

2024 BE BEACH TENNIS LA LIGA

Rules and Regulations

GOVERNING RULES

The Be Beach Tennis LA LIGA (“BBTLL”) is governed by the rules provided herein and the current International Tennis Federation Beach Tennis Rules. The rules of conduct provided in the United States Tennis Association rules shall also apply to the BBTLL. In case of conflict between any of these rules, the BBTLL Director (Freddy Vélez) (“League Director”), at his discretion, shall determine the rule that shall prevail or how to correct or address the conflict in question. His decision on the issue shall be final.

The BBTLL shall consist of the following Age Group Leagues and levels to be played per season in 2024:

1. Doubles League (Beginner, Intermediate & Advance)
2. 40&Over Doubles League (Beginner, Intermediate & Advance)
3. Mixed Doubles League (Beginner, Intermediate & Advance)
4. 40&Over Mixed Doubles League (Beginner, Intermediate & Advance)
5. Teams Cups, singles, doubles & mixed (Multi Level Teams - Beginner, Intermediate & Advance) (separate rules shall apply)
6. Juniors Cup (separate rules shall apply)

(*availability of each league shall be subject to quorum)

Practices and Matches shall be at Caparra Country Club, unless prior notice from the League Director. All information regarding the BBTLL shall be published on Be Beach Tennis’ Social Media.

A. Rosters/Player Eligibility:

1. All players shall comply with the 100x35BTO eligibility rules based on their performance on the 2023 100x35 BTO results (including Team Cup). Other players shall be evaluated by the League Director to determine their appropriate level of play for purposes of the BBTLL. The League Director may take into consideration results from other tournaments and events, as well as other factors in assigning a player’s rating and level of play for purposes of the BBTLL. Once a level is assigned to a player, the League Director shall have the discretion to, during or at any moment during any season, move up or move down the player to another level of play. The determination of the League Director as to a player’s level of play prior, during and/or after any season for purposes of the BBTLL, shall be final.
2. The maximum roster size per team is 6 eligible players per each category. The minimum number of eligible players per team shall be 8 eligible players per category. Advance teams may have one (1) Pro Player. All pro players shall only be allowed to play in the first doubles match. Once a player is registered, the Captain may only remove them for medical reasons, and a health certificate will be required. No reimbursements will be made. In such cases the Captain may add a player to the team.
3. All players, as provided in section B, must register at www.bebeachtennis.com. All participating team members must be registered before playing in a match. If an unregistered player participates in a match, all point(s) won on that court shall be reversed.

4. A player(s) may be added to a team within the league season by a specified date given by the League Director at the start of that season. Roster additions after these dates will require prior approval of the League Director.
5. Requests for transfer to another team must be made by the league registration deadline. Only registrants who have not played any matches can be transferred. **NO refunds will be granted after registration.**
6. A player may play on only one team in a level within an Age Group in the same league during the same season.
7. Captains should verify a player's level of play and background before registration. Neglect of this responsibility is grounds for the removal of a captain and possible suspension from league play without reimbursement of the registration fees.

B. Team Registration:

1. **Registration Fees:** \$175 per player per category, per league. BBTLL shirt is included for players passing to the Championships.
2. **Courts Fee:** No fee shall apply to practices and matches played at Caparra Country Club on the assigned dates.
3. Each team shall have a designated Captain. All Captains must attend all captain's meetings.
4. The Captain shall be the person in charge of registration of the team with all its members, as well as payment of the registration fees of all members of his/her team.
5. Each captain shall send a registration email to info@bebeachtennis.com with the following information:
 - a. Category in which the team will be playing.
 - b. Name of the Team – optional
 - c. Name of the Captain, applicable level of play, phone number and e-mail address.
 - d. Name of each of the members of the team, their respective level of play, phone number and e-mail address.
6. Payment of the applicable registration fee for all members of the team. Payment of the court fees shall be made prior to each match at Caparra Country Club.
7. Team registrations shall be received on or before the published deadline for approval and registration for the corresponding level and league.

The League Director shall have full discretion to reject any team and/or player from participation in the BTL.

