

BANBURY & DISTRICT TENNIS – SUMMER LEAGUE RULES

Amended: February 2011

1. The matches will be played in the evenings and players to be on court and ready to play at **6.15 p.m. PROMPT (or a mutually agreed time)**. If two pairs are not ready to play half an hour after the time agreed for the commencement of the match, the opposing team **MAY** claim two rubbers 11 games to love.
2. The **HOME** team will be **responsible for confirming the match details and establishing a contact (in case of emergency) at least 3 days before the date** of the match and notifying the visiting team if the courts are unplayable on the day of the match.
3. If a team fails to turn up without notifying the opposing team captain, at least **48 hours** before the match, they will be deemed to have lost the match. *If a team cancels a match on the published date for reasons other than for inclement weather or the unfit state of the courts, that team will concede the match and the points awarded to the opposition.*

NOTE: Each team is allowed to re-arrange ONE match for whatever reason, in addition to any postponed due to the weather, provided the opposition is in agreement.

4. The **HOME TEAM** must advise the Secretary if a match cannot be played due to inclement weather or the unfit state of the courts by **telephone or email within 7 days**. The mutually agreed rearranged date must be notified to the Secretary **within 14 days by email**.
5. Should a match be abandoned before 5 rubbers are completed, the entire match must be replayed at the same venue and the **re-arranged date notified to the Secretary within 14 days by the HOME TEAM**.

If 5 rubbers have been completed, the result will stand and the match be completed at a later mutually convenient date and such dated **notified to the Secretary within 14 days by the HOME TEAM**. Players completing a match may be different from those originally chosen.

6. **NO PLAYER MAY PLAY DOWN FROM HIS/HER NORMAL TEAM**. Players who have played three times for a higher team are not eligible to play in his/her lower team in that season. In a case where a Club is genuinely short of players, the Club may apply to the B.T.L. Secretary who will use his/her discretion and may allow exceptions to this Rule if he/she considers the plea reasonable.

7. MATCHPLAY

Teams will consist of 3 men and 3 ladies who should be listed in order of their playing ability. The match will consist of 3 men's doubles, 3 ladies' doubles and 3 mixed doubles. Each rubber will consist of 11 games with a tie-break to be played at 5-5. Ends will be changed on alternate games.

ONE point will be awarded to each team for each SET won in each rubber. In the event of a tie on points, the League positions will be decided by the total number of games won in all rubbers played.

The **HOME TEAM** is responsible for sending a completed match result card , **including the full names of all players**, to the League Secretary **within 7 days** after the match and

for supplying **NEW** balls for each match. The **Home Team** will also be responsible for providing appropriate substantial refreshments.

ORDER OF PLAY:

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| 1 1st & 2nd Men | v 1st & 2nd Men | 6 2nd & 3rd Ladies | v 2nd & 3rd Ladies |
| 2 1st and 2nd Ladies | v 1st and 2nd Ladies | 7 1st Man & 1st Lady | v 1st Man & 1st Lady |
| 3 1st & 3rd Men | v 1st & 3rd Men | 8 2nd Man & 2nd Lady | v 2nd Man & 2nd Lady |
| 4 1st & 3rd Ladies | v 1st & 3rd Ladies | 9 3rd Man & 3rd Lady | v 3rd Man & 3rd Lady |
| 5 2nd & 3rd Men | v 2nd & 3rd Men | | |