

City of Bethlehem City of Bethlehem
Bureau of Parks & Recreation
Sand Island Tennis Leagues – Singles and Doubles

1. If you have any questions re: league play, please contact Alan Heverly aheverly@bethlehem-pa.gov
2. All matches must be played at Sand Island.
3. **Scheduling of Match Play:**
 - a. Players are responsible for contacting opponents and setting up matches.
 - b. Both players (teams) bring a new can of balls. Winners take the new can and if you come in second, you get the used can of balls. (Junior program needs balls)
 - c. Try to schedule matches as soon as you can. Don't wait until the last week to schedule your matches.
 - d. Regular Duty – Soft Court Tennis Balls are recommended for League Play.
**Soft-Court Tennis Balls can be purchased at SI desk.
 - e. We will have division captains to monitor if players are playing their matches.
If you are having difficulty either contacting a player/team or scheduling a match in your League – Please notify your division captain or Alan.
 - f. Half of your matches should be played by July 10.
 - g. All matches must be completed by Labor Day, September 7, 2015
 - h. If someone refuses to play their matches, they will be defaulted and all of their matches will be wiped out. You can only score if everybody plays that player. It isn't fair to default and give three points for a match that wasn't played.
4. **Match Play**

Matches will be the best two out of three Sets. A Twelve-Point tiebreaker (first to 7 by 2) will be played at 6-6.

**Senior League – a Ten Point super tiebreaker will be played in lieu of a third set (first to 10 by 2)

If people are waiting to play (wasn't a problem last year), matches will be limited to two hours as a courtesy to other people. You have the option of playing a tiebreaker third set or come off and go back on the next available court.

Non season pass holders – the cost is \$8 per hour of play.
5. **POINTS AWARDED FOR MATCH PLAY:**

One point for each set won.
One point awarded to the winner of the match
Your score will be either 3-0 or 3-1.
6. **At the conclusion of your match, please record your names, set scores, and your match score on the “Match Results Sheets”, located on the bulletin board at Sand Island.**
7. **The top two players/teams, in each division, will participate in their Division Play-offs.** If match scores end in a tie then sets lost will be the tiebreaker, etc.
8. Division playoffs will be held on Finals Saturday September 5 (singles)

and Finals Sunday September 6 (doubles and mixed doubles later in the day).

9. Injuries:

If the injury is minor: it is the injured player's responsibility to notify their opponent(s) that they are injured and, when recovered, to reschedule their League matches. If the injured player is unable to play their remaining League matches, notify Alan and he will contact the players in that division. All matches that were played by the injured player will be eliminated. You can't forfeit the last several matches and count the first several. That isn't fair. You only score against players that everybody has played.

10. USTA Rules will govern all matches. A USTA Handbook of Tennis Rules & Regulations will be available at SI desk.

11. **Remember tennis is a game. There are winners and second places. When you step on the court, you must accept both outcomes graciously. Cursing and improper behavior will not be tolerated. Adults are role models for the young people at Sand Island.**

If you have any suggestions you feel would improve League play – please contact Alan.

Have a Great Summer of League Play!