

## Reference Guide: 2014 Mixed League Rules Compared to Proposed 2015 Mixed League Rules

*This document is a reference guide to compare the old 2014 Mixed League Rules to the 2015 Proposed Mixed League Rules*

*Any significant changes which impact the meaning of the rule are **highlighted in yellow**, all other changes are for clarification purposes. All rules included in the 2014 Mixed League Rules and Proposed 2015 Mixed League Rules are referenced in this document.*

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<b>2014 General Rules and Regulations Section</b>				
<b>G1</b>	<b>G1 (a):</b> Player Agreement: All players participating in the InterCounty Tennis Association (ICTA) programs, as a condition of their participation, agree to abide and be bound by the ICTA Constitution and By-Laws; the respective League Regulations; the "Rules of The Court" which includes, The Code for Unofficial Matches; and adhere to the standards of good conduct, fair play and sportsmanship.	<b>Section 2 - General: 2.1, 2.2, 2.3</b>	<p><b>2.1:</b> The Rules shall apply to all Clubs, Teams, Captains and Players in the League, each of whom shall, at all times, both on and off the court, uphold standards of good conduct, fair play and sportsmanship.</p> <p><b>2.2:</b> The Constitution and Rules are available on the ICTA Website</p> <p><b>2.3:</b> In the event of a conflict between the Constitution, the Rules and the Tennis Canada, Rules of the Court, the Constitution shall prevail over the Rules which shall prevail over the Tennis Canada, Rules of the Court.</p>	
	<b>G1 (b) WAIVER OF CLAIMS.</b> Players participating in any InterCounty Tennis Association Program acknowledge the risks associated with playing competitive tennis, accept those risks voluntarily, and in consideration of their acceptance in the Program assume all risks for bodily injury, waive all claims for injury and property damage and release and hold harmless the ICTA and the host facility, their officials, employees and agents with respect to any injury or loss caused by negligence or otherwise to the fullest extent permitted by law.	<b>REMOVED</b>	<b>REMOVED</b>	
<b>G2</b>	<b>G2.</b> All clubs must keep a copy of the "Rules of the Court" displayed in their clubhouse. "Rules of the Court" is the	<b>Section 2 - General: 2.4</b>	<b>2.4:</b> All Clubs shall keep a copy of the Rules on hand, or, alternatively, facilitate online access.	<i>Since all rules are accessible online, Clubs are no longer required to</i>



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	official rule book of Tennis Canada and can be obtained at a small cost or is free to download and print. Call 416-665-9777 to purchase, or download the <a href="#">Rules of the Court</a> and The Code for Unofficial Matches from Tennis Canada website.			<i>display a copy in their clubhouse, but rather make it accessible either at the club or online</i>
<b>G3</b>	<b>G3.</b> Clubs, which have not paid club and /or team fees by the Spring General Meeting date and have not submitted up to date information sheets are subject, at the discretion of the ICTA Executive, to either one of the following: 1) be assessed a late entry fee of \$50.00 or 2) be deemed to not be a member of the Association and therefore ineligible to play in the leagues or tournaments for the specific year. All clubs excluded in one year will have to re-apply for entry to the Association at the next general meeting.	<b>REMOVED</b>	<b>REMOVED</b>	<i>Already included in ICTA Constitution which the league is bound by</i>
<b>G4</b>	<b>G4.</b> The League Director, subject to review by the ICTA Executive, may enact penalties against clubs, captains and individuals arising out of the behavior and non compliance with the rules both on and off the court. These penalties may include, but are not limited to, suspension of playing privileges, disqualification of teams, alternative placement in standings and/or denial of promotion to higher divisions.	<b>Section 2 - General: 2.6, 2.7</b>	<b>2.6:</b> Subject to review by the Executive, the League Director may make rulings and enact Penalties against Clubs, Teams, Captains and Players arising out of non-compliance with the Rules.  <b>2.7:</b> Penalties may include, but are not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) defaults of Matches;</li> <li>(b) defaults of Fixtures;</li> <li>(c) suspension of playing privileges;</li> <li>(d) disqualification of Players or Teams;</li> <li>(e) alternate placement in standings;</li> <li>(f) relegation;</li> <li>(g) denial of Promotion; and</li> <li>(h) relocation.</li> </ul>	
<b>G5</b>	<b>G5.</b> All captains will ensure that ALL of his/her team members obtain both the schedule and ALL of the League Rules.	<b>Section 2 - General: 2.5</b>	<b>2.5:</b> Captains shall ensure their Players familiarize themselves with the Rules. Ignorance of the Rules is not an excuse for non-compliance.	
<b>G6</b>	<b>G6.</b> Coaching while a match is being played is NOT allowed except in Juniors Mixed	<b>Section 5 - Match</b>	<b>5.23:</b> Coaching during a Match is prohibited.	



