

2017 CLUB HANDICAP TOURNAMENT

RULES

1. The minimum age for entry is 14 years old on or before 31st December 2016.
2. All Singles matches will use the new "first to" 21 point scoring system (final details re: number of sets and when to change server/ends etc will be circulated/displayed nearer start date).
3. All doubles matches will consist of THREE SHORT SETS (6-5) with sudden death deuce (the plus and minus handicaps will be allocated as appropriate).
4. No entry will be accepted without payment of the correct entry fee in full by the closing date published.
5. An event will be held only with a minimum of 8 entries
6. All matches will be played under the LTA Rules, Code of Conduct and The West Hants Club Rules
7. The appointed Ratings Committee will allocate handicaps and its decision on the matter is final.
8. Without exception matches must be played by the given play-by-date which will be strictly enforced. **Both** players have responsibility for ensuring this happens.
9. **Players bracketed top have the responsibility of contacting their opponent and offering 3 reasonable dates on which to play the match. They should also provide the balls. Court surface should be mutually agreed or decided by a coin toss. Court fees should be shared.**
10. **If no fixture agreement is made the match must be played on the actual play-by -date.**
11. **If there is no result on the draw sheet the morning after the play by date then the top listed player(s) will go through automatically (therefore the bottom listed player(s) should also make efforts to contact their opponent to arrange the match and avoid a walk-over).**
12. The Referees must be informed (before the play-by date) of any difficulties arranging matches. Missing results will have Rule 11 applied.
13. Balls will be provided on Finals Day.
14. Finals Day is a set date (Saturday 13th May) and **players must be available for Finals Day or scratch at match point in the quarter final stage or earlier.**

PLEASE NOTE:

- There is no seeding in a Handicap Draw.
- Players who did not indicate a playing standard on their entry form have been allocated 0 Handicap (except when Coaches have been able to give advice on playing ability).
- The cost of court bookings should be shared.
- 1st match losers will go into a consolation (plate) draw. Consolation finals will have a set play by date (i.e not be part of main draw finals day). The Referee will enter the losers in the correct place on the consolation draw after each 1st round match is completed. Please make sure you keep an eye on the Main & Consolation Draws to arrange your next match.

DOUBLES SCORING

- If both players have the same handicap i.e. -15 v -15 then they can start level at scratch 0.
- Handicaps can only be averaged out if you are both either minus handicaps or plus handicaps.. I.e. -e.g: -30 v -15 can be changed to -15 v 0
Or +15 v +30 can be changed to 0 v +15
However -15 v +30 cannot be changed to 0 v +40 (a plus and a minus **cannot** be averaged out)
- To avoid confusion please make sure the score is announced clearly after each point.
- Remember to start the service game from the correct side of the court depending on your handicap combination. For example:

0	v	-15	Serve from the left
0	v	+15	Serve from the left
0	v	-30	Serve from the right
0	v	-40	Serve from the left
-15	v	+15	Serve from the right
-30	v	+15	Serve from the left