

Highgate Club Tournament - Saturday 4 August to Saturday 18 August 2018

Tournament Guidelines for Entrants

The annual club tennis tournament is the main event in our fixture calendar. To ensure that everything runs smoothly and successfully, given the large number of matches that need to be played throughout the tournament, it is important that everyone participating abides by the following rules.

1. Match Scheduling

All matches are organised between opponents and played by the "Play By" dates. The "Play By" dates are clearly set out on the draw sheets. In the event of very bad weather these dates will be reviewed as required.

You should only enter the tournament if you are available to play on Finals Day.

If you are playing in a singles tournament and find you are unable to continue beyond the next round, you can either grant a walkover to the opposition or concede at match point.

If you are playing in a doubles tournament and find you are unable to continue beyond the next round, it is your responsibility to inform your partner, who then has the option to grant a walkover or to concede at match point.

If you are unable to contact your opponent, cannot agree a time to play by the date set, are not around for any significant time during the tournament or have any queries regarding scheduling, please email the tournament organiser, Jack Luscombe (jackmluscombe@gmail.com) to discuss.

The tournament committee urges all players to respect the play by dates; it is within the discretion of the committee to scratch a player if they consider that a player is not taking the deadlines seriously.

2. Booking Courts for Matches

These should be recorded in the Booking Schedule which can be found in the Clubhouse; allow a maximum of one and a half hours per match. The schedules will make it clear which courts are available for each time slot.

3. Court Availability

All of the following will be available for Tournament Matches: Highgate Courts 1 - 4. Please refer to the Booking Schedule (as above) for arranging matches

4. Priority Scheduling

The scheduling and booking of Main Tournament events should take priority over Plate matches.

5. Entry fees

£8 per person per event for adults and £4 per person per event for Juniors should be paid before playing the first match to the organiser or one of the organising committee. There will be no charge for lights.

6. Tennis Balls

Please return balls when you finish. If you play a match before 6pm during the week or 9am at weekends you will have to supply your own balls.

7. Match Play

All matches are best of three tiebreak sets.

8. Line calls

It is up to the receiver to decide a line call and the decision is then final.

9. Scores

Should be recorded by players on the sheets in the Clubhouse at the end of the match.

10. Late Arrivals

If you are more than 15 minutes late for a scheduled event you forfeit the first set; if you are more than 30 minutes late you forfeit the match.

Forfeits can be avoided if you contact your opponent 24 hrs in advance to agree a rescheduled time. Any disputes should be referred to the tournament organiser, Jack Luscombe (jackmluscombe@gmail.com).

11. Plate Events

You are eligible to sign up for a Plate Event if you are a first round loser or you lose your first match following a bye. Plate events are not open to seeds.

12. Substitutions

If you are playing in a doubles tournament and your partner is injured in an early round, please do not substitute your partner without first consulting the tournament organiser, Jack Luscombe (jackmluscombe@gmail.com).

13. Finals Day

If the finals cannot be played on Saturday 18th August because of bad weather, they will be played on Sunday 19th August.

If the weather also prevents play on Sunday 19th, the finals will be played on a date in August or September which is mutually convenient to all finalists.

Remember, whatever happens in your matches, don't forget to come along to the finals day and summer party on Saturday 18th August. Good luck with your matches!