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	League.	<b>Organization: 5.23</b>		
<b>G7</b>	<b>G7.</b> Cellular phones and pages are to be turned off and be only used in emergencies.	<b>Section 5 - Match Organization: 5.24</b>	<b>5.24:</b> All electronic devices are to be turned off during a Match and may only be used in an emergency.	
<b>2014 League Rules and Regulations Section</b>				
<b>L1</b>	<b>L1.</b> There will be four levels called Major, A, B, and C. Each level may be sub-divided into geographical divisions which will contain an approximate equal number of teams.	<b>Section 3 - League Organization: 3.1, 3.2, 3.3</b>	<b>3.1:</b> The League is divided into Levels. <b>3.2:</b> Levels may be sub-divided into further levels or Divisions. <b>3.3:</b> Divisions shall contain an approximately equal number of Teams.	<i>See definitions section in 2015 Proposed Mixed League Rules for definitions of "League", "Levels" &amp; "Division"</i>
<b>L2</b>	<b>L2.</b> Because visiting teams are guests of the home club, home club rules apply and all players must conform to those rules. The home club will retain the right to refuse playing privileges to those players not abiding by their rules. These rules may include court demeanor as well as dress codes including the-type of shoes one may wear.	<b>Section 3 - League Organization: 3.16, 3.17</b>	<b>3.16:</b> As visiting Teams are guests of the home Club, home Club policies, except where inconsistent with the Rules, shall apply. Home Clubs shall be permitted to enforce policies relating to, among other things, dress code and footwear.  <b>3.17:</b> Clubs shall post their policies in a conspicuous manner, shall communicate them in accordance with Section 5.2, and may deny playing privileges to Players who do not comply with them.	
<b>2014 Team Organization Rules and Regulations Section</b>				
<b>T1</b>	<b>T1 (a):</b> A team will consist of twelve (12) players each of whom will be a bona-fide member of her/his club (as determined by that club). Composite teams made up of players from different member ICTA clubs are permitted entry into a league as long as it is at the lowest league level providing the host club(s) which is/are providing the courts approves of the concept.	<b>Section 1 - Interpretation 1.1 (z)  Section 4 - Team Organization: 4.3</b>	<b>1.1 (aa):</b> "Player" is either an Adult or Junior and shall be a current paid Club member from the date of his or her first Match.  <b>4.3:</b> Composite Teams may enter the League at the League Director's discretion.	
	<b>T1 (b):</b> A league fixture will consist of six (6) matches - three (3) men's doubles, two (2) mixed doubles and one ladies doubles. The Mixed League Director may initiate an alternative trial format when requested to do so, provided that such a trial does not	<b>Section 1 - Interpretation 1.1 (n)</b>	<b>1.1 (n):</b> "Fixture" means a series of Matches between the doubles pairs of two Teams, initially scheduled to take place in one evening session, and shall consist of six doubles pairings, comprising three Men's, two Mixed and one Ladies. The League Director has the authority to use a different six match format if all teams agree.	



