

# **Pro set tennis; both singles and doubles**

## **Background**

The pro set league was established to encourage competitive play in the winter, so matches had to be largely completed within the usual hourly booking slots. Hence the scoring of first to 9 games was adopted.

The aim of the leagues was to provide friendly competitive matches between club members of similar ability. It's been brought to the attention of the Tennis Forum that withdrawals and walkover claims have become a problem

## **The Rules of the pro-set (both singles and doubles) are;**

- All games will count toward the final score. Please record your score on the sheets after the completion of each match (e.g. W 9-3 or L 3-9 etc). A bonus point for winning the match will be added by Sasha at the end of the cycle. To encourage players to complete all matches each player will receive 1 bonus point for each match completed. The total points will be tallied by Sasha at the end of each league cycle.
- First to 9 games; with a standard tie break if the score is 8 all
- Each game will be subject to sudden death at deuce; the receiver may choose the side they want to return from.
- Book any court/ surface at anytime (usual sticker fees apply). Players who make contact with the opposition and advance book the court get first choice on surface.
- No match court restrictions, however if the match is incomplete at the end of the booking session the score must be submitted as is. If before the contest, opponents agree to complete the match later or elsewhere, then provided the result is entered before the closing date for the league this is acceptable
- All matches must be played by the play by date i.e. the close of the league.
- Responsibility for arranging matches should be shared as should the cost of booking the courts.

## **League Arrangement**

- The cycle of matches may extend for a number of months. This will not be the same for each cycle to allow for summer holidays etc. Each league will consist of 6-9 players
- New players coming into the leagues will be placed into an appropriate league (based on their Club colour grade), and not necessarily starting from the lowest league. This may mean more relegations from certain leagues. However the winner of each subsidiary league will be promoted at the end of each cycle (in some cases the runner up may also be promoted).
- When offering to play 3 reasonable dates should be proffered (e.g. 3 over a 2 week period to include one weekend in order to accommodate players who may work weekdays) this means arrangements should NOT be left until the final week of the cycle.
- There are no prizes awarded for any of the leagues (single or doubles).

## **Withdrawals**

- Where an individual or doubles pair withdraws from the league for a bona fide reason such as injury all results for and against the withdrawn player(s) will be nullified. The withdrawal will automatically be relegated at the next cycle.
- Where an individual or doubles team withdraws from the league without a bona fide reason they will automatically miss the next cycle and be relegated at the next reinstatement date.

## **Walkovers**

The reasons for a walkover are;

- No show of an opponent
- You have offered three reasonable dates and the match is not scheduled/ agreed
- Cancellation with less than 24 hours notice –in the absence of a mutually agreed rearrangement

In all cases players claiming the walkover should email [sasha.wood@westhants.co.uk](mailto:sasha.wood@westhants.co.uk) giving the details of the walkover claim. The Tennis Forum will then adjudicate.