

CLUB SESSIONS – These guidelines are relevant mainly at busy times, such as on Tuesday and Thursday evenings but could equally be applied at other times particularly when there are solitary players waiting.

1. Who plays next – Time of arrival IN THE CAR PARK will determine who is next in line. However, when the courts are full and there are more than 3 players waiting, any fours which have been pre-arranged from those waiting will go on next followed by the new arrivals. If no fours have been pre-arranged, the new arrival will go on with players selected from those waiting – an encouragement to get those waiting to organise themselves for a quick turnaround.
2. Selecting players – To avoid confusion, when selecting players by picking from a bunch of racquets, the selection will be for who will play rather than for who will sit out, unless clearly stated otherwise beforehand. In either case, common sense should prevail and some manual juggling will be allowed to avoid repeated fours.
3. Deuce – To ensure a rapid turnaround of players when (a) the courts are full and there are players waiting or (b) there is a single player waiting, a committee or other senior member will announce that a Silver Deuce is to be played. This is a sudden-death point on the second deuce as opposed to a Golden Deuce which is sudden death point on the first deuce. The receiving pair decides who receives service on the sudden death point. Note that if 2 or 3 players are waiting and there is a spare court, they have the option of playing singles or a three. When no players are waiting and all players present agree, they may decide to play a full deuce.

THURSDAY MATCH PRACTICE – Normally starts at 7.15pm although Ladies match practice may start at 6.30pm to suit the players. It is for teams playing matches at the following weekend. At least one court will always be available for non-team players. Those not playing in the match practice will follow the club session guidelines above.

1. The Men's, Ladies' and Mixed captains are authorised by the committee to organise their match practice how they see fit. This includes taking team players from social fours to ensure a timely start, involving non-team players, male or female, to make up the numbers and allowing new partnerships to play consecutive sets.
2. A full deuce should be played to simulate match conditions and provide a realistic match practice as we recognise that the success of our teams can be a major factor in attracting new members.