



**Considering  
LOTC City League  
Tennis?**

Things to Know

# About City League at LOTC

- Part of [Greater Portland City League](#) (hereafter as GPCL)
- GPCL consists of 12 skill Divisions A (highest) through K, and S (Senior).
- LOTC has 8 teams. We do not have a team at every skill Division due to court space.
- GPCL match season lasts from September through May.
- Teams play about 16 matches per year.
- Half are home matches played at LOTC and half are away at other clubs within the greater Portland / Vancouver metro area.
- [LOTC City League](#) and GPCL are governed by Boards of Directors with rules/bylaws.
- Teams typically have 14-17 players including a Captain and 1-2 Co-Captains.
- Team members vote on coordinators for several necessary team duties.

# How to Join LOTC City League

**First, please review the rest of this slide deck to be sure LOTC City League aligns with your interests, and all the requirements are acceptable to you.**

- If you are taking beginner classes, please seek advice from your instructor about whether you are ready to join a City League team.
- Please read the [LOTC City League Rules](#) and [GPCL Rules](#)
- Players can only be added during approved GPCL player addition periods.
- Outside the addition periods, you may be added to a waitlist until the next available addition period.
- You must be 19 years or older by September 1 of the participating year.

# What To Know: Practices

- The purpose of team practice is to develop the playing partnership (if playing doubles), to prepare for match play, and to improve your skills.
- Team practices are held weekly on a weekday specific to each Division team. They are held during the day and usually last 1.5 hours. Day and time are selected by the team.
- **Team members are required to participate in a minimum of 50% of team practices.** Captains may have additional requirements including that a player attend the practices immediately prior to a match in which they are rostered.
- Several teams include a lesson during team practice taught by an LOTC pro.
- Additional optional practices or lessons may be offered and are recommended to attend, including weekly summer practices.

# What To Know: Matches

- **Team members are required to be available for at least 50% of matches**, preferably equally distributed throughout the season.
- Match days are scheduled as follows:
  - A-F Division on Wednesdays
  - G-K Division on Thursdays
  - Senior Division on Tuesdays
- Matches usually commence sometime between 11 am and noon and typically last about 3 hours for all levels (Singles, D1-4) to complete.
- The home team serves lunch as a social opportunity with your teammates and the opposing team's players.

# City League Match Format

- ***City League tennis is a team sport!***
- Within any overall match between two club teams there are 5 matches: four doubles matches, and one singles match
- The doubles matches are ranked D1-D4, usually with the most skilled player pairs playing at D1. However, match lineups are set at the Captain's discretion depending on opponent, strategy, player availability, and player compatibility.
- Each singles and doubles match is best of three no-ad sets with a tiebreaker played in lieu of the third set.
- Each set is played as the best of 6 games and must be won by 2.

# City League Match Format

- A singles player or doubles pair wins one point for each set they win during the match.
- The club team with the most points wins the overall match.
- The club team with the most total points at the end of the season wins their Division (A-K) and advances to the Division above beginning the following season.
- The club team with the least total points in their Division moves down to the next Division below beginning the following season.

# Dues

- **Each player is responsible for paying dues.**
- Dues typically range between \$350-\$450 for each session. There are two sessions during a full City League season. Dues are paid at the beginning of fall session and again at the beginning of spring session.
- Dues can include but are not limited to:
  - Fees to GPCL
  - Court time for weekly practices and matches
  - Instruction time with LOTC pro during each weekly practice
  - Match balls provided by the home team
  - Team communication app



# If You Are Interested:

- Submit a [player participation form](#).
- The Board President or VP will contact you to discuss your experience.
- The President or VP will connect you with captains of 1-2 Division levels that have openings for a tryout.
- *Please be sure you know both the **team practice** and **match days** for the Divisions to which you're directed to be sure they align with your availability!*
- The captains will communicate with the Board after your tryout/s and you will be contacted about potential placement on the team where your skills best align.

**We look forward to welcoming you to LOTC City League!**