

# ONTARIO SQUASH DOUBLES LEAGUE

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

Effective September 1, 2016

### RULES OF PLAY

On each date, each Club will field three teams. The order of play shall be published in the schedule.

Captains may agree between themselves, in advance, to change the order of play, but corresponding teams must play against each other.

#### 2.1 PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to continue to play in The Ontario Doubles League and playoffs, a player must have played at least 4 regular league games throughout the season. (Changed Executive order Sept 26 2015)

2.2 A player must be a full member in good standing of the league and the Club he represents. Exceptions can be made for Div 1 provided those exceptions are pre approved by the "Executive." (Refer also to Rule 2.6) (New 2012)

2.3 (a) Each Club may play only one professional, providing he is playing at the highest Division offered by his Club and at any position. This rule does not apply to Division 1.

(b) A professional is someone who earns money from squash either by teaching or playing. Prize money earned from events such a PRO-AM may be exempt, subject to rule 2.4.

2.4 Each Professional must be registered and approved by the Committee before the season begins. This rule does not apply to Division 1.

2.5 Players classified as "A" players must play at the number one position in the highest division offered at that club.

2.6 1) Any player seeded on a team's roster and playing on that team can play on a higher Division team up to a maximum of 3 times. A player must remain on a higher ranking team for the balance of the season once he plays a 4<sup>th</sup> game for that team." (Changed executive order Nov 29 2016)

A player may only move up one Division within his club. (or the next highest Division in his Club). Once qualified in that Division he may be permitted to go up one further Division. New 2015)

2) A player may play for a higher division team in another league club, providing the original club he plays does not have a higher Division team and the following conditions are followed:

- i) The player must be a full member in good standing of both clubs for which he plans to play and
  - ii) If he plays a fourth game for the higher Division team he cannot return to play on the original team
  - iii) The team captain must have approval from the league executive before this player plays his first match with the second club in the higher division
  - iv) Note: If the Captain has **not** notified and received approval before the player plays for another league club he will be ruled ineligible to play for the second club for the balance of the season and any points won involving this player will be forfeited. (New 2012)
- 2.7 1) Each team must declare the names of the players by Thursday prior to league's first scheduled match.
- 2) Each captain is to list his roster on the OSDL web site. **(Please list them using sir name first and full first names)** The web site roster will be locked and cannot be changed by captains after the beginning of the season. If changes are required during the course of the season Division Commissioners are to be contacted. The web site administrator will make any **approved** changes.
- 2.8 **1)** Each team must designate a minimum of six (6) "Seeded Players" as part of his roster Rule 2.7 Seeded players may not play in a lower division. (New 2010)
- 2) Once a player starts playing in a Division, that player can only play 2 Divisions higher during the remainder of the season. (New 2013)
- 2.9 If a player has not been registered but then plays for a team, he will be considered to be a seeded player for that team, and may not play down." (New 2011)
- 2.10 If a team defaults a match on any evening (excepting an Act of God):
- a) The defaulting team shall have two points deducted and the non defaulting team gets 3 points.
  - b) If defaulting team plays only 1 match it shall have 1 point deducted and that team must play at #1 position.
  - c) If defaulting team plays two matches no points will be deducted but must play the matches in the top two positions. (New 2011)
- 2.11 If teams/captains agree not to play a match and decide to falsely record a result both teams shall be penalized 5 points in the standing (New 2014)**
3. FEES
- A team "not in good standing" for failure to pay fees by **October 31<sup>st</sup>**. may not participate in the play-off and may not be allowed to continue in the league.

Fees - \$250.00 per team - Fees are due October 1, (Interest at 1.5% per month) payable to **ONTARIO SQUASH DOUBLES LEAGUE** c/o E. A. Bracht 62 Felbrigg Ave. Toronto ON M5M 2M1.

4. DRESS CODE

A number of clubs still have a white dress code, and it would be appreciated if visiting teams adhere to these rules. The separate (Captains Information Sheet) sets out the clubs, which have that requirement.

5. STARTING TIME

Please reference Club Information Sheet for starting times and days of play. All matches are not played **on traditional days and some Clubs may use other venues as “Home” court.** Visiting captains should confirm start times with home teams on the day of the matches.