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	<p>negatively impact other leagues or clubs.</p> <p><b>T1 (c):</b> The Mixed League is primarily an adult league, but each team in the A, B and C Divisions may allow up to two (2) players under the age of eighteen (18) (as of January 1st in the current year) to play in any fixture. In the Major Division each team may allow up to four (4) players under the age of eighteen (18) (as of January 1st in the current year) to play in any fixture.</p>	<p><b>Section 3 - League Organization: 3.10, 3.11</b></p>	<p><b>3.10:</b> Teams in the Majors Level may play up to four Juniors in any Fixture.</p> <p><b>3.11:</b> Teams in the A, B and C Levels may play up to two Juniors in any Fixture.</p>	<p><i>See definitions section in 2015 Proposed Mixed League Rules for "Juniors" definition</i></p>		
<p><b>T2</b></p>	<p>Team captains are to abide by the principle that the best players play against best players to ensure more competitive, more enjoyable and fairer competition. The Divisional Chairperson will have the authority to determine if players have been deliberately played in a lower position than they would normally play, and if deemed appropriate, to forfeit that match.</p>	<p><b>Section 4 - Team Organization: 4.6, 4.7, 4.8, 4.9</b></p>	<p><b>4.6:</b> In preparing Line-Ups, Captains and/or co-Captains shall have adhered to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. They shall consider the strength of all available Players on their Roster;</li> <li>b. Players' relative strengths shall be determined by the results of all Matches played that Season and, where necessary and available, prior Seasons;</li> <li>c. They shall strive to ensure fair and competitive play for all;</li> <li>d. Scheduling stronger pairs below weaker pairs is prohibited;</li> <li>e. Player availability, including as to rain-out matches, shall not dispense with compliance with a., b., c. and d.</li> </ul> <p><b>4.7:</b> For the purposes of Section 4.6, the strength of pairings is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Men's 1 is stronger than Men's 2;</li> <li>b. Men's 2 is stronger than Men's 3; and</li> <li>c. Mixed 1 is stronger than Mixed 2.</li> </ul> <p><b>4.8:</b> Teams whose Captains, in the discretion of the Division Chair, feature Players in Line-Ups in a lower pairing than that contemplated by Section 4.6 and 4.7, shall be subject to Section 4.9, together with such further Penalties as may be determined by the League Director.</p> <p><b>4.9:</b> Cascade Rule. Teams whose Captains contravene Section 4.8 shall be subject to the following sequence of defaults:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="940 1365 1696 1399"> <tr> <td data-bbox="940 1365 1203 1399">Pairing in Which</td> <td data-bbox="1203 1365 1696 1399">Pairings Which Are Then</td> </tr> </table>	Pairing in Which	Pairings Which Are Then	
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			<b>Contravention Occurs</b>	<b>Automatically Defaulted and Scored 6-0, 6-0</b>	
			Men's 1	Men's 1, Men's 2 and Men's 3	
			Men's 2	Men's 2 and Men's 3	
			Mixed 1	Mixed 1 and Mixed 2	
<b>T3</b>	<p><b>T3:</b> Teams in the C division are not to play club teaching professionals. "<b>Club teaching professionals</b>" are defined as full time professionals, whose major source of income is from Tennis, and <b>does not include full time students</b>. Club executives should have determined before a person plays for them whether or not a player is a club teaching professional or not. All current Canadian Open or internationally ranked players, and juniors (ranked in Under 18) ranked in the top ten (10) or the current provincial and/or national rankings can only play at the "A" or "Major" level.</p>	<p><b>Section 3 - League Organization: 3.8, 3.9</b></p> <p><b>Section 1 - Interpretation 1.1 (b), (c), (f)</b></p>	<p><b>3.8:</b> Advanced Adults and Advanced Juniors shall play at the Majors or A Levels only.</p> <p><b>3.9:</b> Club Pros shall play at the Majors, A or B Levels only.</p> <p><b>1.1 (b):</b> "Advanced Adult" means an Adult who has an OTA or Tennis Canada ranking in the top ten of the open rankings;</p> <p><b>1.1 (c):</b> "Advanced Junior" means a Junior with an OTA ranking, as of December 31st of the preceding year, as follows:</p> <p>Top 10 in U14; Top 25 in U16; Top 50 in U18.</p> <p><b>1.1 (f):</b> "Club Pro" means a full-time Club tennis instructor, other than a student, whose major source of income is from tennis instruction and whose Level is determined by his or her Club's Executive Committee or, if no Executive Committee, other objective considerations.</p>		<p><i>Advanced Junior rankings recommendations provided by the OTA</i></p>
<b>T4</b>	<p><b>T4:</b> Players may play for only one club in the Mixed League - except as follows:</p> <p><b>(a)</b> where a player has moved her/his residence during the season and their new residence is not in the same vicinity of the original club.</p> <p><b>(b)</b> a player having played only once for any club in any league may, at the discretion of the League Director, switch to any other club in that league, but will play only for</p>	<p><b>Section 3 - League Organization 3.12, 3.13</b></p>	<p><b>3.12:</b> Except as set out in Section 3.13, a Player may play for only one Club in the Mixed League.</p> <p><b>3.13:</b> Despite Section 3.12, during a Season, a Player may move to a new Team in the League, either in the same, or in a different Division, and only at the League Director's discretion:</p> <p>a. If he or she moves his or her place of residence; b. If he or she plays once for a Team and then chooses, for other than geography, to no longer play on that Team; c. In other exceptional circumstances.</p>		



