



CDTA LEAGUE RULE BOOK 2026

Disclaimer:

The Coimbatore District Tennis Association (CDTA) reserves full authority to modify, interpret, and enforce all rules in this document. All teams agree to follow CDTA's final decisions. These rules are binding for the 2026 season.

1. Authority

CDTA retains the authority to accept, reject, promote, or relegate any team without providing reasons.

2. Match Format

Each round has 3 doubles matches that is played best of 3 sets. First two sets use standard tiebreaker, 3rd set is MTB (Super Tie Breaker)

3. Playing Surface

The hosting team has priority in deciding the playing surface. Matches shall be played on the surface provided by the hosting team, unless both teams mutually agree to use an alternative surface (clay or synthetic)

4. Player Eligibility

Only enrolled players residing in Coimbatore, Tirupur, Pollachi, and Nilgiris districts can participate.

5. Player Registration and Documentation

All players participating in the CDTA league has to submit mandatory ADHAAR. Max 2 outstation players per team are eligible to participate and ADHAAR is mandatory. For School/College students, Institution ID is mandatory. International players must provide passports.

Students Eligibility: (For Education Institutions based in Coimbatore, Tirupur, Pollachi & Nilgiris District Only)

School and college students are eligible to participate in the CDTA League provided they present a valid and currently active institutional student identity card issued by their school or college. The ID card must:

- 1) Clearly display the student's name and recent photograph.*
- 2) Show the name of the institution and the current academic year or a non-expired validity period.*

3) Central and State Government employees are eligible to participate in the Tennis League as regular players, even if they hold an outstation Aadhaar, provided they submit a valid transfer order or official ID proof confirming their current work designation within Coimbatore District.

6. Mandatory Documentation Upload

Teams must upload photos and address proof before deadline. Missing documents disqualify players/teams.

7. Player Participation Limit

A player cannot participate in more than one match per round or for more than one team.

8. Match Balls

Home team must provide 3 new AITA-approved balls per match.

9. Visiting Team Protocol

Visiting team must report to home captain upon arrival.

10. Match Scheduling, Weather Interruptions & Result Updates

Matches may be preponed by mutual agreement. Postponements allowed only for weather/government closures. Washouts must be completed before the immediate Friday 7 PM. Results must be updated within 24 hours. Unplayed matches earn no points.

11. Court Assignment & Match Times

Multiple ties must use separate courts. Matches start at Morning Session 7:00 AM or Evening Session 3:00 PM on Saturday and Sunday

12. Pre-Match Communication

Visiting team must contact home team 48 hours before match day.

13. Session Selection

The home team decides the match session, and the visiting team must agree.

14. Match Scoring

Winners of matches earn 1 point; losers earn 0.

15. Player Draw Protocol

Players must be physically present before the draw. Only available players may be drawn.

16. Match Start Times & Delays

If a team fails to arrive within 30 minutes of the scheduled match time, the team that is present and waiting has the right to claim the match by default.

17. Tie-Break Rules

Two-Way Tie

Head-to-head result determines the higher-ranked team.

Three or Multi-Team Tie

(All matches played against all teams in the group will be considered.)

Rule 1: Highest Percentage of Sets Won

- A) A higher percentage results in a higher ranking.
- B) A lower percentage results in a lower ranking.
- C) If only two teams remain tied after this rule, their head-to-head result will determine the ranking.
- D) MTB counts as one set.

Rule 2: Highest Percentage of Games Won

- A) A higher percentage results in a higher ranking.
- B) A lower percentage results in a lower ranking.
- C) If only two teams remain tied after this rule, their head-to-head result will determine the ranking.
- D) MTB does NOT count as games.

Rule 3: Still Tied

Ranking will be determined by drawing lots.

Percentage Formula:

Percentage = (Sets or Games Won ÷ Total Sets or Games Played) × 100

MTB = Match Tie-Breaker (Super Tie-Breaker)

Application Flow:

1. Apply **Rule 1** to all tied teams.
2. If the tie is still unresolved, apply **Rule 2**.
3. If the tie still remains, apply **Rule 3**.
Each rule is applied **only if the previous rule does not produce a complete ranking among all tied teams**.
4. **NOTE :- Points won in super tie breaker will not be considered when calculating the number of games won or lost in case of a 3 way / multi way team tie**

18. Venue Requirements

Home team must maintain backdrop, nets, seating, scoreboard, and drinking water.

19. Misconduct

Fighting, abusive behavior, or misconduct can result in suspension or disqualification of the player or the team.

20. Match-Fixing

Any proof of match-fixing results in immediate disqualification of the team and the points will be nullified.

21. Dispute Resolution

Line call disputes must be resolved by players; captains may assist. No external involvement allowed.

22. Match Rating Submission

Teams must submit ratings after each match for results to be processed.

23. Tournament Winner & Prizes (For Each Division)

Team with highest points wins the Rolling Shield. Top 3 teams receive awards.

24. Promotion & Relegation (For Each Division)

Top 2 teams promoted, bottom 2 relegated. Adjustments may apply to balance the number of teams in each division.

25. Prize Distribution

Prize distribution details will be communicated after the tournament.

26. Fees

Entry Fee: INR 1,100 per player. Affiliation Fee: INR 7,500 for new teams.

27. Communication

All communication must go through the Tournament Director or Supervisor.

28. Tournament Director & Supervisor

Director: Mr. Krishnan

Supervisor: Mr. Ponnusamy

29. Contact

A-E: Mr. Krishnan – 94432 86207

F-J: Mr. Ponnusamy – 98656 30125

30. Tournament Committee

- Srinivasan
- Sathish Nair
- Chockalingam
- Sadhasivam
- Dandoo
- Narendra
- Krishnan
- Ponnusamy
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Note : *All results will be governed strictly in accordance with the official rule book at all times. In the event of any error arising from the scoring system or software, the Tournament Director / Supervisor will review the situation and manually correct the results. The Tournament Director / Supervisor decision in such cases will be final and binding on all participants.*