

Crowthorne Tennis Club

Championships 2023

Both singles and doubles Handicap events will run this year using more conventional tennis scoring, so if the old tie-break scoring system was putting you off, please enter this year. If you played these events before and didn't do too well, please don't be put off as your handicaps will be easier next time around. If you haven't played the handicap events at all before, there are usually lots of close matches between players of all standards so please give the handicap events a try as anybody can beat anybody.

PLEASE NOTE: The rule regarding your availability on Finals Days was changed a few years ago in the interest of encouraging more members to enter the tournament. Obviously, if you think you have a good chance of reaching a final, it would be foolish to enter knowing you are unavailable on a Finals Day, unless you would be prepared to change your plans should you be successful. Nevertheless, with the best will in the world, emergencies, business commitments, etc., can sometimes mean that you are no longer available for the finals in which case you should refer to the attached rules for your course of action.

There is no entry fee; however, players will supply their own balls which must be a recognised brand suitable for matches. In round robin events, the players will be told who should bring the balls and they will keep them afterwards. In knockout rounds both players (both pairs in doubles) must arrive for each match with a new tube of 4 balls. The players will spin to decide which balls to use. In the knockout stages the losers will retain the balls used for the match and the winners will keep the unused balls. Balls may be obtained from Dominic at £5.50 a tube.

Entries must be received from paid-up members only and nominated juniors by **midnight on Saturday 15th April** with the draw taking place on Sunday 16th April. Late entries will be accepted only from new members joining after 15th April and after the draw only if (a) there are byes available in the first round / gaps in a round robin group and (b) no ties have been played in that competition, in which case a draw will decide which bye/gap will be replaced by the new member.

Entries will be posted on the club website when they have been received. Tournament rules are attached and are also available on the website.

All disputes will be resolved by a decision from the tournament organiser (Russell Finch) after discussion with members of the tournament committee.

Entries will be accepted (a) on this form, posted to Crowthorne Tennis Club, c/o 51 Ellis Road Crowthorne RG45 6PR or (b) by email to russell.finch2103@gmail.com ensuring the events and partner's name (where relevant) are included. Alternatively you can enter online by completing the form on the link below.

[Entry Form 2023](#)

Finals on Sunday 9th July

Please enter me for the following events - (Name)

| Tick | Partner Name (please enter "Required" if you need a partner) |
|--------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Men's Singles N/A |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Handicap Doubles |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Mixed Doubles |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Ladies' Singles N/A |

This year the Handicap Doubles will be played using conventional tennis scoring rather than the tie-break system used in previous years - the handicaps and scoring will be notified to the players on a match-by-match basis.

In the other events matches are the best of three sets with a normal tie-break (first to 7 with a 2 points margin) at 6-6. If a 3rd set is required, this is replaced by a champion's tie-break (first to 10 with a 2 points margin). In the semi finals and finals, matches will consist of three full sets with normal tie-breaks at 6-6.

In all four events, where the numbers of entries allow it I will organise round robins so that everybody who enters gets at least 2 matches. With this in mind, please ensure your availability is very good in May, June and July as there will be tight deadlines to get all the matches played in time.

Finals on Sunday 17th September

Please enter me for the following events - (Name)

| Tick | Partner Name (please enter "Required" if you need a partner) |
|--------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Handicap Singles N/A |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Men's Doubles |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Ladies' Doubles |

This year the Handicap Singles will be played using conventional tennis scoring rather than the tie-break system used in previous years - the handicaps and scoring will be notified to the players on a match-by-match basis.

In the other events matches are the best of three sets with a normal tie-break (first to 7 with a 2 points margin) at 6-6. If a 3rd set is required, this is replaced by a champion's tie-break (first to 10 with a 2 points margin). In the semi finals and finals, matches will consist of three full sets with normal tie-breaks at 6-6.

In all three events, where the numbers of entries allow it, I will organise round robins so that everybody who enters gets at least 2 matches. Please ensure that you stick to the deadlines for each round of matches so that we can get all the matches played in time.