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	<p>that club for the balance of the season.</p> <p><b>(c)</b> in other exceptional circumstances as permitted by the League Chairperson.</p> <p>In no case is a player to play for more than one club at the same time.</p>		<p>Any such Player may thereafter play only for his or her new Team for the duration of the Season.</p>	
<p><b>T5</b></p>	<p><b>T5:</b> Players are permitted to play at only one level, but the league does recognize that in those clubs with teams at more than one level it is better for club and team members to allow players who normally play at a lower level to substitute for absent members of a higher level team. To accommodate that situation, the following regulations will apply:</p> <p><b>(a)</b> Players may play two matches above their normal level of play. Any player who plays three (3) fixtures above a level will be ineligible to play any further matches at the lower level and is locked into the higher level.</p> <p><b>(b)</b> Where a club has two or more teams playing <b>at the same level</b> (e.g. level B), players may only play on one team. Once a player has played two matches for one of the teams, she/he is automatically ineligible to play for the other team. (Within the context of rules)</p> <p><b>(c)</b> A player would be allowed to substitute once for each team at the same level.</p> <p><b>(d)</b> During the first three (3) weeks of the season, a player may play for <b>only one team</b>, except with the permission of the</p>	<p><b>Section 4 - Team Organization: 4.10, 4.11, 4.12</b></p> <p><b>Section 1 - Interpretation 1.1 (ii)</b></p>	<p><b>4.10:</b> Subject to Sections 4.11 and 4.12, Players may Sub Up a maximum of two Matches.</p> <p><b>4.11:</b> Players who Sub Up on a third occasion shall thereafter play only for the Team on which they played on the third occasion.</p> <p><b>4.12:</b> Sub Ups are not permitted during the first three weeks of the Season, unless permitted at the discretion of the Division Chair.</p> <p><b>1.1 (jj):</b> "Sub Up" means a Player who substitutes on a higher Level Team at a Club than the Team on which they are listed as a Roster Player.</p>	



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	<p>Mixed League Director.</p> <p>Permission to play for more than one team will only be given in exceptional circumstances</p>			
<b>2014 Match Rules and Regulations Section</b>				
<b>M1 (a)</b>	<p><b>M1 (a):</b> Each match will consist of the best of three sets with a 12 point tie-breaker at six games each in the first two sets. Any third set shall be a super tie-breaker (first team to ten (10) with a margin of two (2) points, unless both captains agree to play a full third set. Such decision should be made before play commences. Where both captains agree to play a full third set, IF FOR ANY REASON PLAY IS INTERRUPTED TO THE EXTENT THAT THE MATCH (OR ANY OTHER MATCH IN THE FIXTURE) CAN NOT BE COMPLETED, THE WINNER OF THAT SET (AND/OR MATCH) SHALL BE THE TEAM THAT IS AHEAD AT THE TIME.</p>	<p><b>Section 5 - Match Organization:</b> <b>5.13, 5.14</b></p>	<p><b>5.13:</b> The Match format is the best two out of three sets, with a Tie-Break played at a score of 6-6 in any Set.</p> <p><b>5.14:</b> A Super Tie-Break shall be played as the third set in the following circumstances:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. If both Captains agree prior to the start of the Fixture that all Matches in the Fixture will be decided by a Super Tie-Break; or</li> <li>b. If both Captains agree prior to the start of any Match, to decide that Match by a Super Tie-Break; or</li> <li>c. If: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. The number of courts being utilized at the start of the Fixture is three; and</li> <li>ii. Inclusive of warm-up, the duration of the Match has exceeded two hours;</li> </ul> </li> <li>d. If: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. The score is tied one-set all; and</li> <li>ii. 30 minutes or less remain before the courts become unplayable due to poor lighting or other court restrictions.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
	<p><b>M1 (b):</b> One point will be awarded for each, match won with a maximum of six (6) points per fixture. In the Major Division each team will be awarded one point for fielding a complete team (twelve players), thus providing a maximum of 8 points for each fixture. (6 points for matches and 1 to each club for a full roster).</p>	<p><b>Section 5 - Match Organization:</b> <b>5.25</b></p>	<p><b>5.25:</b> One point will be awarded for each Match won with a maximum of six points per Fixture.</p>	<p><i>Second part removed to ensure that Majors is consistent with the rest of the League</i></p>
	<p><b>M1 (c):</b> The visiting team will be deemed to have won the toss at the start of play. The visitors may choose to be Server or</p>	<p><b>Section 5 - Match Organization:</b></p>	<p><b>5.12:</b> The visiting Team is deemed to have won the toss at the start of each Match.</p>	



