

## The League Cycle

The league cycle will run over a period of six weeks. After the six weeks there will be a short one/two week break before the start of the next league cycle. Contact the Club immediately if you don't wish to play in the next cycle. They will also be few weeks break in summer during and after the annual tennis championship. Leagues then will resume in September.

## Arranging Matches

There are normally four players in each league; therefore three matches need to be played in each six week cycle (some divisions will contain more than 4 players depending on the total number of players in the leagues). It is the responsibility of each player to contact others as designated below:

### 4 players division

Player A must contact players B + C

Player B must contact players C + D

Player C must contact player D

Player D must contact player A

### 5 players division

Player A must contact players B + C

Player B must contact players C + D

Player C must contact player D + E

Player D must contact player E + A

Player E must contact player A + B

### 6 players division

Player A must contact players B + C + D

Player B must contact players C + D + E

Player C must contact player D + E + F

Player D must contact player E + F

Player E must contact player F + A

Player F must contact player A + B

## Scoring

### Division 1-4

Matches to be played as two normal length sets. Normal tie break to be played if the set is tied at 6 all. If after two sets the match is tied at one set all then a deciding 10 point tie break must be played to decide who wins the match. 3 points are awarded for each set won and 5 extra points for winning the match. For every match played 3 points will be awarded and 6 bonus points if all matches are played in the cycle on top of the points gained by winning sets and matches.

If players are tied in number of points then the promotion or relegations will be decided on the result of the match played between them in that league. If there was no match between them in that league then the player who has played the most matches will be ranked higher in the final league order.

### Other divisions

All matches are to be played as two sets of eight games with each game won contributing a point towards a player's total. An extra point is also gained for winning a set and a further three points for winning the match.

If after eight games a set is level at 4-4, a tie-break must be played as an extra game to determine who wins the set and the extra point. If the game scores are level after both sets (e.g. 6-2 2-6) a final tie-break must be played to determine who wins the match and the three extra points. For every match played 3 points will be awarded

and 6 bonus points for all matches played in the cycle on top of the points gained by winning sets and matches.

If players are tied in number of points then the promotion or relegations will be decided on the result of the match played between them in that league. If there was no match between them in that league then the player who has played the most matches will be ranked higher in the final league order

**Example:** Steve beats Tom 6-2 5-3. Steve gains 16 points towards his total and Tom 5 points to which an extra 3 points is added each to Tom and Steve for playing the match.

You will only need to enter the match score (e.g. 6-2, 6-2). The extra points for playing, winning the set or match will be automatically added to your total.

## Promotion and Relegation

- Promotion and relegation will be determined by the number of points players accumulate in the league. The players with the highest number of points will be promoted and the lowest demoted.
- To put a new cycle together the Club print the results out from the system and the system automatically arrange the next leagues cycle.
- Occasionally the Club has to manually adjust/organise the new cycle taking the following points into account:
  1. New league joiners who may need to be placed in appropriate leagues for their standard
  2. Previous players who want to come back into the leagues
  3. Players who drop out of the leagues
  4. Total number of players for the new cycle, etc.
- Taking in consideration points 1-4 described above, a player may occasionally get demoted/promoted more than one division.  
Sometimes if the next cycle has more participants than the previous one some players would not necessary get promoted to a different division, however they would normally be playing against better/different players.
- If after a new cycle has been published you consider you have not been allocated in the correct division please get in touch with the League Organiser.

## Walkovers

- If a player fails to turn up to an arranged match, the other player can claim a walkover score of 11 points in divisions 1 -4 and 21 points in the other Divisions.
- This also applies if a player cancels a match on the day a few hours before the arranged match.

## Extra Rules

- A player who fails to play any matches should confirm they wish to remain in the next league cycle to the organiser.
- If a player gets injured and is unable to play any more matches, they must contact the Club and players in their division as soon as possible by email or phone call.
- If an injured player wants to return to the leagues or to be added to the next leagues cycle, it is their responsibility to contact the Club.