



**Considering
LOTC City League
Tennis?**

Things to Know

About City League at LOTC

- Part of [Greater Portland City League](#) (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 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](#).
- 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 in each half of the City League Season (Sept-May)*.** 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 in each half of the City League year (Sept-May)**
- 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 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 the team practice and match days for the Divisions to which you're directed to be sure they align with your availability for the season!*
- There may be a small fee covering court time for the tryout.
- The captains will communicate with the Board after your tryout/s and you will be placed on the team where your skills best align.

We look forward to welcoming you to LOTC City League!