

# HONOLULU TENNIS LEAGUE

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## 2014 HTL MEN & WOMEN NOVICE LEAGUE ORGANIZATIONAL DATES

Packet emailing: **June 6, 2014.** No meeting - See website to download forms and applications.

- NOTE: Social Security numbers needed on player waiver forms (last 4-digits only)
- 2013 rankings online at - <http://honolulutennisleague.ipower.com/menNovice.html>

2014 Registration Fee (Entry Fee): **\$18.00 per participant even non-playing captains.**

1st Organizational Meeting: **Tuesday, July 15, 2014 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm.**

Roster turn-in: Salt Lake District Park (Tennis Courts) parking area in front of center, Ala Puumalu St., Honolulu, HI.

- Turn in registration forms (team roster with individual membership applications for NEW players) and payment by CHECK ONLY (no more than two, payable to “Honolulu Tennis League” and each subject to a \$10.00 assessment if returned by the bank).
- Discussion to follow.
- There is no guarantee that late team entries will be accepted but, **if accepted, a \$25.00 fee will be charged.**
- NO CHANGES can be made to the team rosters once they are accepted, except to replace players who are re-ranked or rejected by the Ranking Committee or as otherwise approved by the Ranking Committee.
- Team Captains will be informed of any ranking changes by Friday, August 1, 2014
- Appeals may be made to the Appeals Referee in WRITING, emailed by Tuesday, August 5, 2014 to: George Uedoi, Email: [g.uedoi@att.net](mailto:g.uedoi@att.net)
- A binding decision will be rendered by Friday, August 15, 2014
- Any replacements for re-ranked or rejected players must be in the hands of the League Reps by Saturday, August 23, 2014
- Any teams using private courts must submit permits or letters of permission from club director by 1st organizational meeting, Thursday, June 26, 2014
- Ball pick-up @ McCully Bike. Tennis ball coupon required to pick up tennis balls.
- Team rosters with approved rankings, match schedule, playoff format, awards, banquet and any other matters to be emailed to team contacts. **All subsequent correspondence will be through email.**

Ranking Committee Meeting: **Saturday, July 26, 2014 location TBD.**

1st Day of Match Play: **Sunday, September 14, 2014** to continue for approximately 13 weeks, including playoffs.

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## HTL Men's Novice League Playoffs

Playoff Eligibility	All teams will enter the Playoffs. Player eligibility and seeding into Playoffs is based in accordance with HTL League Regulations, 2.07 League Playoffs.
Awards for Men's Novice	<p>Awards will be made in accordance with HTL League Regulations, 2.08 Awards. Team awards, consisting of a single award funded by the League, shall be awarded to the regular season Champion and to the final two finishers in the playoffs – Playoff Champion, Runner-up. Only one team award per team.</p> <p>Individual awards shall be presented to team members of the winning teams in the categories described above.</p> <p>Individual awards shall be presented to players that qualify for undefeated recognition.</p>
Notes	<p>The top seeded team of each bracket is the designated home team. Playoff balls will be provided by Novice League Reps.</p> <p>At venues where back-to-back matches are scheduled, i.e. Qualifier Rounds and Semi-Final Rounds; 30 minutes of rest may be allowed before the start of the next set of matches.</p> <p>Once a team achieves 3 match wins, all remaining matches are suspended.</p> <p>At the completion of all matches turn score sheets in to the Novice League Reps or as instructed by them.</p>

### **Entry Fees Refund Policy**

Any team withdrawing after approved rosters have been returned automatically forfeits the entire team's entry fees, except for any allocated portion directed toward the General Fund, which shall be returned. The same applies to individual players that must withdraw from league participation due to extenuating circumstances.

### **Appendix F – HONOR CODE OF ETHICS**

The Honolulu Tennis League urges all tennis players to review and play by these unwritten rules of tennis.

