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LAKE OSWEGO CITY LEAGUE TENNIS RULES

I. PHILOSOPHY

The philosophy of the Lake Oswego City League tennis teams shall be to field competitive teams and to promote camaraderie among all teams.

Lake Oswego City League will follow all Greater Portland City League Tennis Association rules. Additional rules that are specific to Lake Oswego City League are outlined below.

II. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. The LOTC City League Board shall consist of six (6) members selected from among the players participating in LOTC City League tennis. The officers shall consist of a President, Vice President, Web/Recording Secretary, Resolution/Stats Chairperson, Rules Chairperson and Captain's Chairperson. The President will be a non-voting position except for breaking a tie.
2. The LOTC Board will act as a liaison between players, captains, pros, and the LOTC administration.
3. The LOTC Board will be operated and governed in accordance with all LOTC Bylaws.

III. TEAMS

1. The number of Lake Oswego teams will be limited by available court time at the facility.
2. Each team will elect a captain after the spring meeting of the Team Review Committee.
3. Each team shall carry a Minimum of 14 players and a Maximum of 17 depending on team needs and available players. The lowest alphabetically ranked team will have no upper limit on number of players
4. The entire LOTC City League shall be comprised of at least 50% Lake Oswego residents, at all times.
5. Lake Oswego residents on the waiting list will be given first consideration (above nonresidents) for openings on LOTC City League teams.
6. LOTC City League does not encourage player movement between teams at the half, however if exceptional circumstances arise that may necessitate such movement, the situation will be taken to the resolution committee for determination.
7. A waiting list will be posted at the Tennis Center for those players who do not currently play City League tennis at Lake Oswego. All potential players must fill out a Lake Oswego
8. City League Participation Form and turned in to the LOTC office. They must also read the current LOTC Rules before applying for a LOTC City League team.

9. Waitlisted players can be added to current team after start of the season. Partial year players will be considered priority players for team placement consideration at the end of the season.
10. After all the full year members have been placed on a team, the priority players and other players on the wait list will be evaluated. Placement will be made by the Team Review Committee based on needs of team and ability (to be determined by the pros).

IV. CAPTAINS

1. Each year, the current Captain's Chairperson will coordinate the election of a new Captain's Chairperson by July 15th who will serve on the LOTC City League Board. Each year, the Captain's Chairperson will alternate between upper half (A-F & S) teams and lower half (G-K) teams.
2. Captains must register team roster on the Greater Portland City League Tennis Association website by July deadline of each year.
3. Hold a team meeting before season starts to decide team philosophy and guidelines (such as number of matches played by an individual player and how positions will be determined).
4. Appoint a team statistician. That individual will communicate how stats are compiled and make stats available upon request.
5. Review stats for accuracy after compiled.
6. Provide team stats to team members after the first half of the season and at the end of the season.
7. Notify team members of match line-up as soon as possible to facilitate partner practice. Ideally, give team members seven days in advance notice.
8. If it is necessary to substitute a player from another team, notify that player's captain before approaching that player. Player substitutes should be played at the lowest position. Player substitutions outside City League applies to K team only.
9. Promote camaraderie among all teams participating in City League at the Lake Oswego Indoor Tennis Center.
10. Inform players that they should contact the LOTC City League Board if they have concerns about the relationship between team members and the captain.
11. Notify the LOTC City League Board if an opening occurs on the team.
12. The term of the captain will be no more than two years unless the team and captain agree to a longer term.

V. PLAYERS

Player definition:

- a. "Tier 1" player (Full year returning player)
- b. "Tier 2" player (partial year, mid-year, returning from injury player)
- c. "Waiting List" player (players applying after open registration periods)