EYEWEAR

It is now mandatory by this league that players wear protective eyewear. Any player not wearing acceptable eye protection will not be permitted to play and that match shall be defaulted. This league rule will supersede any Club rules that may be contrary to it.

7. INTERCHANGE OF PLAYERS

Subject to rule 2.6 Clubs that have multiple teams in a Division may not interchange players. Once a player is committed to 1 of the teams, he must continue on that team for the rest of the season. Each team in that particular Division is considered as a separate club for purposes of this league.

Under very special circumstances when a club needs to switch a player for the duration of the season it must request permission. The Commissioner may not unreasonably withhold permission.

If on occasion a team is short a player and would normally default the match, it may now fill in with a player from one of the other two teams in order to assure the opponents of a match. However, that team will not be awarded any points for that match.

8. STATISTICS

Home team captain is responsible to post the results on the web site, **within two days from the match.**

In a defaulted game, statistics don't count for anybody. However a non defaulting team may appeal to the executive if one of its players is made ineligible for playoffs because of that default.

**The web site address is. [www.onsquashdl.com](http://www.onsquashdl.com).**

9. PLAYOFFS

(1) For the semi finals in each Division, Club team 1 in the regular standings plays team 4, and team 2 plays team 3. Teams 1 and 2 have home courts advantage. Semi finals shall be played on the home team's regular league night.

(2) In the playoffs the order of players must follow the Web site statistics and LW and RW indexes.

The Captains will first submit their line ups to the Division Commissioner and after receiving his approval will exchange those line ups with respective captain. Once the lists are exchanged there shall not be any further changes. The exchange between captains should be at least 1 day ahead of play time. (New 2013)

(3) In the finals number 1 teams must play in the first two positions. . (New 2013)

(4) (a) A player needs an index to play on a designated wall during the playoffs. (New 2014)

(b). **With the reduced number of teams in each division now, that only one game be required to qualify for wrong wall index (New 2016)**

The player must still play four times during the season to qualify to play in the playoffs. (New 2. 015) ((Changed Executive order Sept 26 2015)

(c) **Allow for some flexibility in determining index for playoffs by allowing up to ¼ point leeway (rather than: plus or minus) from end of season index. Index not recalculated in semis or finals. (New 2016**

(5) In the playoffs one must return serve on the wall that you are indexed (New 2014)

(6) In the playoffs if a team cannot play in the finals the team they defeated will advance (New 2014)

(7)**That executive be given leeway to prepare finals schedule. The executive will organize the same format for next year finals but will ensure only one match per division will be played away from the main venue. (New 2016**

(8) **A tie break rule. If tied teams at end of regular schedule cannot break tie on the court the following criteria will apply:**

a) **Matches between tied teams**

b) **Games between tied teams**

c) **Games won within Division**

**Coin toss (New 2016)**

2015

Closing party and awards will be presented on the Finals Night.

## 10 PROMOTION AND RELEGATION

The final composition of the various Divisions shall be determined by the Executive, depending on the entries submitted by the Clubs, subsequent to the AGM. The Executive will guide itself by the standings of the teams in the prior season (not Play- offs), and will promote or relegate teams based on the two top and bottom positions of the respective Divisions. Every attempt will be made to have an even number of teams in each Division. (New 2013)

Clubs must register their entries by the designated dates set at the AGM. (New 2013)

11 RESCHEDULED MATCHES.

As soon as possible after the schedule is published, Captains are requested to reschedule matches, if there is a conflict with the schedule.

(A typical conflict is an event where the courts are not available or another event is scheduled for that date.)

This is particularly important towards the end of the season when fewer opportune dates are available.

**Excepting for an Act of God there is zero tolerance for defaulting matches. There is no rescheduling of defaulted matches. The defaulting team losses points as per Rule 2.10.**

If a team defaults three times in a season, without substantial good reason, that team will not be invited back the following season.

12 REFERREES

The home captain must arrange for a referee for each match in all Divisions.

**The success of the league is totally dependent on the goodwill of the players and the common sense exhibited by the captains. The league has survived this long with very few rules and the fewer the better.**

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