

## Juvenile League Rules

1. The League is split into Boys and Girls Sections and has Under 18 and Under 14 age Groups. Players must be under the age limit on the **30 June 2016. Any player who is 10 years old before the League starts is eligible to play.**
2. Teams consist of four Boys or four Girls
3. Each player plays one Singles Match and one Doubles match
4. Each tie will consist of 11 games with the eleventh game being a tie-breaker. All ties must be completed
5. **At the end of the Fixture all the games are counted. The team with the most games overall wins the match. In the event of a tie in games a nominated Doubles pairing plays a Championship Tie-Break Set, first to 10 points with a 2 point margin.**
6. **One point will be awarded for each Fixture won**

### Challenge Trophies

1. Competitions are played on a Knock-Out basis during scheduled dates
2. Rules are applied as in the Qualifying League
3. Where a Fixture finishes all square in games, a deciding Championship Tie-Break Doubles set shall be played by nominated pairings, first to 10 points with a 2 point margin.

### Nomination of Players

1. All players must be registered to play in the Juvenile League including Reserves. Players must be registered in order of strength ability and should be **played in accordance with their Registration Form**. Additional players can be nominated but this must be done in writing. (e mail to the Juvenile Secretary). Any unregistered player who plays a match shall forfeit points won. Any player playing in a lower position who wins a tie will also forfeit points won and those below in order of merit.
2. U14 Players who also wish to play in the U18 League **must be registered for both.**
3. A nominated member of a team may not play for a lower team. A player may play twice for a higher team without affecting their eligibility for a lower team.
4. Prior to the start of each match, the Team Captains, (Parents, Coaches) shall fill in the names of the players on the Result card in a clear manner, according to the Registration List in order of merit.
5. **No player may play in a Competition for more than 1 Club during any one season.**
6. **No U10s can play in the League unless they have a Passport**

### Arrangement of Matches

1. Clubs will be sent a list of Fixtures which are to be played within a given deadline.
2. Any team which does not fulfil a fixture will be fined £10.
3. In the event of unforeseen circumstances if a team cannot fulfil a Fixture, every endeavour should be made to re schedule it with as much warning as possible given to the opposing team. Walk Overs are not acceptable and where possible all Fixtures should be played even if Clubs do not have a full team. In that event Clubs should contact their opposition and arrange to play as many ties as possible.
4. Any team which gives more than 2 Walk Overs will be withdrawn from the League and fined £25.
5. On receipt of Match Fixtures, the Home Team Captain should contact their Opponents and arrange a date according to the schedule. If the Away team is not contacted then they should take the initiative and get in touch. Matches should be arranged well in advance.
6. A Match may be postponed by agreement between the opposing Clubs only by reason of adverse weather conditions or unplayable courts. The match should be rescheduled to be played within the designated deadline.

### Results

1. Scorecards should be downloaded from the league website ( [www.bndtennis.net](http://www.bndtennis.net) ) by the home team.
2. Results must be emailed to [susan@bndtennis.net](mailto:susan@bndtennis.net) within 24 hours of completion of the match by the winning team.
3. Clubs may be penalised 2 points if the email arrives late
4. All Result cards should be clearly completed with all the necessary information filled in. Names of players should be written in Full. Team Captains should check these before they are emailed in.
5. Failure to email in all completed Result cards by the **deadline** will result in **no points** being awarded for that/those match/es.

## **Code of Conduct**

**The Juvenile League operates according to the Tennis Ireland Code of Conduct and Clubs should consult the Ulster Tennis Handbook for details with regards to Clothing, Etiquette and Court Conduct. A responsible adult should accompany all Juvenile teams and be present for the duration of the Match.**

All Club Coaches, Parents and Team Captains of Juvenile Teams are expected to ensure that matches are at all times played in a friendly and hospitable manner. Players should be encouraged to acknowledge good play in their opponents, introduce themselves at the start of a match and shake hands at the end. **Home teams** are kindly requested to provide **some refreshments** for the visiting teams and a short speech from both team Captains should be made at the end of each Fixture.