

THE USE OF THE COURTSIDE CANADA RATING PROGRAM IN THE MIELE LEAGUE CHALLENGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Courtside Canada Rating Program is the official Tennis Canada system for determining the levels of competition for the Miele League Challenge Championships. The Courtside Canada computer ratings system computes ratings based on play in affiliated local leagues, qualified club or community events and at the Miele League Challenge Regional and National Championships.

An affiliated local league is an independent league that has agreed to share score data from league matches with Courtside Canada for the purpose of determining player ratings. A qualified club or community event is a league, ladder, tournament or program that is run within Courtside Canada whose score data will automatically contribute to the generation of a player rating.

- 1) The Tennis Canada "Self Rating Guidelines" (see page 3) define the characteristics of the various rating levels.
- 2) The Courtside Canada Rating Program is the official system to determine computer ratings for players throughout the country who participate in any aspect of the Miele League Challenge Championships. It is a mathematical system that assigns computer ratings to players by direct and indirect comparison of match results with other players. The program will be launched in May 2010 and expand over time as players join the network and match data is collected.
- 3) Players wishing to participate in the Miele League Challenge Championships must register with Courtside Canada, complete a Player Profile and request their rating.
- 4) Players must possess a verified computer rating prior to entering the Miele League Challenge Regional Championships. For players from British Columbia, please refer to **Section II.8** regarding ratings eligibility and registration for the Regional Championships.
- 5) A player may obtain a rating in one of two ways:
 - a. *Players participating in an independent league(s) that has a data sharing agreement with Tennis Canada:*
 - i. Players who have participated in an independent league that uses Tenniscores or another online scoring system may already have enough match play to generate a rating. After registering with Courtside Canada these players simply choose the leagues they play for and request their player rating. The rating is sent to them for inclusion in their player profile.
 - b. *Players without a Courtside Canada rating:*
 - i. Players without a Courtside Canada rating must self-rate in accordance with the "Self Rating Guidelines" or receive a start rating from a Certified Level 2 Teaching Professional (for a list of certified Teaching Professionals in your province, please consult your provincial tennis association). Factors such as a player's on-court performance, tennis background and any additional information should be considered in the self-rating decision. When players are rating themselves, if they question at which level they should play, they should place themselves in the higher level of play. (See Rating Guidelines)

- ii.* Once a player self-rates they must play three (3) matches in an affiliated league or qualified Courtside Canada program in order to generate a verified computer rating.
- 6)** Ratings requests will be communicated directly to each player and will be contained within the Player Profile section of Courtside Canada. It is the player's decision whether to publicly display their rating within their personal profile.
- 7)** Ratings will be verified by Tennis Canada and will be utilized by the Tournament Committee for those people wishing to play in the Miele League Challenge Championships.

