

Burlington & Hamilton District Ladies League (BHDL) 2025 Rules

1. BHDL League matches will be scheduled for the weeks of May and June – on Wednesdays.
2. The format for matches is in the works.
3. Home team consists of six (6) players. Visiting team consists of six (6) players.
 - Each team can have as many players on their roster as desired. Any player may only represent **one** club in the BHDL.
 - Players must be a senior member (18 years or older) of your club to play for your club.
 - Player rating level no higher than 4.0 (self-rating guide from Tennis Canada) This will allow players at 3.0, 3.5 and 4.0 to participate.
 - Players at a higher level are not eligible to play without forfeiting those games.
4. A club unable to field a team for reasons other than weather shall default the match.
5. The 'home' team shall be responsible for:
 - Supplying new tennis balls.
 - Cleaning/drying courts.
6. Prior to the match, each team captain is responsible for completing a score sheet with her team names written in FULL (first and last name) as well as the full team name and the date shown. Score sheets are then exchanged before the match begins and results should be filled in after each match. The home team captain is responsible for sending a copy (photo) of the score sheet signed by both captains to the league convener immediately after the match is played.
7. **Play Format (Doubles)**
 - Starting time is 9:00am (or 9:30am – depending on Club). A 15-minute warm-up, followed by match play (unless otherwise arranged between team captains). 15 minutes is allowed for late-comers unless the team captains involved agrees themselves on a delayed start. Otherwise, the late team defaults the first round.
 - Both teams should be on the courts promptly at 9:00/9:30 and leave promptly at 11:00/11:30. Meticulous timekeeping will avoid confrontations with club pros/other members who have booked the courts at 11:00/11:30. Games may be shortened by 5 minutes etc. if the courts need to be vacated by 11:00/11:30am.
 - Play three (3) rounds to be timed by a timer – as follows:
 - 9:00-9:15 warm up (9:30-9:45)
 - 9:15-9:45 round 1 (9:45-10:15)

- 9:45-9:50 changeover/washroom/captains record round 1 scores (10:15-10:20)
- 9:50-10:20 round 2 (10:20-10:50)
- 10:20-10:25 changeover/washroom/captains record round 2 scores (10:50-10:55)
- 10:25-10:55 round 3 (10:55-11:25)
- 10:55-11:00 gather belongings, captains complete scoresheets, all exit the courts (11:25-11:30)

Toss for service/side at the beginning of each match should be by racquet spin (not giving the serve advantage/start to the visiting or home team).

- Play will stop as soon as the timer goes, or if a team has 10 games (10 - 1 or 10 - 8) or if at 9 all, a 12-point tie breaker can be played if there is time.
 - Teams score two (2) points for a win, one point for a tie and zero (0) points for a loss. A win is by two games – e.g. 4-2, 5-3. A score of 4-3, 5-4, etc. is a tie – where there is a one game difference.
 - The total games won/lost does not count. We count points only to keep it friendly.
 - If there is a conflict with the score i.e. neither team can agree – then each team receives 1 point for those games in conflict.
8. If there is a tie in the league standings, we will have multiple winners for the season.
9. If inclement weather is forecasted prior to game, the captains contact each other and settle on a new date.

If it starts to rain during the match, we do not want teams to be subject to any danger by slipping on the courts. Therefore, the team captains will decide whether or not to call the match. If captains cannot decide, the Home Team captain's decision to end the game will stand and players are forbidden to continue to play if the captain deems it unsafe to do so.

Rain out

- 5 games must be completed for the match to count. If there are less than 5 games played, the match must be rescheduled.
- If there is a rain out, Pro-rate (average) – must be adhered to as follows:
 - Actual points won + Pro-rated points
 - See example showing rain out after 5 sets (10 total points) of 9 total sets been played
 - 3 rounds with 3 doubles ... 9 sets for a total maximum points of 18

Team 1	Team 2	
Sets		
1. 2pt	0 pt	set 1
2 0pt	2 pt	set 2
3 2 pt	0 pt	set 3
4 2 pt	0 pt	set 4
5 0 pt	2 pt	set 5
6 rain out		
7 rain out		
8 rain out		
9 rain out		

5 sets have been played, creating 10 possible points with 4 sets left and 8 pro-rated points left for a total of 18.

Team 1 won 6/10 pts played before the rain which equals 60 % of the wins.
Team 2 won 4/10 pts played before the rain which equals 40% of the wins

Of 4 games lefts to be pro-rated:

Team 1

6 pts already earned + 60% of remaining 8 pts left equals $4.8 = 10.8$

or

60% of 18 points equals 10.8

Team 2

4 pts have been earned + 40% of remaining 8 pts left equals $3.2 = 7.2$

or

40% of 18 points is 7.2

TOTAL: Team 1 = 10.8; Team 2 = 7.2. ($10.8 + 7.2 = 18$ points)

- If a player is injured or cannot finish a game for any other reason, the game in progress must be forfeited (even if that team is ahead). Exceptions may occur and will be decided upon by both captains. The team with the injured player gets 0 points and the other team gets 2 points.

Notes:

- ***This is a fun league!*** Please be sporting regarding the rules and regulations. If there is a dispute that cannot be settled by the team themselves, the convener of the league will reach a final decision.
- Please accommodate club rules or time slots that have been set aside for our League.
- If teams experience rain, they can contact Helen Donohoe to request the match be played at Cedar Springs. Helen is arranging for Cedar Springs to charge court fees only (no guest fee). In 2024, the court fee was \$12.43, including HST. As soon as Helen receives the information, we will update this document. (Outside food and drinks are not permitted at Cedar Springs but you can purchase coffee, muffins, etc. in the lounge.)
- We no longer serve snacks/refreshments after the match (vote taken March, 2025).