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	Receiver in which case the home team will choose the side, or the Visitors may choose the side in which case the home team will choose to be SERVER or RECEIVER.	<b>5.12</b>		
<b>M2</b>	<b>M2:</b> All Mixed League Matches must be played on outdoor courts, weather permitting, except with mutual agreement of Team Captains. This rule does not apply to those few clubs whose membership in ICTA is as an indoor club.	<b>Section 3 - League Organization: 3.6</b>	<b>3.6:</b> Fixtures shall be played on outdoor courts, weather permitting. Captains may agree to play indoors and share applicable costs. The Governing Council has approved certain Clubs as indoor-only facilities.	
<b>M3</b>	<b>M3:</b> Home teams will supply new sets of yellow balls (tournament quality) for each match.	<b>Section 5 - Match Organization: 5.10</b>	<b>5.10:</b> The home Team shall supply a new can of yellow balls, tournament quality, for each Match.	
<b>M4</b>	<b>M4:</b> The home team will supply suitable refreshments (food and drink) to be available at the completion of play.	<b>Section 5 - Match Organization: 5.11</b>	<b>5.11:</b> The home Team shall supply sufficient food and refreshments for all Players.	
<b>M5</b>	<b>M5:</b> The visiting team will have the choice of order of play. The host team will determine the number of matches to be played at one time, except that there must be a minimum of three courts in use until matches are completed. For the benefit of all players, it is suggested that the order of play be arranged prior to match time. Similarly, host captains should inform visiting captains of club rules (ie. dress code) prior to the day of the match.	<b>Section 5 - Match Organization: 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4</b>	<p><b>5.1:</b> All Clubs shall ensure that not less than three tennis courts are available for the entirety of the Fixture.</p> <p><b>5.2:</b> Home Captains shall notify visiting Captains <b>not less than three days prior to the Scheduled Fixture</b> of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Home Club policies, if any;</li> <li>b. Number of courts available at the start of the Fixture, in all instances not fewer than three.</li> </ul> <p><b>5.3:</b> Visiting Captains shall notify Home Captains, in writing not less than two days prior to the Scheduled Fixture, which lines will be playing the starting Matches.</p> <p><b>5.4:</b> Failure by visiting Captains to comply with Section 5.3 shall entitle the Home Captain to determine the order of pairings for the starting matches.</p>	
<b>M6</b>	<b>M6.</b> Each team will have a captain to be in charge of the line-up. Opposing captains are to exchange line-ups prior to the start	<b>Section 4 - Team Organization:</b>	<b>4.4:</b> Teams shall have a Captain, and, preferably, a co-Captain, <b>with valid email addresses.</b>	<i>If a match has been defaulted the players scheduled to play that</i>