TENNIS CANADA SELF-RATING GUIDE AND DESCRIPTION OF RATING LEVELS

RATING	GROUND-STROKES (forehand and backhand)	RETURN OF SERVE	NET PLAY (volleys and overheads)	SERVE
1.0	This player is just starting to play tennis			
1.5	This player has been introduced to the game, however has difficulty playing the game due to a lack of consistency rallying and serving.			
2.0	Can get the ball in play but lacks control, resulting in inconsistent rallies. Often chooses to hit forehands instead of backhands.	Tends to position in a manner to protect weaknesses. Inconsistent return.	In singles, reluctant to come to the net. In doubles, understands the basic positioning; comfortable only with the forehand volley; avoids backhand volley and overhead.	In complete service motion. Toss is inconsistent. Double faults are common.
2.5	Can rally consistently 10 balls in a row, especially on the forehand, with an arched trajectory over the net when the objective is to hit to a partner at moderate speed.	In singles, consistent when returning towards the middle of the court. In doubles, difficulty returning cross-court to start the point.	Becoming at ease at the net in practice but uncomfortable in a game situation.	Attempting a full service motion on the first serve. First serve inconsistent (less than 50%). Uses an incomplete motion to ensure a steady second serve.
3.0	Able to rally consistently 10 balls in a row on forehands and backhands. Able to maintain the rally when receiving high, short or wide balls, assuming the ball is received at a moderate pace, especially on the forehand stroke.	Can control the direction of the ball in both singles and doubles, when receiving a serve of moderate pace.	Very consistent on forehand volley with easy balls, inconsistent on backhand volley. Overall has difficulty with low and wide balls. Can smash easy lobs.	Full motion on both serves. Able to achieve more than 50% success on first serve. Second serve much slower than first serve.
3.5	Able to move the opponent around the court or hit harder when receiving easier balls. Can execute approach shots with some consistency (more than 50%).	Can return fast serves or well-placed serves with defensive actions. On easy second serve, can return with pace or directional control; can approach the net in doubles.	Becoming confident at net play; can direct FH volleys; controls BH volley but with little offense; general difficulty in putting volleys away. Can handle volleys and overheads that require moderate movement.	Can vary the speed or direction of first serve. Can direct the second serve to the opponent's weakness without double-faulting on a regular basis.
4.0	Able to develop points with some consistency by using a reliable	Difficulty in returning spin serves and very fast serves. On moderately paced	In singles, comfortable at following an approach shot to the net. In doubles, comfortable	Can vary the speed and direction of the first serve. Uses spin.

4.0	combination of shots. Erratic when attempting a quality shot, when receiving fast or wide balls, and when attempting passing shots.	serves, can construct the point through hitting a good shot or exploiting an opponent's weakness. In doubles, can vary returns effectively on moderately-paced serves.	receiving a variety of balls and converting o offensive positioning; can poach on weak returns of serve. Able to put away easy overheads.	
4.5	Can use a variety of spins. Beginning to develop a dominant shot or good steadiness. Erratic when attempting a quality shot in two of the following situations: receiving fast balls, wide balls, and in passing shot situations.	Off first serves, can defend consistently but very inconsistent (less than 30%) when attempting an aggressive return. In doubles, has difficulty (less than 50%) returning a first serve at the feet of the incoming serve and volleyer.	When coming to the net after serving, consistently able to put the first volley in play but without pace or depth; however, inconsistent when trying to volley powerful or angled returns. Close to the net, can finish a point using various options including drop volley, angle volley, punch volley.	Aggressive first serve with power and spin. On second serve frequently hits with good depth and placement without double faults. Can serve and volley off first serves in doubles, but experiences some inconsistency.
5.0	Able to maintain a consistent rally, 10 balls in a row on faster balls. Very steady strokes or has a dominant shot. Periodically succeeds (50%) when attempting a quality shot when receiving fast or wide balls, and in passing shot situations.	Periodically succeeds (50%) at aggressive return off fast first serves using dominant shot (forehand or backhand). In doubles can return at the feet of serve and volleyer.	In doubles, after the serve, has a good, deep crosscourt volley. Overhead can be hit from almost any position.	First serve can win points outright, or force a weak return. Second serve can prevent the opponent from attacking. Serve and volleys on first serves in doubles with consistency.
5.5	This player has developed a gamestyle which is recognizable as either an all court player, an aggressive baseliner, a serve and volleyer, or a retriever. Has developed good anticipation either technically (can read toss on serve, body position...) or tactically (can read opponents tendencies in specific situations). Has no major weaknesses and can counterattack effectively against a hard ball, wide ball or in passing shot situations. Capable of competing in "open" category provincial level tournaments. Ability to use specific shots in order to exploit opponent's weakness: drop-shot, lob, angle, moonball...			
6.0 & 7.0	These players will generally not need a rating. Rankings or past rankings will speak for themselves. The 6.0 player typically has had intensive training for national tournament competition at the junior level and collegiate levels and has obtained a provincial and/or national "open" ranking. The 6.5 player has extensive international "open" level tournament experience at the entry professional level (challenger or satellite experience). The 7.0 is a world class professional tennis player.			