1. Current team members (Tier 1 player) who wish to continue playing on Lake Oswego City League teams must submit a City League Participation Form by the announced deadline (in early spring).
2. LOTC City League players are expected to meet the “50% Availability Rule” – attending 50% of the practices and being available for 50% of the matches per season. This includes availability for away matches as well as home matches. Players should not sign up for a team if they cannot meet these expectations. If a player’s availability changes, she must advise her captain. If an existing player cannot meet the 50% Availability Rule, the captain must bring the situation to the Resolution Committee for evaluation of impact on team.
3. All players on City League rosters (including players who are taking an injury leave or a personal leave of absence) are responsible for payment of team fees. If a player chooses not to pay the team fees, she will be removed from the team.
4. Players must communicate their availability to the team captain at least 7 days prior to the match date.
5. A player who is injured or takes a leave of absence for personal reasons during the first half of the season (with the season being defined by the GPCL calendar) and is unable to play by mid-season, has the option to stay on the roster for the second half of the season. If a player is still unable to play at the end of that season, she will be removed from the roster.
6. A player who is injured or takes a leave of absence for personal reasons during the second half of the season (with season being defined by GPCL calendar) and is unable to play by the end of that season, has the option to stay on the roster for the first half of the next season. If the player is still unable to play at mid- season, she will be removed from the roster.
7. A player who is removed from a team roster due to injury or leave of absence for personal reasons may return to City League tennis by submitting a Lake Oswego Tennis Center City League Participation Form. This person will be considered a Tier 2 player for team placement consideration. A Tier 2 player is defined as a player who is off the roster for 1 year or 2 consecutive seasons, played for a portion of the year, or added mid-year. However, this doesn’t guarantee the returning player a spot on the same team.

VI. RULES COMMITTEE

1. The Rules Committee consists of one representative from each LOTC team.
2. The Rules Chairman shall be elected/re-elected yearly by the LOTC Board and may be re-elected 3 times to serve for a total of 4 consecutive years. This is a non-voting position on the Rules Committee except for breaking a tie. The Rules Chairman will also serve on the LOTC Board as a voting member.
3. A Rules Secretary will be a volunteer from the Rules Committee and will take minutes at all Rules meetings.
4. Members of the Rules Committee cannot be sitting captains or co-captain.

5. The Rules Committee shall review all written proposals and suggestions and has the authority, with a majority vote, to make updates and changes to the LOTC City League rules.
6. Each rules representative will notify team of the current rules that will be posted on LOTC City League website: <https://www.lotccityleague.org/>.

VII. PLAYER CONDUCT

Good sportsmanship involves balancing the needs of the team with the needs of the players. In order to promote good sportsmanship, players should:

- Cooperate with their captains' practice plans and match line-ups.
- Show respect and courtesy for all teammates, captains, coaches and opponents during practices and matches.

For concerns and/or disagreements:

PLAYERS should consult (in order, as appropriate):

1. Their captain or co-captain
2. Their coach
3. Their captains' rep (LOTC board)

CAPTAINS should consult (in order, as appropriate):

1. Their coach
2. Their captains' rep
3. The LOTC board

VIII. RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

1. The Resolution Committee shall consist of at least three members of the LOTCCL Board.
2. Grievances, player eligibility, team placement appeals, and other concerns must be submitted in writing to the Resolution Committee Chair with desired outcome included.
3. The Resolution Committee also addresses situations not covered by the current LOTC rules.
4. Resolution Committee will respond within 1 week for team placement appeals and 2 weeks for other issues.
5. If urgent, a special meeting may be called.

IX. TEAM REVIEW COMMITTEE

1. The Team Review Committee will consist of a Chairperson (appointed from the board), a captain or rep from each LOTC City League team, a Rules Committee representative, and additional persons as needed.
2. The Team Review Committee will meet after the GPCL seasons ends to determine what, if any, movement between teams will take place.

3. Prior to the meeting, each team captain will share with their team the stats to be used in the review meeting and with applicable captains. Once decisions have been made regarding movement, the changes will remain confidential until concerned players have been notified.
4. Review process must follow guidelines set out in the current LOTC City League "Action Calendar and Review Process" listed on LOTC City League website under Forms as "LOTC Review Process". Each returning player will be evaluated based on stats, number of players on a team, need for singles players, captain and tennis pro input, and how placement of a player will affect ALL teams. Priority players and players from wait list will be added to teams as needed.
5. If a player changes teams, normal procedure is to move a player up/down one team. Exceptions may occur and they will be addressed by the Team Review Committee individually. Players must accept team placement; however, they do have the right to appeal the Team Review Committee's decision by contacting the Resolution Committee within one week of that decision. A final decision will be made by the Resolution Committee within one week of receiving the appeal.