C. Matches:

1. Each League shall consist of a minimum of four (4) teams per level (subject to quorum). Any league consisting of four teams must play a minimum of two (2) matches against each team. The number of matches may be adjusted by the League Director prior to or after the commencement of each league season.
2. Each match between teams shall consist of three doubles matches. Certain levels may include a singles match.
3. The match format for all matches will be best of two sets and a Tiebreaker (first to 10 by 2 points), if required. All matches will utilize regular scoring, and a set tiebreak (first to 7 by 2

points) at 6-all in each set. All tiebreakers and set tiebreaks should follow "Coman" tiebreak procedure for switching sides (switch after 1st point...then every 4 points thereafter - 5, 9, 13, etc.) Play must be continuous throughout the match.

4. The team captain for each team shall exchange their team line-up simultaneously before the beginning of the team match. If, after the scorecards have been exchanged but prior to the first point of an individual match being played, a player becomes unable to play due to injury, illness, or disqualification, a substitution may be made using a rostered player. No other player changes are allowed for unplayed matches on that scorecard.
5. Point System for each league: 1 point per double.
6. There is a ten-minute default rule (inclusive of warm-up time) in effect for all matches. The opposing captain has the discretion to extend the default time and play the match if it is possible to do so, without affecting the schedule of league play for that day. Late players shall not have a guaranteed 5-minute warm-up and NO POINT PENALTY shall be allowed for late player that arrives within the 10-minute window. In extenuating circumstances, a captain can reach out to the League Director regarding lateness, and the League Director has the ability, at his discretion, to extend the default time if deemed necessary. For staggered matches, a team cannot claim a default unless a court has been available to play for 10 minutes, and the opposing players are at least 10 minutes later than the agreed-upon arrival time.
7. A 5-minute warm-up, including serves, is permitted before the match begins.
8. Cell phone use on the court is considered a deliberate potential hindrance. Turn off phones while playing.
9. The match officially starts when play of the first point is begun. In the event of extreme rain or a stoppage of play due to circumstances beyond the control of the players, completed individual matches will stand as played. An incomplete match shall be continued by the same players and resumed at the exact point - set, game, point - when play was halted. If players (s) are unavailable to continue the match on the rescheduled time or date, then the individual match will be scored as either a retirement in favor of the team whose players are available or a double default if both teams are missing a player. The original line up may be changed on a court that has not officially started play even if the players completed warm-up.
10. Defaults must occur from the bottom up. If a doubles player is missing, the line-up must be adjusted, and that team placed in the 3rd doubles position. The 2nd and 3rd doubles teams (as designated on the scorecard exchanged) for the team with the missing player must then be moved up 1 position e.g., if the first doubles team is missing a player those players must be placed in third doubles and the 2nd doubles team moved up to first and the 3rd doubles team moved up to 2nd. No other changes in either team's line-up is allowed.
11. It is the responsibility of the players to make sure they are with the proper opponents. Captains should give their players the names of their opponents when sending them to court.
12. If score confusion occurs, the players count all points and games agreed upon and replay only the disputed points. If there is no agreement on the disputed point/game, play from a mutually agreeable score. If still no agreement, spin a racquet or toss a coin to settle the dispute.
13. Once a default is notified at info@bebeachtennis.com, they may not be changed.
14. A team that forfeits an entire team match without just cause may be penalized to the extent that all matches for the season will be considered null and void when determining team standings if it affects final flight standings for the team receiving the default; the team members may not be allowed to participate in league play the following season.
15. Players are allowed one three-minute medical timeout as needed.
16. Players, teammates, spectators, or coaches who interfere and/or are disruptive at matches are considered to have violated the standards of good conduct, fair play, and good sportsmanship.

This includes conduct before, during, and after the completion of the match. Teammates, spectators, or coaches may not volunteer advice on line calls, scoring, or the conduct of the match. It is the responsibility of the teams to control spectators' conduct at all matches.