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MIELE LEAGUE CHALLENGE CHAMPIONSHIP REGULATIONS

January 2010 - December 2010

SECTION I: GENERAL

The Regulations in Section I GENERAL shall apply to the Miele League Challenge Regional and National Championships.

- 1) **NAME.** Tennis Canada has approved the adoption of rules and regulations that shall be known as the Miele League Challenge Championships Regulations.
- 2) **APPLICABILITY.** The Miele League Challenge Championship Regulations shall apply to the Miele League Challenge Regional and National Championship tournaments. The Rules of Tennis and the Tennis Canada Tournament Regulations shall apply to all matches played in the Miele League Challenge Regional and National Championship tournaments except as modified herein. In all matches played with or without officials, the Tennis Canada official publication "THE RULES OF THE COURT 2010" shall be observed. The Tennis Canada Point Penalty System shall be used at all Championship tournaments.
- 3) **MIELE LEAGUE CHALLENGE REGIONAL AND NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS.** The Miele League Challenge Championships are a team competition for men and women at specified levels of play, which is the 3.5 rating level for 2010. The purpose of the Championships is to provide organized team play with advancement for winning teams from Regional Championships to determine annually a Miele League Challenge National Championship team in each approved level of competition.
- 4) **EQUAL OPPORTUNITY.** The Miele League Challenge Championships is an equal opportunity program and shall be conducted without regard to race, creed, color or national origin.
- 5) **OFFICIAL LEAGUE RATING PROGRAM.** The Courtside Canada Rating Program is the official system for rating levels of competition for the Miele League Challenge Championships.
- 6) **TEAM CAPTAIN.** Each team shall appoint a team captain to handle administrative affairs and to represent the team in Miele League Challenge Championship matters.
- 7) **OFFICIAL TEAM REGISTRATION.** Courtside Canada is the official system for registering teams for the Miele League Challenge Championships. All teams must register for the Miele League Challenge Regional Championships by completing a team roster using the Courtside Canada system. Teams in British Columbia must initially register with their provincial association.
- 8) **OFFICIAL SCORE REPORTING AND STANDINGS SYSTEM.** Courtside Canada is the official system for reporting scores and providing standings for the Miele League Challenge Championships.
- 9) **OFFICIAL BALL.** Any TENNIS CANADA approved ball may be used for Miele League Challenge Regional Championship matches. Tennis Canada will determine the official ball for the Miele League Challenge National Championships.
- 10) **WAIVER OF RULES AND PROCEDURES PROHIBITED.** Except where a waiver is specifically permitted by a Miele League Challenge Regulation or by a Miele League Challenge Procedure, no Miele League Challenge Regulation or Miele League Challenge Procedure may be waived by any Provincial Tennis Association or by any Regional or National Tournament Director.
- 11) **SANCTION.** Miele League Challenge Championship tournaments are sanctioned in accordance with Tennis Canada Regulations.
- 12) **PARTICIPATION.**
 - a) Any individual who competes in the Miele League Challenge Championships must be a legal resident of Canada.

