

The HFTC House League 2019 Rules

Play times:

- Matches to be played every Wednesday from 7:00pm-9:00pm
- Matches to be played on 3-4 courts depending on the number of participants;
- House League will begin on May 1 and end August 15 (15 weeks);
 - Mandatory orientation (determining players' level by the Club Pro through round robin matches, going over the rules, meeting other players) on May 1
 - First day of matches on May 8
 - Last day of matches on August 14
 - Finals with the top 2 teams playing on August 21

Teams:

- 4 teams: A, B, C and D with captain and co-captain for each team;
- Teams will consist of 7-8 players (men and women mixed) depending on the number of signed up players. The rest of players are subs
- Teams will be composed of a balanced mix of stronger (TOP) and weaker (BOT);
- Each team will play three double matches – TOP1 vs TOP2, BOT1 vs BOT2, TB1 vs TB2;
- The team captains will establish a play schedule for their team and will communicate it to their team members; the play schedule will be adjusted as required.
- When a team is short of players, the team captain will ask in advance sub players to substitute;
- If confirmed players are not available, it's the players' responsibility to find suitable substitutes;
- Composition of each team will be reasonably balanced, based on determined level of playing by the Club Pro during the round robin matches at orientation;
- The composition of the double pairs within each team will be rotated by team captains in order to provide variety and challenge;

Matches:

- Each match will last for 1 hour including a 10 minutes warm-up;
- 3 matches will be played from 7pm-8pm and the next 3 matches will be played from 8pm-9pm;
- Each match is a "pro" set of 10 games; the doubles pair that first reaches 10 winning games wins the match (no need to win by 2); or, when the hour elapses, the doubles pair that has the higher number of winning games at that point wins the match;
- The winning pair gets 2 points, losing pair gets 0 points, tied match results in 1 point for each team;
- Late comers' penalties: 5-10 min – 1 game lost; 11-15 min – 2 games lost; over 15 min – forfeiture of match;

Finals:

- The top 2 teams (per points collected) will play a final match on August 21;
- Matches will be regular full 3-set matches: TOP1 vs TOP2, BOT1 vs BOT2, TB1 vs TB2.
- The winning team is the one that wins the largest number of sets, or if tied the most games.
- Prizes will be awarded to the winning team.

Adverse weather (rain outs):

- If the match lasts at least 40 minutes (including 10 min warm-up), the team with the highest score when play is discontinued wins;
- If the match is rained out prior to 40 min, the match will be recorded as a draw with each team receiving one point;
- If the entire evening is rained out, the entire schedule will be pushed forward one week;

Fees:

- One-time participant fee of \$20 for refreshments, balls, coaching and prizes;
- Coaching for House League participants – hours, length, logistics, fees – to be determined by Club Pro;

House League kick-off communication to participants :

- Invitations to participants will be sent regarding mandatory orientation on the first week after opening day informing them of the rules;
- The House league organizer will finalize the roster and the play schedule by the first week of May, and will send them out to all the participants.