17. In the event of a tie, whether in round-robin or single-elimination competition, the tie shall be broken by the first of the following procedures that does so:
 - a. Individual Matches
 - b. Number of Games Lost
 - c. Game Winning Percentage

D. Schedule and Match Site:

1. Match Site: Caparra Country Club or other site designated by Be Beach Tennis.
2. Schedule: At the beginning of each season, the League Director shall publish a schedule of dates (Friday, Saturdays and/or Sundays) and times for matches per level, per teams and the designated Match Site. The captain of each team shall confirm with the League's Director their availability to the Match Dates, and Time no later than five days after the publication of the schedule. The League Director does not guarantee that changes to the published schedule may be made.
3. Court Costs: Court fees may apply, depending on the Match Site. If they apply, the court fees will be distributed on a pro-rata basis between both teams.

E. Scoring:

1. Scorecards for matches shall be delivered to the designated BBTLL official in the Match Site, if any, and in writing by e-mail (cc to the opposing team captain) to info@bebeachtennis.com no later than 24 hours after the completion of the match. The notification shall include:
 - a. Team's name and team's captain's name
 - b. Match date, time, and site
 - c. Opposing team's name and opposing team's captain's name
 - d. Names of players of each match and the corresponding score
 - e. Identification of the team that won the match.
2. During the following week of each weekend of play, all scores and standings shall be published on Be Beach Tennis' website. A notice of said publication will be shared on BBT's social media.

F. Captain's Responsibilities/Procedures:

1. Both captains should make contact at least 3 days before the scheduled date of the match to confirm start time and number of courts. Information as to date, time, and match site shall be provided by the League Director.
2. In the event a court needs to be defaulted, the opposing captain must be contacted 24 hours before the start of the match. Opposing captains must confirm receipt of the email. If defaults are not communicated in this timeframe and the court goes unused, the defaulting team will be responsible for paying the full match fee for that court.

3. In the event a court is defaulted due to lateness by a team, the following applies. If the court is used, the court fees continue to be the responsibility of all players on that court. If the court is not used, the team that was late shall be responsible for the court fees.
4. Captains shall be present at every match or assign someone to be acting captain.
5. Complete your line-up on your scoresheet and exchange scoresheets with the other captain simultaneously prior to the beginning of the team match. If it is a staggered match, the players for the later matches MUST be designated on the lineup scorecard.
6. Sign both the scorecards after checking that the scores are written correctly. Both team captains are responsible for providing scores to info@bebeachtennis.com within 24 hours. The first team to report will input the scores, the next to report will "confirm or dispute" scores. Captains may forfeit their right to dispute a scorecard if they do not confirm match results within 24 hours.
7. Both teams shall be responsible for providing a new unopened container of approved balls for each match.
8. One court will be available for the 3 doubles matches. Matches will be played in the following order: #, #2 and #3 doubles. The captains may agree to change this order by mutual consent.
9. If, during a league match, an irresolvable dispute arises between the players about the accuracy of calling the lines or other issues, play is to continue with the player letting the other player know they are playing under protest and will be filing a complaint/grievance to the League Director or authorized official following the match. Inaccuracy of line calls will be a written complaint filed with the League Director which will be kept on file. Three or more complaints about the same player may result in suspension from the BTL.
10. Reschedules: Requests for full match reschedules are not permitted and captains do not have to agree to reschedule a full match. Any rescheduling of play requires the authorization of the League Director. The League Director may reschedule any unplayed or incomplete matches occurring in the last two weeks of the season, which would impact the determination of a league winner. Any cost incurred would be shared by both teams.
11. Captains have 72 hours from the day of the originally scheduled match to agree on a new date (between the available dates provided by the League Director) for an incomplete court(s). Two viable dates must be given as options by the team that requested the rescheduling. If a date is not confirmed within this period, the League Director will set the date (from the available dates provided). Captains must report the rescheduled date to the League Director. Incomplete court (s) that occur within the last two weeks of the season may be rescheduled by the League Director.

G. Championships:

1. Championships will be played for each league on the notified scheduled date and site.
2. The applicable prizes for the champions and finalists of each league shall be notified on the date when registration for the league is opened.