- b) Any individual who competes in the Miele League Challenge Championships must be a registered player on Courtside Canada and have a verified rating.
 - c) All players must be in good standing with Tennis Canada and their provincial tennis association.
 - d) Any individual from British Columbia who competes in the Miele League Challenge Championships must be a member of Tennis BC.
- 13) PLAYER AGREEMENT.** All players participating in the Miele League Challenge Championships, as a condition of their participation, agree to abide and be bound by the Tennis Canada Constitution; the Tennis Canada Tournament Regulations (unless modified by these Miele League Challenge Regulations); the Miele League Challenge Regulations and the standards of good conduct, fair play and good sportsmanship.
- 14) WAIVER OF CLAIMS.** Players participating in the Miele League Challenge Championships acknowledge the risks associated with playing competitive tennis, accept those risks voluntarily, and in consideration of their acceptance in the event assume all risks for bodily injury, waive all claims for injury and property damage and release and hold harmless Tennis Canada and the host facility, their officials, employees and agents with respect to any injury or loss caused by negligence or otherwise to the fullest extent permitted by law.
- 15) MIELE LEAGUE CHALLENGE TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE.** A Tennis Canada Miele League Challenge Tournament Committee shall be responsible for the interpretation of the Miele League Challenge Championship Regulations. The Miele League Challenge Tournament Committee shall consist of Tennis Canada's Director of National Events, Director of Community Development, the Miele League Challenge Manager and the respective Tournament Director. At least two members of the Tournament Committee shall be in attendance at all times during play.
- 16) TOURNAMENT REFEREE.** A Tennis Canada certified Tournament Referee shall be appointed for each Miele League Challenge Championship tournament, and shall be responsible for the interpretation of the Rules of the Court.
- 17) TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR.** A Tournament Director shall be appointed for each Miele League Challenge Championship tournament.
- 18) MIELE LEAGUE CHALLENGE YEAR.** The Championship year shall be January 1 through December 31.

SECTION II: MIELE LEAGUE CHALLENGE REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

- 1) REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS.** The team winning the Regional Championships shall be the Miele League Challenge Regional Championship team.
- 2) REGIONS.** For 2010 there are three regions:
 - a) Western Region** includes British Columbia, Alberta and Saskatchewan
 - b) Central Region** includes Manitoba and Ontario
 - c) Eastern Region** includes Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland.
- 3) TOURNAMENT ENTRIES.** Each province is guaranteed the following number of team entries into their associated Regional Championships. If one province does not use their allocated entries, the remaining spots will be allocated to the host province first, and then on a first come, first serve basis thereafter.
 - a) Western Region:** British Columbia – ten (10); Alberta - four (4); Saskatchewan – two (2).
 - b) Central Region:** Ontario – fourteen (14); Manitoba – two (2).
 - c) Eastern Region:** Québec – twelve (12); New Brunswick – one (1); Nova Scotia – one (1); Prince Edward Island –one (1); Newfoundland – one (1).
- 4) LEVELS OF PLAY.** The approved level of play for the Miele League Challenge Regional Championships for 2010 is the **3.5 rating level**. Levels of play for the Miele League Challenge Regional Championships are described in terms of “maximum” ratings.
- 5) TEAM.** A team must consist of a minimum of five (5) players of the same gender to be eligible to compete at the specified level of competition. However, a team can be composed of up to ten (10) players if they so choose, as each is guaranteed to compete in at least two team matches.
- 6) AGE.** Each player shall have reached the age of nineteen years during the calendar year.
- 7) MEN AND WOMEN.** Men’s and women’s teams shall be separate at each approved level of competition.
- 8) TEAM ENTRY.**
 - a)** Players entering the Miele League Challenge Regional Championships are defined as having a verified Courtside Canada rating of 3.5 or lower. (See page 1 and 2 for information regarding how to get your rating).
 - (1)** Teams in British Columbia must initially register with, and have their ratings verified by, Tennis BC.
 - b)** A captain (or team organizer) is responsible for registering each team and making one team payment for the total entry fee.
 - c)** Teams will be accepted based on a first come, first serve basis, until all provincial allocations have been filled.
 - d)** Payment for team entry fees must be done using the Courtside Canada online registration system. Teams are not considered officially registered until payment is received.
 - e)** The cost of each team is based on the number of approved players on the team. Cost per player is \$65, which includes; a guarantee of two matches per team, tennis balls, a shirt, and a player banquet organized by the host facility.
- 9) TOURNAMENT FORMAT.** The Tournament Director shall determine the format for the competition, and it may be round robin competition, single elimination competition or a combination of the two.
 - a) Round Robin.** If round robin competition is used, then each team shall play every other team in its division. The team with the most team points shall be the champion in its flight, and will move on to the next round of competition.

- b) **Single Elimination.** If single elimination competition is used, then each team shall be drawn in a tournament format in accordance with the Tennis Canada Tournament Regulations.