1. Courtesy should be extended to your opponent. If you do not know him, introduce yourself. Offer to spin your racket to determine side and serve. At the conclusion of the match, shake hands and, if your opponent has won, offer him your congratulations.
2. If you do not have an umpire, then you must take on the job of linesman as well as player. You must call all balls as you would if you were a linesman and not the player – except that any doubt must be resolved in favor of your opponent.
3. When you are your own linesman, your obligation is to call all balls on your side of the net, but also to help your opponent when requested. You must call against yourself any ball that you clearly see out on the opponent's side whether he has asked your opinion or not. (An exception is your partner's first serve in doubles.)
4. Do not question your opponent's call unless asked. Ask your opponent's opinion when he is in a better position to see the ball than you. Do not enlist the aid of a spectator. You may think the spectator is qualified, but your opponent may not.
5. Calls of "out" and "let" should be made instantaneously. A delay or doubtful call implies that it was not seen clearly, and a ball you can't call out is presumed good. On a point ending placement, in which you have no chance to return the ball, the instantaneous call is not so important as it may be to achieve accuracy in the call with a more careful look. In any event, do not claim a "let" because you did not see the ball.
6. In doubles, if one partner calls the ball good and the other calls it out, the point goes to the opponents, as doubt has been raised, and it is not up to the two partners to come to an agreement.
7. In doubles, the receiver's partner should call the service line, and the receiver together with his partner should call the center and side lines of the service court.
8. When the first serve is obviously out, it is discourteous to re-return it across the net. Unless, of course, it is impossible to avoid the return.
9. The foot fault is one violation that cannot be called in the absence of a linesman or umpire. The person who foot faults unknowingly is taking advantage of his opponent. The fair minded person will break himself of a habitual foot fault in practice, by asking others to observe his serve. The person who foot faults knowingly is cheating.

10. Exclamations in the course of play can be used against you, as the opponent is entitled to demand a replay. However, he must do so immediately and not go ahead with the point and claim a replay later after he has lost the point.
11. In doubles, in the course of play there should be no conversation between partners except brief and simple instructions, such as "mine", "out", "run", etc.
12. The intentional swinging of a racket or your arms, or the making of noise to distract your opponent is not permissible.
13. With matches going on in adjoining courts, extend the same courtesies to those players that you would want for yourself. Do not retrieve your ball from or behind the adjoining court while play is going on. Do not ask for your ball or return a ball to the adjoining court while play is in progress.
14. You must volunteer honestly against yourself such violation as double-hit, double-bounce, ball touching your body or clothing, touching the net, reaching over the net, etc.
15. Never try to take advantage of an opponent by serving before he is ready. Your opponent may ask for a "let" if you "quick serve" him. However, if he either hits the ball or tries to hit the ball, he cannot then claim he was not ready.
16. During the match with no referee present, the players must conduct the match in accordance with the rules. Players may accept coaching during the match as long as it is done during the one minute change of sides. Other than this, play shall never be delayed or interfered with for the purpose of enabling a player to recover his strength or his wind, or to receive instructions or advice.
17. It is discourteous and distracting for parents, friends, or coaches to volunteer advice on line calls, scoring, or the conduct of the match. Gross unfairness should be reported to the League's Grievance Committee in writing (see section on Protests in the REGULATIONS).
18. Do not be a staller. This is gamesmanship to upset your opponent and a form of discourtesy. Stalling is:
  - a. excessive time being taken in arriving at the match to be played;
  - b. excessive warm-up (excess of five minutes);
  - c. moving at abnormally slow speed between points;
  - d. excessive time in toweling between games (limit one minute);
  - e. extra time at the end of the first set that ends on even games (play must be continuous);
  - f. server waiting at the net while receiver retrieves the ball;
  - g. unnecessary discussion to catch breath;
  - h. delay in clearing balls from the court between serves.
19. Tennis is an enjoyable game for all participants. You are exhibiting poor sportsmanship if you engage in:
  - a. loud postmortems after each point;
  - b. complaints of the type of shots your opponent makes;
  - c. sulking when you are losing;
  - d. throwing your racket;
  - e. hitting the ball in anger;
  - f. losing your temper;
  - g. use of vile language.
20. Spectators must show consideration for the players by avoiding **DISTRACTING MOVEMENTS, ROWDY BEHAVIOR, DEROGATORY COMMENTS, and LOUD CONVERSATIONS**, during the course of the match. If it is necessary for a player to request quiet of an audience, it should be done in a gentlemanly manner and through his team captain.
21. Drinking alcoholic beverages during a match is prohibited.
22. Players who knowingly and continually violate this Honor Code will be guilty of unsportsmanlike conduct. At the discretion of the HTL BOARD, he may be prohibited from further League play.

The HONOR CODE is a way of life. Learned in tennis, as part of the game, it will serve you well all your life.