



# BTP JUNIOR INDOOR TENNIS LEAGUES

## FAQ – FALL AND WINTER 2017-2018

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### 1) How Much Does the Junior Indoor League (JIL) Cost?

Red\*, White\* and Blue League Fee is \$499. Register by Fri 8/25/17 and only pay **\$449!** Volunteer parent coaches pay \$349 for one JIL player. Co-coaches for a team split the savings.

**NEW FOR 2017:** Green and Yellow League Fee is \$349 for a 12-week session or \$199 for a 6-week session. Green and Yellow League Players will **save \$20** if registered by 8/25/17.

*\*New For 2017 – All Red and White League Players will also be required to pay a \$3 Tennis Link fee upon being placed on a team. This fee is paid directly to Tennis Link.*

#### 2) How Do I Register My Child for the JIL?

All players must register and pay online. Players new to JIL go to <https://formsmarts.com/form/1vng>. All eligible players will be placed on a team. Full refunds will be issued to ineligible players who are not placed on a team. Returning JIL Players go to <https://formsmarts.com/form/1vns>.

#### 3) When and Where are JIL Matches/Lessons?

Practices and matches are played on Saturday or Sunday afternoons or evenings at approximately 15 indoor tennis clubs throughout the Greater Baltimore area, including Baltimore, Perring, Catonsville, Loch Raven, Ellicott City, Columbia, Woodbine, New Market, Finksburg, Severna Park and Bel Air

#### 4) How Long is the JIL Season?

The season is approximately 5 months long...Beginning the end of October and finishes in early March

#### 5) How are JIL Players Divided into Teams?

The JIL is comprised of 4 Leagues...Red, White, Blue and Green Leagues split by tennis ability.

Red League: Level is comparable to a High School Varsity Tennis Team. This team has 8 boys and 4 girls that play weekly matches along with a few team practices. All matches are same gender matches.

White League: Level is comparable to a High School Junior Varsity (JV) Tennis Team. This team has 11 total players made up of both boys and girls. Matches are co-ed and are played weekly (with a few team practices).

Blue League: This league is meant for players that are on the verge of match play ability or just began playing matches. This 12 week league begins with 6-weeks of lessons provided by certified tennis professionals. The second 6-weeks are structured matches with tennis professional supervision.

Green League: This league is meant for advanced beginner level players that are learning the basics of tennis and are not yet ready for competitive matches. All lessons are provided by certified tennis professionals.

Yellow League: This league is meant for beginners, 5-9 years old. The basics of tennis are taught in an upbeat atmosphere that encourages fun and teamwork. All lessons are provided by certified tennis professionals.

#### 6) How Do New Players Get Placed on a Team?

New players can register online at <https://formsmarts.com/form/1vng>. Pre-registration is required. Then attend one of our Player Evaluation sessions (see question 8 below)

#### 7) How Does a Returning Player Move to a Higher League or a Different Team/Area?

All players wishing to move teams are encouraged (but not required) to attend the player evaluation being held in their local area. Team changes and move-up decisions are based on space availability, coach recommendations, match play results, player evaluations, any information you wish to provide concerning recent tournament or other match results, lessons/clinics/camps attended, private coach recommendations, etc



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### 8) When and Where are Player Evaluations?

County	Location	Date	Time
Anne Arundel	Chartwell Country Club – 1 Chartwell Dr, Severna Park	Sun Sep 10	11:00-12:30pm
Baltimore	BFT–1726 Reisterstown Road, Baltimore 21208 OR Coppermine Fit & Tennis–1420 Clarkview Road 21209	BFT – Thur Sep 7	6:00-7:30pm
		Coppermine – Sat Sep 9	5:00-7:00pm
Carroll	Carroll Racquet Club – 2950 Dede Rd, Finksburg	Sat Sep 9	10am-11:30am
Frederick	West Winds – 11411 Gas House Pike, New Market	Sat Sep 9	12:30-2pm
Harford	Emmorton Rec – 2213 Old Emmorton Rd, Bel Air	Tue Sep 5	6:00-8:00pm
Howard	Owen Brown Tennis Club – 7150 Cradlerock Way, Columbia 21045 – Both Dates at Owen Brown	Tue Sep 5	6:00-8:00pm
		Sun Sep 10	5:00-7:00pm

### 9) What Happens During the Player Evaluations?

Our primary goal during the evaluation is to establish what league a player should be placed. We make every effort to provide a stress free environment so players feel comfortable while playing. Nerves are ok but we simply want the players to go out and hit. All players will be asked to hit a number of forehands, backhands, volleys, overheads and serves. All players are evaluated with the same criteria.

### 10) What Does a Player Do if They Can't Make an Evaluation Date?

First try to attend an evaluation date in another county...please register online. If you are unable to make any scheduled evaluation dates please contact Garth Heagerty, our JIL Coordinator at [garth\\_btpjil@outlook.com](mailto:garth_btpjil@outlook.com) and we will make other accommodations to help determine your league/team placement.

### 11) Can a Red or White Returning League Player Play on a Different Team from Last Season?

Yes, we just cannot guarantee a move. Many players would like to be placed on a team with a friend, sibling or on a team closer to their home. As long as the levels are appropriate and there is space on the desired team we will make every effort to accommodate the request.

### 12) Does a Player Have to Commit to an Entire Season?

Yes, our motto is: "Don't sign up if you're not going to show up". We understand that life happens...however this is a commitment and should be taken seriously by all involved as many others are affected if a player cannot attend a match. Alternates are assigned to most teams but it is very important that all players make every effort to make the majority of their matches.

### 13) Who are the Coaches of the Red League and White League?

Parent volunteers are the team coaches. We encourage our parent coaches to keep instruction to a minimum as many of our JIL players have a private coach and we want to minimize conflicting information.

### 14) Is Coaching Allowed During Red / White League Matches?

Minimal coaching is allowed. Red League coaches are only allowed to coach in between sets for 90 seconds. White League coaches are allowed to coach once during the match during a change over for 90 seconds.



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## 15) Who Determines the Lineups for Matches?

Ladder positions are established at the discretion of the team coach(es) according to level of play, based upon practice play/matches, meet play and/or coach judgments. Ladders may therefore change during the season, but should not remain in a constant state of flux. Absolutely no "stacking" is permitted.

## 16) How Long are Matches?

Red League: The team match occurs over 3 hours on 4 courts\*. Individual matches may take up to 1.5 hours.

Blue League: The team match occurs over 2 hours on 4 courts\*. Individual matches may take up to 1 hour.

\*Some facilities may only have 3 courts and thus a staggered start time is required extending the end time of the team match.

## 17) What is the Inclement Weather Policy?

If the club where the match is to be played is open, the coaches should try to play the match, within the bounds of safety. An inclement weather policy is provided to all coaches.

## 18) What is the Refund Policy?

Any player that is not able to be placed on a team prior to the season starting will be refunded in full. In season refunds are only made available for those players with a permanent injury or for those that move out of the area. Proper documentation is required. Pro-rated refunds will be issued based on matches/lessons attended.

## 19) What is the Ratio of Coaches to Players in the Yellow, Green and Blue Leagues?

We guarantee that we will have at least a 1:6 coach to student ratio. Our average ratio however is 1:5.

**If you cannot attend an evaluation session, contact JIL Coordinator [garth\\_btpjil@outlook.com](mailto:garth_btpjil@outlook.com)**

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