10) COMPETITION FORMAT.

- a) **Team Match.** Each team match in a Regional Championship shall consist of one (1) singles and two (2) doubles positions.
- b) **Individual Match.** An individual match is any singles match or any doubles match played as part of a team match.
- c) **Scoring and Rest.** All matches will be the best of two sets, with regular scoring and a set tie-break at 6-all in each set. In the event of split sets, a 10 point match tie-break shall be played in lieu of a third set with the two minute set break with no coaching allowed. (The tie-break shall be scored as one (1) set and one (1) game for tie-break procedures.) Depending on circumstances, such as weather, the Tournament Director may authorize the use of other Tennis Canada approved scoring methods in order to complete play on schedule, including No-Ad scoring. The scoring in the event of a default, forfeit or disqualification shall be 6-0, 6-0.
- d) **Team Lineups.** The team captains for each team shall provide the Tournament Director or designate with their team match cards prior to the beginning of the team match.
- e) **Player Participation.** An individual may compete in one (1) singles or one (1) doubles match within the team match.
- f) **Substitutions.** No substitution may be made in an individual match after the lineup has been presented, except for injury to, illness of, or disqualification of a player, prior to the start of such match, and except under such further circumstances as the Tournament Committee may authorize. If the substitution is made during the warm-up, the substitute player is entitled to a two (2) minute warm-up.
- g) **Medical Conditions.** A player may take one (1) medical time out of a maximum of five (5) minutes for an injury or illness experienced during a match. During this time the player may receive on court treatment or leave the court for assistance. The match is assumed to be retired once the five (5) minute time period has elapsed.
- h) **Coaching.** Coaching is not permitted.

11) SCORING.

- a) The winner of each individual match will be awarded one (1) point.
- b) The team with the highest amount of individual matches won will:
 - i. advance to the next round in single elimination as per the tournament draw.
 - or
 - ii. win the round robin portion of the tournament and proceed to the playoffs as per the tournament draw.

12) INDIVIDUAL FORFEITS (DEFAULTS). An individual forfeit (default) occurs when a player fails to appear on time, or is defaulted for misconduct. The Tournament Referee will use the "Rules of the Court 2010" to make decisions in such circumstances.

13) SCORING OF INDIVIDUAL FORFEITS (DEFAULTS). The forfeits described in **Section II.12** will be scored as a 6-0, 6-0 win for the player (doubles team) receiving the forfeit and a 6-0, 6-0 loss for the player (doubles team) that forfeited the match. In the event of a forfeit by both opposing players (teams), both sides will be given a 6-0, 6-0 loss and neither receives credit for a win. **NOTE:** If a double default results in a tie, the tie-break procedure shall be the same as **Section II.20** in order to determine a winner of that team match.

14) TEAM FORFEITS. A team must have a minimum of three eligible players available for play in each match or the entire match must be forfeited. A team may forfeit a maximum of one position in a match without forfeiting the entire match. In such cases, forfeits shall be determined by the team captain in accordance with the following: The No. 2 doubles must be forfeited before the No. 1 singles.

15) SCORING OF TEAM FORFEITS. If a team forfeits an entire team match for any reason during round robin play, then all matches of that team played or to be played, shall be null

and void. If all teams in contention for the Regional Championships have already played the forfeiting team in good faith, the matches stand as played. The Tournament Director may impose further sanctions or penalties on said team.

16) RETIREMENT. A retirement occurs when an individual match has started and a player (doubles team) is unable to continue due to injury, loss of condition or emergency.

17) SCORING OF RETIREMENTS. In case of a retirement, the non-retiring player (doubles team) shall be credited with such number of additional games as would have been won if the match was completed and the non-retiring player (doubles team) won every subsequent game.

