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HEAD COMMUNITY TENNIS LEAGUE

2nd Oct - 12th Dec 2021

8th Jan - 27th Mar 2022

9th Apr - 26th Jun 2022



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UAE TENNIS FEDERATION

Dear Leaguers,

We at CF Tennis Academy are delighted to welcome you to the first UAE Tennis Federation sanctioned box tennis league. The purpose of the HEAD Community Tennis League is to match players of similar standard in both a competitive and social environment. The league runs in cycles of 6-week terms and is an event run by amateurs, for amateurs.

This presents a wonderful opportunity to not only test and develop your match-play skills, but to also avail of many themed training sessions that will be hosted at the Aviation Club for the various player categories throughout each league term.

See you on court!

Coach Sadan Ul Haq - League Coordinator

LEAGUE RULES & REGULATIONS

Prior to admission, all players must register with the UAE Tennis Federation through their website www.uaetennis.ae (a player without a TE PIN will not be allowed to participate). The UAE TF is offering an annual players registration fee of 165 AED (inclusive of 5% VAT).

League Admission Fee

AED 150 per league or AED 400 per year

Court Rental Fee

- AED 75/ player for a 90-minute period
- AED 100/ player for the use of Ball Kids
- 02 October to 12 December 2021
- The league will comprise both Mens and Ladies categories, with Ladies also welcome and encouraged to participate in the Mens category
- Players will be assigned to divisions of 4/5 players
- Any new entrants to subsequent leagues will be assigned to a division of an appropriate standard, and therefore certain future groups may have more than 4 players

DIVISION 1						Rank
Player	1	2	3	4	Total	
1					1	1-1
2					2	1-2
3					3	1-3
4					4	1-4

- Match times and bookings are arranged by mutual player agreement
- The following venues are available from 11:00 to 16:00 on Fridays and Saturdays for league matches at a cost of AED 75 per player:
 - **Aviation Club:** To book a court please call: CF Tennis Academy Administration Team on 800-836647
 - **Wellington International School / Wellington Al Khail / GMA**
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- Alternatively, players can arrange matches at other mutually agreed venues, at no cost
However, all venues must be registered with the UAE TF and have the 'Permit of Return to Tennis'
 - Each player brings 3 Head Pro Tennis Balls
 - Available at the discounted rate of AED 20 per Can of 4 Balls at the Aviation Club and throughout the league term(s)
 - Match runner-up keeps the 6 Balls
- All matches will be the first to 10 games
- Maximum pre-match on-court warm-up of 5 minutes
- Short deuce games apply
- Best of 3 sets, tie-break on 5-5 and short deuce
- On one set all, a normal 7 point tie-breaker will be played
 - If a match extends past the booked court time, you can either:
 - Complete the match immediately, by agreement with your opponent, if the court is not booked and you are free to do so
 - Arrange an alternative mutually-agreed time and date to complete the match
 - Any player that arrives 15 minutes late, forfeits the match, unless the opponents agrees to continue with the match
 - 3 Points for winning in straight sets
 - If a match goes in 3 sets, winner gets 3 points and runner-up gets 1 point
- A WhatsApp Group will be set up for each league category
 - One player from each category will be assigned to communicate all match results directly to Coach Sadan (056 669 1628) each Thursday before 20:00:
 - Match Dates and Scores
 - Match Winners and Runners-up
 - Match Venues
- Coach Sadan will manage the league tables and post a status update each Sunday evening before 20:00 on both the CF Tennis Newsletter and Website

DISPUTE RESOLUTION:

- A 3-person committee has been established to review and resolve any player disputes that may arise. The decision of the committee is final in all cases
- Should players fail to mutually agree on a venue or time for matches within the 6-week term of the league, such matches will be held at the Aviation Club on the final weekend of the term

LEAGUE ETIQUETTE

That ball was out:

- Call the ball on your side of the net:
- If you saw the ball out, it is out, and your opponent has to accept it with good grace
- But you have to be sure. If you are in any doubt (and your opponent does challenge) the ball is in
- Do not suggest to your opponent that you will play a let (play the point again) and do not agree to do so if asked (this is to avoid dominant characters using intimidation to win points)
- Be mindful that calling on the move is an art and sometimes people make genuine mistakes

There is a ball on court:

- Remove it and adopt tidy ball habits:
- Any balls on your side of the court are your responsibility
- If you are receiving, it is your job to make sure balls are returned to the server
- Your opponent should never need to come to your side of the court (and it is considered ill-mannered if you go to your opponent's side)
- If a ball heads off to a neighbouring court, wait until whoever is playing on the neighbouring court has finished their point before retrieving it

Lets play a let:

Just say no if it is a disputed line call (see above)

- However, if the point is interrupted in another way, this is the fairest thing to do:
- If a ball, small child, or asteroid rolls onto court (or a racket flies onto court due to this humidity!), a player's hat falls off etc., either player can call a let
- Simply replay the point when the court is clear of the obstruction
- Note that this does not apply to any obstruction present before the point started
- If an opponent shouts out (or laughs) during a point, you are entitled to call a let, and as this league is played in good spirits, it is assumed that such events are not intentional distractions.

Keeping Score:

- This is the Server's responsibility and the easiest way is to ANNOUNCE the score at the beginning of each point:
- If your opponent disagrees try to track back the points
- If you really cannot agree on the score, you must go back to the last point you both agree on

Letting off steam:

- Emotions are part of the game:
- But if you swear and shout (even if it is only at your racket) you will probably put your opponent off their game and may well offend them with your language
- The best players keep the chit chat, the screaming, and the shouting to a minimum (think Roger Federer or Bjorn Borg)

Bringing supporters:

- The UAE TF has temporarily prohibited the attendance of supporters due to Covid-19 restrictions. When such restrictions are eased, please note:
- Always check with your opponent first and if they are comfortable with this:
- Common courtesy demands that spectators remain outside the courts and show their support respectfully
- Spectators should never get involved in line calls

Courts & Cancellations:

- Please ensure to pay court booking fees in advance:
- If you are the one who has to cancel, it is your responsibility to do so
- Always wait outside the court while a match is in progress
- Do not ask players on court when they are going to finish, or otherwise interrupt their match (you may politely ask the score at a suitable break in play)
- Keep your match warm up to a maximum of 5 minutes (you can warm up individually off court)
- Always observe local customs of the match venue

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