

# ABU DHABI TENNIS LEAGUE ADULT DIVISION RULES



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**ABU DHABI  
TENNIS LEAGUE**

## GENERAL

Abu Dhabi Tennis League is established by Abu Dhabi Sports Council in order to support community tennis players. In all circumstances, participants and supporters should apply good sportsmanship and act according to "the spirit of the game".

Additional guidance for any issue not included in these rules shall be taken from the rules first from Abu Dhabi Sports Council, and if still unresolved, of the UAE Tennis Federation.

## SPORTSMANSHIP

Poor sportsmanship by a player or support may result in a point deduction for the offending team, at the discretion of management.

Players shall endeavor to resolve all disputes in an amicable manner during the match. Escalated review, disputes or appeals incur a fee of AED 250, which is paid directly to Abu Dhabi Sports Council. Such issues will only be considered when sent to [abudhabitennisleague@zsc.ae](mailto:abudhabitennisleague@zsc.ae) within 48 hours of the match, based on scheduled start time.

Decision of management is final.

## TEAMS

Teams will be assigned to represent a tennis venue in Abu Dhabi. This will be their home venue, and the name of their team.

Venues may have multiple teams within a division, which will be distinguished from each other.

Teams will consist of 4 players of the same gender, at minimum, and 6 players, at maximum.

Teams will be split into up to 4 divisions, which will be determined by the number of teams registered. First, divisions will be separated by gender (Men and Ladies); and if further separation is warranted, they will be separated by experience (more experienced and less experienced), as decided by management.

Changes to the roster will only be permitted in instances of medical withdrawal or relocation, which require documentation and management approval.

Players may register for a single team for the duration of the season. Players may not change teams during the season.

Any team that attempts to field an unregistered or otherwise ineligible player will automatically forfeit the match 0-6, 0-6.

Registration fees must be paid in full prior to the Captain's meeting. Fees are AED 100 per individual and are non-refundable.

## TEAM CAPTAINS

Each team must nominate a team captain and alternate, and these people will serve as points of contact.

Should neither the captain nor alternate be present for match day, they must inform the management of which player has been designated to serve their responsibilities.

Team captains must honestly and accurately rank their players on the Team Composition Form in order to ensure the most positive experience for all participants.

The captains of each team are equally responsible to ensure matches are played fairly and as scheduled.

It is prohibited to coach or interfere with players during the match.

Balls will be provided from the 'Home Team'.

## MATCH PLAY SHEET

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## MATCH DAY GUIDELINES

Fixtures will be scheduled and paid by the organizer.

Fixtures are to be played as scheduled unless adverse weather conditions prohibit safe play. In case of weather delays, if courts are not safe for play within 1 hour of the start time, the match may be postponed to another date. Alternately, both teams can agree to extend the delay, pending venue availability.

Any decision to cancel a game can only be made by management.

The Home Team is responsible for providing the necessary standard of play, including lights, clean surface, nets, lines and tennis balls. The captain should coordinate minor issues directly to the venue at least 15 minutes before the scheduled start time. Major issues should be escalated to management.

An allocation of Wilson tennis balls will be provided to each team for use at home matches. Replacement of lost or damaged balls is the responsibility of each. Wilson is the only brand of balls that may be used during the league, and teams that fail to supply this brand will be penalized by one point per incident.

Warm-up time shall not exceed five minutes.

Matches must begin within 15 minutes of their scheduled start time. Players who prevent this from happening forfeit their match 0-6, 0-6.

Doubles matches must start no later than 20 minutes after singles matches have concluded.

During service, the 'receiver' makes the call. In case of uncertainty or challenge by the opponent, the point shall be replayed.

During regular play, it is the responsibility of players on respective courts make the calls. Each player must be a fair and sportsmanlike judge on all line calls.

In the case of any dispute during the match, the captains shall be responsible to reach resolution or to escalate an official complaint to management.

## FORMAT Scoring

Standard ITF scoring rules apply.  
Match scoring is as follows:

### Scoring format

<b>Singles</b>	2 sets till 6 (long deuce) 6-6 is tiebreak 3rd set is a super tiebreak
<b>Doubles</b>	2 sets till 6 (short deuce) 6-6 is tiebreak 3rd set is a super tiebreak

## Group Stage

Teams will be randomly assigned to groups within each division.

Each team will play home and away games against the other teams in their group

Each match day will include will be 2 singles matches and 1 doubles match. All matches will be played during the same day.

One point will be awarded for each match won.

Matches are officiated by the players.

At the conclusion of group play, the top teams within each group will advance to the knockout stage. The number of advancing teams will be based on the number of teams that participate.

## Knockout Stage

Knockout stage will follow a single-elimination format.

Each match day will include will be 2 singles matches and 1 doubles match. All matches will be played during the same day.

Matches are officiated by a licensed chair umpire.

## **PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded at the final of Abu Dhabi Tennis League.

Each division includes a prize fund as follows:

- 1st Place: AED 5,000
- 2nd Place: AED 3,000
- 3rd Place: AED 1,000
- 4th Place: AED 1,000

Prizes will be awarded to the captain for distribution within the team.

The venue represented by the winning team will receive a trophy with a plate recognizing the achievement of their team. This must be returned

## **RANKING & TIES**

League placing will be decided in the following order:

1. Points gained then, if necessary
2. Sets won then, if necessary
3. Games won then, if necessary
4. Coin flip