18) ELIGIBILITY DISQUALIFICATION. Should it be determined that a player is one or more playing levels above the 3.5 level of play; the player is subject to a ratings disqualification, as per the procedures outlined in **Section II.22. Eligibility Disqualification Procedure.**

19) SCORING OF ELIGIBILITY DISQUALIFICATION.

a) In the event of a player disqualification during the Regional Championship event, the player will not be allowed to continue or advance on that team and all matches played by the player shall be considered losses and those matches shall be considered wins for the opposing players or doubles teams and scored (6-0, 6-0).

b) In case of a disqualification in single elimination, the last individual match played by the player shall be considered a win for the opposing player (doubles team) and scored (6-0, 6-0).

20) PROCEDURES IN THE EVENT OF A TIE. In the event of a tie, the tie shall be broken by the first of the following procedures that does so:

a) **Individual Matches.** Winner of the most individual matches in the entire competition.

b) **Sets.** Loser of the fewest number of sets.

c) **Games.** Loser of the fewest number of games.

d) **Head-to-Head.** Winner of head-to-head match.

21) AWARDS. Awards given shall be based on ten (10) players per team.

22) ELIGIBILITY DISQUALIFICATION PROCEDURE.

a) Each Regional Championship tournament will have a Ratings Official onsite whose purpose is to determine that the playing level of the participants is accurate.

b) The Tennis Canada Ratings Official will have access to the Courtside Canada Player Profile, all online scoring for league matches, Provincial Tennis Association Player Rankings and any other publicly available data.

c) Should the Ratings Official determine that a player is one or more playing levels above the 3.5 level of play; the player is subject to a ratings disqualification.

d) The ratings disqualification will be administered after the player has completed their match at the Regional Championship competition.

e) The disqualified player will have the ability to discuss the decision with the Ratings Official and will be given the ability to refute any data presented.

f) The Ratings Official may confer with the Miele League Challenge Tournament Committee before rendering a final decision.

g) The decision of the Ratings Official is final.

h) Scoring adjustments will be administered per the section "eligibility disqualification".

SECTION III: MIELE LEAGUE CHALLENGE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

- 1) **NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS.** The team winning the National Championship shall be the Miele League Challenge National Champion.
- 2) **ELIGIBILITY.**
 - a) No individual is eligible to progress to the National Championships unless he/she has played on that same team in at least one (1) match during the Regional Championships. A forfeited match shall count as a match played for the player(s) receiving the forfeit, but not for the player(s) who forfeited. A retired match shall count for all players involved.
 - b) A minimum of five (5) team members who were on the final roster of their Regional Championships team must be available and eligible to compete at the National Championships.
 - c) All team members must be registered with the COURTSIDE CANADA at the time of each competition.
 - d) If the winning team at any level of competition is unable to compete further towards the National Championships, then a team may be selected based upon final standings for further competition.
- 3) **AWARDS.** Awards given will be based on six (6) players per team.
- 4) **PLAYER TRAVEL EXPENSES.** Player expenses to participate in the National Championships will be significantly subsidized and based on a maximum of six (6) players per team. Players requiring flights will be asked to contribute \$200 for their participation and to guarantee their spots. Tennis Canada will then cover all costs related to:
 - a) Roundtrip flight from player's home city to Toronto (men) and Montreal (women). Teams will be expected to travel together;
 - b) Transportation to and from the airport and the host tournament hotel;
 - c) Transportation to and from the tournament site;
 - d) Hotel accommodation for two nights (Friday and Saturday) based on double occupancy;
 - e) Meals to include breakfast on Saturday/Sunday and meals once on the tournament site;
 - f) One ticket per player for the Saturday evening session at the Rogers Cup presented by National Bank.
 - g) Players choosing to drive from their home city to Toronto or Montreal will not be required to contribute \$200; however they will be responsible for their own mileage.
- 5) **TOURNAMENT FORMAT.** Round robin competition will be used whereby each team shall play every other team and the team with the most individual matches won shall be the champion.
- 6) **COMPETITION FORMAT.**
 - a) **Team Match.** Each team match in the National Championships shall consist of one (1) singles and two (2) doubles positions.
 - b) **Individual Match.** An individual match is any singles match or any doubles match played as part of a team match.
 - c) **Scoring and Rest.** All matches will be the best of two sets, with regular scoring and a set tie-break at 6-all in each set. In the event of split sets, a 10 point match tie-break shall be played in lieu of a third set with the two minute set break with no coaching allowed. (The tie-break shall be scored as 1 set and 1 game for tie-break procedures.) No-Ad scoring can be used with any of the above scoring methods. If conditions dictate, the Tournament Director may authorize the use of other TENNIS CANADA approved scoring methods in order to complete play on schedule. The scoring in the event of a default, forfeit or disqualification shall be 6-0, 6-0.

