



2018 Summer Tournament Rules

Finals day

The finals of all competitions will be played on Saturday 14th July 2018.

All entrants must be available to play on this day. If circumstances change after commencement of the competition and you are unable to participate in the finals, then when you reach match point up during your quarter final you must resign from the competition.

Match format

The format for all rounds prior to the quarter finals will be 2 tie break sets plus a championship tiebreak to 10 points in the case of a draw.

The format for the quarter-finals, semi-finals and finals will be the best of 3 tie break sets.

Arranging matches

The top player in each box (i.e. with an odd number) has the responsibility for arranging the match. However, both players must make every effort to play before the round deadline as stated on the draw sheet. Email addresses and phone numbers are available on the noticeboard and in the members' area of the web site to facilitate this.

If you know that prior commitments (e.g. holidays) may prevent a match from being arranged, you must notify the Tournament Referee at the earliest opportunity and, in any case, before the round deadline. Under exceptional circumstances an extension of up to 1 week may be granted.

If players fail to complete their match by the round deadline the Referee will adjudicate and may toss a coin or use his judgement to decide who goes through.

If a player is injured or ill and unable to play by the round deadline, then they must immediately withdraw from the tournament and notify their opponent and the Referee.

If players cancel a pre-arranged date and cannot agree an alternative date, then their opponents will go through automatically.

The match surface - artificial grass or clay – must be agreed by both sides when the match is arranged. If no agreement can be reached, players must toss a coin to decide which surface to use.

Booking courts

Court 1 and court 5 will be available for booking at certain times through an online system on the members' web site. Evening matches must fit into one of two sessions: 7 p.m. (or earlier) to 8.30 p.m. and 8.30 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Tournament matches will take priority over other tennis on these courts with the following exceptions:

- No matches on Saturday and Sunday between 10 am and 1 pm
- No matches can start between 2 pm and 5 pm on Saturday
- Court bookings in the club calendar for club matches take priority over tournament matches (Note some club matches are played on weekday evenings)

During peak Monday and Wednesday evening social tennis, matches may only be played on courts 1 and 5.

Outside of the times listed above, matches can be played on any available court. The normal club rule of coming off court after 1 set does not apply.

Plate competition

The men's doubles plate, ladies' doubles plate and mixed doubles plate competitions are open to any pair who are eliminated in the match that they play (normally round 1 but could be round 2).

Entry to the plate is automatic provided that you have played your first match by the published deadline.

Fees

There is a £5 entry fee for each competition that you enter. This will be added to your club account. There is no additional bill for playing in a plate competition.

Miscellaneous

A doubles team that has won a title (including the plate) for two successive years cannot enter for a third successive year. They may reform the partnership in future years.

A doubles team must remain unchanged throughout the competition. Substitutions are not permitted.

Top players / teams will be seeded by a committee that includes the tournament director, tournament referee, the honorary secretary and the match secretary.

The Tournament Director's decision on all matters will be final.

Referee

The tournament referee is **Daniel McQue**. All matters regarding arranging matches and disputes should be referred to him for resolution.

Ian Stewart
Tournament Director
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