. Non-member subs **must pay a guest fee**. Non-members failing to pay their guest fee will have the fee added to the requesting member's account. Players are encouraged to advise the coordinator who their sub will be so that at his/her option, the coordinator may call the sub to confirm or adjust the court assignments.

League players (or their sub) are expected to show up at the time the league is scheduled to play. As a courtesy to others, a phone call to the club explaining an unavoidable delay is appreciated.

Reasons for Ineligibility in Leagues – Also See the BETC Operation and Procedures

All players should be knowledgeable of BETC Standard Court Etiquette and Policies as well as the disciplinary actions for violations of them. After two warnings by the league coordinator or club management, a player may become ineligible for participation in the current or subsequent sessions of a league for the following reasons:

- Failure of a player, or his/her sub, to show up for play
- Tardiness – players are expected to show up on their designated court at the leagues' official start time.
- Not attending at least 50% of the play dates (using a sub) within a session (exceptions for injuries).
- Poor sportsmanship
- Causing injury to another player.
- Causing property damage such as: intentionally striking the net or court with your racquet, throwing your racquet, hitting the ball against the sidewalls, curtains, or backdrops, or punching through the walls, insulation or ceiling.
- Failure to adhere to BETC's dress code
- Regularly acquiring non-member subs. (See above.)

If there is a rule violation, the reprimand process is as follows:

- 1st offense-Coordinator gives the player a verbal warning and also contacts Activities Coordinator employee, who documents the event.
- 2nd offense-Coordinator gives the player a verbal warning and also contacts Activities Coordinator employee, who documents the event. Activities Coordinator provides a written warning to player, which states that the next offense might lead to removal from the league.
- 3rd offense-Coordinator informs Activities Coordinator of third offense, which may lead to removal from the league for the remainder of the session and/or future sessions. Activities Coordinator and/or Club Director communicate decision made about the third offense. If player is removed for the remainder of the session, league fees are not refunded.

All documented offenses will also be reported to the Club Director and further disciplinary action may result. Behavior which removes a player from a league may also lead to the player being excluded from BETC in general.

League Payment

Activities Coordinator will add league charges to member accounts 2 weeks prior to the start of the league. League fees are due on the 1st day of the month when the leagues start. To avoid a late fee, please make payment within the first two weeks of the league.