

Winter Tournament Rules

This tournament is for fully paid members only. Entry fee (£2 per event or three for £5 - JUNIORS PLAY FOR FREE) must be received before the start of your first match. Please include your entry fee with your entry form and either leave at the bar or in the office.

Off peak members may enter this tournament and have permission to play matches outside their normal permitted hours if required by the opposition.

Matches may be played on either clay or hard court (with clay the preference) and where there is a conflict of preference please decide by the toss of a coin. Matches may also be played under floodlights. An event will only go ahead if there is a minimum of 4 entries received.

A player can enter as many events as he/she wants but can only play in 3 events on Finals Day (Saturday 30th March 2019). Players must play their finals on that day; the final will not be moved for convenience.

Please play matches by the deadline dates or both players/pairs may be scratched.

The draw will be published in the secure section of the website. It will also be available in the clubhouse and should be updated immediately after you have played your match with the result and score.

Matches are the best of 3 sets. The first two sets are tie breaks. The third set will be a Championship tie break (10 points)

Any queries contact Kevin McNamara (kevmaccatennis@yahoo.com) / 07534 940022

Conduct of Matches

- The deadline for the completion of each round is marked on the tournament schedule in the clubhouse. Opponents should contact each other at the earliest possible opportunity to ensure that matches are played within the allotted time. Those originating contact will have the right to claim the match if they offer their opponents 3 reasonable times for play and none of these is accepted. The tournament organisers reserve the right to scratch players who delay subsequent rounds.
- Matches are the best of three sets. The first two sets are tie-break sets and the third set, if required, will be a championship tie-break (first to 10 points with 2 clear points).

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- Handicapped events are played such that the players with the lower handicap start the match on a love score. If the handicap difference is a half-point, the higher handicap takes effect from the second game of each set. An example of how a handicapped game works is:

Pair 1: Handicap -15

Pair 2: Handicap -30½

The difference is 15½. Pair 1 start at 0 and Pair 2 at -15 in first and alternate games and -30 in second and alternate games in each set. Assuming in this case

1st and alternate games, server starts from the left at 0/-15

2nd and alternate games, server starts from the right at -30/0

- In a tie-break, each half-point difference is equal to 1 tie-break point. With a half-point difference, the tie-break starts on the left-hand side of the court and the first server serves two points. Thereafter the tie-break is played out as normal.

Examples of tie-break handicaps:

handicap difference	-0.5	-15	-15.5	-30	-30.5	-40	etc
starting score	-1	-2	-3	-4	-5	-6	etc
side for first serve	L	R	L	R	L	R	etc

- Players who become aware that they will not be able to compete in further rounds of an event should withdraw from the competition, not later than at match point (to their advantage) in the prevailing round. Don't forget that players can only compete in 3 finals!
- Make sure someone enters the result of each match on to the draw sheet before you leave the clubhouse!
- Please refer queries and issues to the tournament organiser – Kevin McNamara (kevmacatennis@yahoo.com or 07534940022).
- FINALS DAY – SATURDAY 30th MARCH 2019