H. Image Rights:

By registering in the BBTLL, players acknowledge and agree to be photographed and filmed and authorize the use of their image in the promotion and publicity of Be Beach Tennis and its events, including print, photos, and/or videos.

I. Alcoholic Beverages:

Depending on the Match Site, entering with alcoholic beverages will be prohibited. In such cases, players and spectators will be allowed to bring coolers with only water, sports beverages, juices, or other liquids, if they do not contain any alcohol. Strict compliance with this rule will be enforced. Failing to comply with this rule will result in the cancellation of the participation of the team and/or player in the BTLL without reimbursement.

J. WAIVER, RELEASE, AND INDEMNITY.

In consideration of being allowed to participate in any way in LA LIGA, its related events and activities, players acknowledge, accept, and agree that:

- (a) The risks of injury and illness (ex: communicable diseases such as MRSA, influenza, and COVID-19) from the activities involved in LA LIGA are significant, and while rules, equipment, and personal discipline may reduce these risks, the risks of serious injury and illness do exist.
- (b) The players understand that the dangers and risks of playing or practicing in sports include, but not limited to, death, serious neck, and spinal injuries, which may result in complete or partial paralysis, brain damage, serious injury to virtually all internal organs, bones, joints, ligaments, muscles, tendons, and other aspects of the muscular skeletal system and serious injury or impairment to other aspects of its body, general health, and well-being. The players further understand and acknowledge that the dangers and risks of playing this sport and LA LIGA may result not only in injury, but serious impairment of its future abilities to earn a living, to engage in other business, social, and recreational activities, and generally to enjoy life.
- (c) Player, for itself and on behalf of its heirs, assigns, personal representatives, and next of kin, HEREBY RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS ALL SPORTS ACADEMY, LLC, and Caparra Country Club, their officers, officials, agents, and/or employees, FREDDY VELEZ SANTIAGO, BETTINA FONT-NICOLE, other participants, sponsoring agencies, sponsors, advertisers, vendors ("RELEASEES"), concerning ANY AND ALL INJURY, ILLNESS, DISABILITY, DEATH, or loss or damage to person or property, WHETHER ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES OR OTHERWISE, to the fullest extent permitted by law.
- (d) PLAYER KNOWINGLY AND FREELY ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS, both known and unknown, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES or others and assume full responsibility for its participation.
- (e) Players willingly agree to comply with these rules and with customary terms and conditions for participation. If, however, the Player observes any unusual significant hazard during his/her presence or participation, the Player will remove itself from participation and immediately bring such to the attention of the nearest official.
- (f) Furthermore, in consideration of the registration to LA LIGA Player agrees that upon the filing or assertion of any claim, notice of claim or lawsuit for Player's personal injury, property damage, emotional distress or wrongful death or any other damages against Releasees, Player shall defend, indemnify, and hold the Releasees harmless from all claims or causes of action by whomever or wherever made, including any and all claims for Releasees' negligence. The player specifically agrees that its duty to defend and indemnify Releasees from all claims, including

claims for Releasees' negligence, shall include a duty to pay all attorneys' fees and litigation costs incurred by Releasees as said fees and costs are incurred.

By participating in LA LIGA, each Player further acknowledges and accepts:

- (a) that they have a right to consult an attorney, and, in the event, they do not consult an attorney, the Player assumes the risk of not consulting an attorney.
- (b) that they have carefully read each paragraph of this Section,
- (c) that they fully understand its terms, and that they are participating in LA LIGA freely and voluntarily without any inducement.

The player agrees and acknowledges that each provision of this Section is severable from and valid and binding regardless of the validity or invalidity of any other clause or clauses of this section and rules. This Section and these Rules contain the entire agreement between Players and Releasees. Its terms are contractual and not a mere recital.

K. Trademarks and Rights Reserved:

All logos and brands used and/or promoted for LA LIGA have copyrights and rights reserved. Unauthorized use or reproduction of them is not allowed.

Failure to comply with these rules shall imply, at the League Director's discretion, the cancellation of the participation of the Player and/or team without the right to reimbursement of the registration fees. Be Beach Tennis reserves the right of admission.