- d) **Team Lineups.** The team captains for each team shall provide the Tournament Director or designate with their team match cards prior to the beginning of the team match.
 - e) **Player Participation.** An individual may compete in one (1) singles or one (1) doubles match within the team match.
 - f) **Substitutions.** No substitution may be made in an individual match after the lineup has been presented, except for injury to, illness of, or disqualification of a player, prior to the start of such match, and except under such further circumstances as the Tournament Committee may authorize. If the substitution is made during the warm-up, the substitute player is entitled to a two (2) minute warm-up.
 - g) **Medical Conditions.** A player may take one (1) medical time out of a maximum of five (5) minutes for an injury or illness experienced during a match. During this time the player may receive on court treatment or leave the court for assistance. The match is assumed to be retired once the five (5) minute time period has elapsed.
 - h) **Coaching.** Coaching is not permitted.
- 7) **SCORING.** The winner of each individual match will be awarded one (1) point. The team with the highest amount of individual matches won will be declared the Miele League Challenge National Champion.
- 8) **INDIVIDUAL FORFEITS (DEFAULTS).** An individual forfeit (default) occurs when a player fails to appear on time, or is defaulted for misconduct. The Tournament Referee will use the "Rules of the Court 2010" to make decisions in such circumstances.
- 9) **SCORING OF INDIVIDUAL FORFEITS (DEFAULTS).** The forfeits described in **Section III.8** will be scored as a 6-0, 6-0 win for the player (doubles team) receiving the forfeit and a 6-0, 6-0 loss for the player (doubles team) that forfeited the match. In the event of a forfeit by both opposing players (teams), both sides will be given a 6-0, 6-0 loss and neither receives credit for a win. **NOTE:** If a double default results in a tie, the tie-break procedure shall be the same as **Section III.14** in order to determine a winner of that team match.
- 10) **TEAM FORFEITS.** A team must have a minimum of three eligible players available for play in each match or the entire match must be forfeited. A team may forfeit a maximum of one position in a match without forfeiting the entire match. In such cases, forfeits shall be determined by the team captain in accordance with the following: The No. 2 doubles must be forfeited before the No. 1 singles.
- 11) **SCORING OF TEAM FORFEITS.** If a team forfeits an entire team match for any reason during round robin play, then all matches of that team played or to be played, shall be null and void. If all teams in contention for the National Championships have already played the forfeiting team in good faith, the matches stand as played. The Tournament Director may impose further sanctions or penalties on said team.
- 12) **RETIREMENT.** A retirement occurs when an individual match has started and a player (doubles team) is unable to continue due to injury, loss of condition or emergency.
- 13) **SCORING OF RETIREMENTS.** In case of a retirement, the non-retiring player (doubles team) shall be credited with such number of additional games as would have been won if the match was completed and the non-retiring player (doubles team) won every subsequent game.
- 14) **PROCEDURES IN THE EVENT OF A TIE.** In the event of a tie, the tie shall be broken by the first of the following procedures that does so:
- a) **Individual Matches.** Winner of the most individual matches in the entire competition.
 - b) **Sets.** Loser of the fewest number of sets.
 - c) **Games.** Loser of the fewest number of games.
 - d) **Head-to-Head.** Winner of head-to-head match.