

TOURNAMENT RULES

1. The Tournament Committee shall be Cliff Gray, Neville Illingworth-Law (Assistant Tournament Referee), John Philipson & Gordon Smith, WITH CLIFF ACTING AS TOURNAMENT REFEREE.
2. All entries to the Tournament shall be made directly by the individuals concerned by completion of the prescribed Tournament Entry Form, or by verifiable electronic means. Entries which are communicated verbally will NOT be accepted. All entries to doubles events must state the names and contact details of both individuals concerned, i.e. the Tournament Committee cannot accept requests to provide partners.
3. Under no circumstances shall entries be accepted, nor doubles partnerships altered, once the Tournament Draw has been made.
4. The Tournament Committee shall decide the Seeding in each event.
5. In First Round Matches, the person/pair who is in the higher position in the Draw shall be responsible for getting the Match arranged as quickly as possible.
6. In subsequent Rounds, the second person/pair to add their name(s) to the Results Sheet on the Notice Board shall be responsible for getting the Match arranged, and must proceed to do so at the earliest opportunity.
7. The court surface of all matches (excluding the Finals, which shall be played on the Claytex courts numbered 1, 2 & 3) shall be decided by agreement between the players in each match or, failing agreement, by toss of a coin.
8. There shall be a tiebreak at 6-6 in every set, including all Final Sets.
9. If any match is not completed on the day on which it commenced (e.g. due to rain or bad light) that match shall recommence from the score at the time it was interrupted.
10. All Results must be entered on the Results Sheet on the Notice Board immediately the match is completed. www.LowlandsClub.com shall also be updated with the results at regular intervals (please email results to Club.Draw@LowlandsClub.com or text results to 07730 582 912), but the Results Sheet on the Notice Board remains the principal means of notification of Match results.
11. **IMPORTANT:** The Tournament Referee reserves the right to scratch any player/pair he considers to have acted in breach of the Tournament Rules. **IN PARTICULAR, THOSE FOUND TO HAVE UNJUSTIFIABLY DELAYED THE PROGRESS OF THE TOURNAMENT SHALL BE SCRATCHED FROM THE EVENT IN QUESTION**, e.g. should any player (including a player in a doubles pairing) be unavailable to complete a round by the play by date, that player/pairing shall, subject to the discretion of the Tournament Referee, be treated as having withdrawn from that Event.
12. By entering an Event, all entrants agree that they are available to play in the **FINALS ON SATURDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER 2009**. Apart from the circumstances described in Rule 14, below, immediately a participant in the Tournament becomes aware that they will be unavailable on Finals Day, they shall scratch from all Events in which they are entered, and communicate this both to their opponents and to the Tournament Committee at the earliest opportunity.
13. The Assistant Tournament Referee shall monitor the progress of the Tournament, and may issue reminders to those involved in matches that are likely to fall behind schedule.
14. Should any player who has progressed beyond the semi-final stage become subject to injury/personal indisposition prior to or during Finals Day, the Tournament Committee may (subject to the seriousness of the circumstances) allow postponement of any affected events on Finals Day. Such discretion shall be exercised in exceptional circumstances only.
15. Subject to their availability, as many Finals as possible shall be presided over by members who volunteer to act as umpires; in the event of a dispute, any decisions made by such Volunteer Umpires must be abided by.
16. In the event of any queries/disputes/suggestions, please talk directly to Cliff, or the Tournament Committee via Club.Draw@LowlandsClub.com For issues which are urgent, and where Cliff is unavailable, please call Nev - 07730 582 912

If you have any comments or suggestions please state them here or e-mail Club.Draw@LowlandsClub.com