

## CROWTHORNE TENNIS CLUB TOURNAMENT 2017 – RULES

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### 2. FORMAT

- a. The tournament is a knockout competition with seeds placed according to LTA rules.
- b. There are eight events - Ladies' and Men's Singles, Ladies' and Men's Doubles and Mixed Doubles, Handicap Singles, Handicap Doubles and Veterans' Doubles.
- c. Where possible the format for the events will initially be round robin so that entrants play at least two matches. Positions in round robins will be decided by 1) players winning the most matches 2) % of sets won 3) % of games won. If a player or pair does not complete all their round robin matches, the committee may remove all their results from the event.
- d. If an event is not organized as a round robin format, players losing their first match (unless through injury or conceding) will be entered into a Plate Event, *as long as there are deemed to be sufficient entries*. If played, the Plate competitions will be knockout events with matches to be played after Finals Day and with Finals in November. Any player winning their 1<sup>st</sup> round match on a walkover will be entered into the Plate event if they lose their 2<sup>nd</sup> round match.

### 3. DRAW

- a. Members of the Tournament Committee will conduct the draws on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April.
- b. The draw will be placed on the notice-board in the clubhouse and on the website.
- c. Please make every effort to play your matches by the dates indicated.
- d. Try to arrange your matches early, not just before the deadline.
- e. Let the organiser know if you are having trouble organising your matches.
- f. Late entries will be accepted from members in exceptional circumstances and from new members who join after the draw has taken place if no matches have been played in an event and a bye is available in the first round, the bye to be selected by lots.

### 4. INJURY or NON-AVAILABILITY

- a. The following rules are to ensure that as many matches as possible get played rather than conceded and that we always have a full complement of players on both Finals Days.
- b. If you feel you have a good chance of reaching the final and circumstances change to make you unavailable on Finals Day, you have two choices:
  - i. Play your next match and, if you reach match point in your favour, concede the match.
  - ii. Withdraw before your next match, in which case the player(s) you beat in the previous round will go through in your place.
- c. If you are injured during the course of the tournament in between rounds and have to withdraw, the player(s) you beat in the previous round will go through in your place.

### 5. RESULTS

- a. Please email your result to russell.finch@sky.com, or text the result to him (07725 965060).
- b. For handicap events please take a photo or a scan of the scoresheet and send that.

### 6. RULES

- a. In all matches except those specified below in point b, two sets with a normal tie-break (first to 7 with a 2 point margin) will be played. If the sets are 1-all, a champion's tie-break (first to 10 with a 2 point margin) will be played in place of a 3<sup>rd</sup> set to decide the winner.
- b. In the semi-finals and final of the men's and ladies' singles, men's, ladies and mixed doubles if the sets are 1-all a 3<sup>rd</sup> long set (with a tie break at 6-6) will be played to decide the winner.
- c. Handicap events will have different scoring, to be notified to players as the event progresses.

### 7. BOOKING

- a. An on-line booking system is available for booking a court for tournament matches.
- b. To register for on-line booking,
  - i. Click on Court Bookings in the Match Play Menu
  - ii. Click on **here** in the Court Bookings page
  - iii. Click on the **Log in** button in the Booking System page
  - iv. Click on **username request form**
  - v. Fill in and **Submit** the username request form
  - vi. Do this, preferably, as soon as you enter the tournament to avoid delay
- c. To book a court, click on a + sign in the Day or Week view and fill in the details. Preferably enter the details of your match in the **Details (optional)** box.
- d. You don't have to book a court for a match but it ensures you will find the court is free when you arrive at the club.
- e. If you do not have access to a computer you may get another member to book on your behalf; get them to put your match details in the **Details (optional)** box.
- f. The on-line booking system shows when courts are available for booking.
- g. You may book for a maximum of 2 hours.
- h. Rescheduled league matches take precedence over members' bookings.
- i. For all rounds up to and including the quarter finals, one 2-hour session may be booked
- j. For the semi-finals, which can involve a long 3<sup>rd</sup> set, a third hour may be booked.

### 8. BALLS

- a. In round robin matches, the organiser will let you know whose job it is to provide the balls. That person/pair will keep the balls at the end of the match.
- b. In knockout matches both opponents should bring an unopened can of 4 balls of recognised championship quality. By spinning, they decide which balls to use. At the end of the match, the winner gets the unopened can to carry forward for the next round and the loser keeps the used balls.
- c. Balls are available from Richard McCully for £4.50 a tube.