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	of play. Changes are not to be made after the line-ups have been traded unless by mutual consent of captains or unless a match has been defaulted by one team.	<b>4.4, 4.5</b>  <b>Section 5 - Match Organization: 5.9</b>	<b>4.5:</b> Captains and/or co-Captains shall prepare Line-ups for Fixtures.  <b>5.9:</b> Each Team shall have a Captain or acting Captain. Captains are to exchange Line-Ups prior to the start of the first Match of the Fixture. No change may be made to a Line-Up thereafter except with the consent of the opposing Captain. No substitutions may be made once the warm-up starts.	<i>match will be deemed to have played in the fixture and no changes may be made</i>
<b>M7</b>	<b>M7.</b> All league matches will start at 7:00 p.m. When it is known that the start may be delayed, the home captain will endeavor to inform the visiting team captain of that fact. When fewer than six courts are to be used, the start time for all other matches will be deemed to be 5 minutes after the completion of the earlier match. When a player is more than fifteen (15) minutes late for her/his match, the match will be defaulted at the request of the opposing captain. Visiting captains must phone the host captain at least two days ahead indicating which teams will start at 7:00pm sharp.	<b>Section 5 - Match Organization: 5.3, 5.4, 5.5, 5.6, 5.7, 5.8</b>	<b>5.3:</b> Visiting Captains shall notify Home Captains, in writing not less than two days prior to the Scheduled Fixture, which lines will be playing the starting Matches.  <b>5.4:</b> Failure by visiting Captains to comply with Section 5.3 shall entitle the Home Captain to determine the order of pairings for the starting matches.  <b>5.5:</b> Fixtures start at 7 p.m. with Captains to announce the prompt start of play after a maximum 15 minute warm-up.  <b>5.6:</b> Home Captains shall notify visiting captains of a delay to the start time caused by weather.  <b>5.7:</b> Where fewer than six courts are to be used at 7 p.m., the start time for all Matches not commenced at 7 p.m. will be deemed to be five minutes after the completion of the first of the early Matches, but, in any event, not before 8:15 p.m.  <b>5.8:</b> Matches featuring Players who are more than 15 minutes late shall be defaulted, if requested by the opposing Captain.	
<b>M8</b>	<b>M8.</b> Should a team have fewer than twelve (12) players, one match will be declared forfeited either third men's, second mixed or ladies and the score entered as 6-0, 6-0. Should a team have less than ten (10) players the whole fixture will be forfeited, and provisions of rule M12 will apply.	<b>Section 5 - Match Organization: 5.15, 5.16</b>	<b>5.15:</b> If a Team fields less than twelve Players it shall, at its election, Forfeit one of the following Matches: Men's 3, Mixed 2, or Ladies. In that event, the score will be entered 6-0, 6-0 in favour of the opposing Team.  <b>5.16:</b> If a Team fields less than ten Players, it shall Forfeit the entire Fixture.	
<b>M9</b>	<b>M9.</b> No substitution will be made for any	<b>Section 5 -</b>	<b>5.22:</b> In the event of a Player Retirement, the Match shall be scored	



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	player once that player has commenced play. In the event of a player retiring during play, the match will be scored as if the opposing team had won all the remaining games in that set and subsequent sets.	<b>Match Organization: 5.22</b> <b>Section 1 - Interpretation 1.1 (dd)</b>	as if the opposing Team won all remaining games in the Match. <b>1.1 (ee):</b> “Retirement” means the circumstance where a Player is unable to continue a Match in progress because of a loss of natural condition, an injury, or a personal commitment or emergency.	
<b>M10</b>	<b>M10.</b> Should a fixture be abandoned after play has started any completed matches will stand. Matches not completed will be re-scheduled in their entirety on another night using players who have not already played in the completed matches. (SEE ALSO RULE <b>M1 a</b> FOR INTERPRETATION)	<b>Section 5 - Match Organization: 5.27, 5.28</b>	<b>5.27:</b> Where a Fixture is not completed, Captains are to submit to the Division Chair the scores for Matches as and when subsequently completed within 24 hours. <b>5.28:</b> If a Fixture is abandoned after play has started all completed Matches will count. Incomplete matches shall be rescheduled in their entirety using Players who have not already played in a completed Match in that Fixture. Sections 4.6 to 4.9 shall continue to apply. Defaults will count as completed Matches.	
<b>M11</b>	<b>M11.</b> Any matches of fixtures which are re-scheduled must be re-scheduled by the host captain within three weeks of the cancelled date. Any matches or fixtures which are re-scheduled must be played within six (6) weeks of the originally scheduled date, except with the specific permission of the League Chairperson. In any event all rescheduled fixtures/matches will be completed within two weeks of the final scheduled match for that league. Matches that involved teams that are potentially involved in playoffs, should be completed prior to the end of the regular schedule. When these conditions are not adhered to, the League Chairperson and/or the Mixed League Director has the discretion to default the fixture/match.	<b>Section 5 - Match Organization: 5.29, 5.30, 5.31, 5.32</b>	<b>5.29:</b> All Fixtures must be completed. Any Team determined to have committed Excessive Defaults shall be subject to Section 5.20. <b>5.30:</b> Make-up dates for Matches shall be arranged by Captains within ten days, with Division Chair copied on all correspondence, and played within 26 days of the original Fixture date. If necessary, make-up Matches may be individually rescheduled to different dates within the 26 day period. <b>5.31:</b> No make-up Matches may be rescheduled a second time, except due to inclement weather. <b>5.32:</b> Teams not completing their Matches by the 26-day deadline may receive zero points for unplayed matches and cannot, for greater certainty, agree to ‘split points’. Teams that split points shall be deemed to have committed Excessive Default and shall be subject to Section 5.20.	
<b>M12</b>	<b>M12:</b> When matches or fixtures are defaulted:	<b>Section 5 - Match</b>	<b>5.17:</b> Forfeited Matches count zero points per Match for the forfeiting Team and one point for the opposing Team and game	



