2025-2026 Team League Rules

Teams

- Teams must have a minimum of 2 players and a maximum of 5 players.
- There is no limit on the combined rating of the team**.** The ranking will be based on the combined rating of the 2 highest-rated players on the team.
- Player eligible to be part of a team should be in the league roster.
- Substitutions of members need to be approved by the league committee.
- No substitutions are allowed in the playoffs.

Team Match System

- Matches will be played in the best of 5 format (Corbillon Cup system: 4 singles and 1 doubles).
- A team shall consist of 2, 3, or 4 players.
- The order of play will be:
    1. A vs X
    2. B vs Y
    3. Doubles
    4. A vs Y
    5. B vs X
- See the team match score sheet in **Appendix B.**
- **All matches will be played, no matter if it is 3-0, matches 4 and 5 will be played**

Team Match Procedure

1. The name of the team captain, whether playing or non-playing, must be designated to the umpire or league coordinator before the games start at 7:10 pm.
2. Before a team match, the right to choose A, B, C, or X, Y, Z will be decided by lot. Captains must name their players to the referee or league coordinator, assigning a letter to each singles player.
3. The pairs for the doubles match will be decided before the match starts.
4. A team match will conclude when one team has won 3 out of 5 matches.

Ratings

Only individual matches will be recorded for ratings.

When

- The team league will be played on the last Friday of each month, from October to June, totaling 9 months.
- With a maximum of 12 teams, the league will be divided into 2 groups of 6 teams each.
- **League Play Stage**

- The first 5 months will consist of team round-robins with 5 rounds to be played.
- The top 4 teams on each group will advance to the playoffs.

Playoffs

- Quarterfinals will be played in month 6.
- Semifinals will be played in month 7.
- Finals and the third-place match will be played in month 8.

Cost

- There is no additional cost for registering a team, as it is included in the league year fee. If paying by drop-in, a $5 fee will be required.

Uniforms

- To facilitate team recognition, it is recommended (though not mandatory) to have a team uniform, either sponsored or at your own cost. The following rules apply:
    1. No white clothing is allowed during matches.
    2. All uniforms must be appropriate, ensuring comfort and respect for all players, and should avoid any overly tight or form-fitting clothing.
    3. Indoor shoes are mandatory for all players.
    4. Clothing or accessories with any form of hate speech, smoking or drug-related messages, disrespectful, political, racist, or discriminatory content are strictly prohibited. Uniforms and overall appearance must reflect a respectful environment for all participants.
    5. Violations of these rules may result in penalties, including disqualification from matches.