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	<b>(a)</b> the offending team(s) (as determined by the Divisional Chairperson) will be given zero points for the match/fixture and may be subject to discipline by the Association.	<b>Organization: 5.17, 5.18, 5.19</b>	scores are to be recorded as 6-0, 6-0.  <b>5.18:</b> Forfeited Fixtures count zero points per Fixture for the forfeiting Team and up to six points for the other Team.  <b>5.19:</b> Teams that forfeit Matches or Fixtures may be subject to discipline by the League Director.	
	<b>M12 (b):</b> the team offended because of defaults will be awarded points based on the percentage of possible points that they won during the balance of the schedule, or points equivalent to those obtained in the other fixture played between the two teams the choice at the discretion of the Divisional Chairperson.	<b>REMOVED</b>	<b>REMOVED</b>	
<b>M13</b>	<b>M13:</b> Balls hitting lights, wires or other fixtures protruding over court surfaces will be declared a fault.	<b>REMOVED</b>	<b>REMOVED</b>	<i>Already included in Tennis Canada's rules of the court which are included in the Mixed League Rules</i>
<b>M14</b>	M14: There will be at least three (3) courts available for play in any fixture.	<b>Section 5 - Match Organization: 5.1</b>	<b>5.1:</b> All Clubs shall ensure that not less than three tennis courts are available for the entirety of the Fixture.	
<b>2014 Division Rules and Regulations Section</b>				
<b>D1</b>	<b>D1: Home captains</b> will enter on line on the ICTA Mixed League website at <a href="http://www.intercountytennis.com">www.intercountytennis.com</a> the match results along with the player roster within twenty four (24) hours of the match.	<b>Section 5 - Match Organization: 5.26, 5.27</b>	<b>5.26:</b> Home Captains will post match results on the ICTA Website within 24 hours of completion. <b>Thereafter, visiting Captains may enter the results.</b>  <b>5.27:</b> Where a Fixture is not completed, Captains are to submit to the Division Chair the scores for Matches as and when subsequently completed within 24 hours.	
<b>D2</b>	<b>D2:</b> The winner in each division will be the team with the most points at the completion of the playing schedule. In the event of a tie, the winner will be the tied	<b>Section 6 - Division Standings, Promotion</b>	<b>6.5:</b> The Division winner shall be the team with the most points during the Season.  <b>6.6:</b> Ties for Division winner or other place positions shall be	



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	team winning the most sets.	<b>and Relegation: 6.5, 6.6</b>	resolved in favour of the Team winning more sets during the Season. <b>Failing a resolution by this method, the Teams shall be viewed head to head and the victor shall be the Team ahead by the first of the following metrics:</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Matches won;</li> <li>b. Sets won;</li> <li>c. Games won;</li> <li>d. Coin toss.</li> </ul>	
<b>D3</b>	<b>D3:</b> The Mixed League Director will have the authority, subject to the review and/or approval of the Executive, to determine promotion and relegation policies, which may vary from level to level depending on the number of divisions at each level. Generally the winner of each division will either win promotion or participation in a playoff: the bottom two teams in each division will be relegated.	<b>Section 6 - Division Standings, Promotion and Relegation: 6.1, 6.2, 6.3, 6.4</b>	<b>6.1:</b> The League Director shall have the authority, subject to the review of the Executive, to determine Promotion, Relegation and Relocation policies.  <b>6.2:</b> These policies will vary by Level and will depend on the number of Divisions in the Level.  <b>6.3:</b> Generally, the winner of each Division will be Promoted and the second to last and last place teams in each Division will be Relegated.  <b>6.4:</b> Teams shall accept Promotions, Relegations and Relocations.	
<b>D4 (a)</b>	<b>D4 (a):</b> Where a level has been divided into two or more divisions, playoffs may be instituted by the League Director to determine promotion entitlement. If playoffs are required, only those players who have played at least three (3) fixtures with that team are eligible for the playoffs.	<b>REMOVED</b>	<b>REMOVED</b>	
	<b>D4 (b):</b> The winner of playoff will be the team that has won the most matches. If teams are tied the winner will be the tied team that has won the most sets. If still tied the winning team will be the tied team that has won the most games.	<b>REMOVED</b>	<b>REMOVED</b>	
<b>D5</b>	<b>D5:</b> Divisional Chairpersons will have the authority to rule on specific complaints or questions, subject to the approval of the	<b>See Section 7 - Grievances</b>	<b>7.1:</b> Grievances may be filed by Captains, the League Director, the Division Chair and the Executive regarding Captain's, Player's, Team's and Clubs' alleged non-compliance with the Rules.	



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	League Director.		<p><b>7.2:</b> All such grievances shall be made in writing to the Division Chair within 48 hours of the Match, with a copy to the opposing Captain.</p> <p><b>7.3:</b> All grievances, in the first instance, will be reviewed by the Division Chair, who shall resolve it in accordance with the Rules.</p> <p><b>7.4:</b> The Division Chair shall communicate his or her decision in writing to the Captain who filed the grievance, with a copy to the opposing Captain within one week of receiving it.</p> <p><b>7.5:</b> Where necessary, the Division Chair is encouraged to consult with the League Director.</p> <p><b>7.6:</b> The Division Chair may recommend Penalties to the League Director, but only the latter shall be permitted to enact them and, where they affect a Player, shall be copied to the Player.</p> <p><b>7.7:</b> Despite Section 7.1, the Division Chair and League Director shall have the authority to initiate their own investigation into non-compliance with the Rules and shall receive written submissions from the affected parties prior to reaching a decision or, in the case of the League Director, enacting a Penalty.</p>	
D6	D6: Plaques will be awarded to all League Division winners and will be presented at the October Annual General Meeting. Team photos (5 x 7) are to be submitted to the President of the ICTA	Section 6 - Division Standings, Promotion and Relegation: 6.7	6.7: Plaques will be presented to Division winners at the Fall Annual General Meeting.	
D7	D7: When appropriate the Mixed League Director will convene a meeting of all Mixed Divisional Chairpersons at the end of the season and before the Fall Annual General Meeting (AGM) for the purpose of reviewing the year's play, reviewing	Section 6 - Division Standings, Promotion and Relegation:	<p>6.8: The League Director will convene a meeting of Division Chairs following the Season and prior to the Fall Executive Meeting.</p> <p>6.9: The purpose of the meeting referred to in Section 6.8 shall be to:</p>	



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	complaints and making recommendations at the Fall AGM.	<b>6.8, 6.9</b>	a. Review the Season's play; b. Study Grievances and Penalties; c. Make recommendations.	

**Rules Added to 2015 Proposed Mixed League Rules (Which are NOT referenced above)**

**Section 3 – League Organization:**

**3.4:** At the discretion of the League Director, Clubs may enter one or more Teams in a Division, a Level or the League.

**3.5:** Teams shall face each other in a round robin format of Fixtures.

**3.7:** Each Player shall play at a Level commensurate with his or her ability.

**3.14:** No Player shall play under an assumed name.

**3.15:** Any Player contravening Section 3.14, or any Captain or Player having knowledge of an alleged contravention of Section 3.14, who fails to forthwith report it to the League Director, is subject to discipline and may be suspended for up to one year.

**Section 4 – Team Organization:**

**4.1:** Captains shall submit a Roster using Tenniscores not less than two days prior to the start of the Season.

**4.2:** Captains must add Players to their Roster during the Season by submitting their names with Tenniscores prior to the Player's Match. Captains may not delete Players from their Roster during the Season.

**Section 5 – Match Organization:**

**5.20:** A Team committing Excessive Defaults shall have all its points to date nullified and shall be treated as a bye for the entire Season. The League Director, at his or her discretion, may invoke suspensions for the next Season.

**5.21:** The League Director, at his or her discretion, may suspend the Captain or Club that withdraws after the deadline set out in Section 4.1.

