

Lowlands Winter Singles Box Leagues Rules

Rules are simple:

1. Please attempt to complete all your matches by end of the Designated period.
2. All matches are the best of 3 (tie-break) sets.
3. Please start arranging your matches whenever convenient but whoever initiates the contact with his opponent has the advantage of being able to suggest the dates (please offer three dates, two of which must be at the week-end and if surface cannot be agreed, toss a coin). Please avoid "Club Sessions". **Also Please Note, If you are having problems arranging matches, contact box-league@lowlandsclub.com ASAP and we will consider whether walkovers are appropriate (see rule 7)**
4. Promotion & Relegation will be determined generally on a two-up, two down basis (but depending on the size of the Divisions and fresh exodus and influxes, this could vary). The final standings of each group shall be determined by the following priority:
 - a) Greatest number of points;
 - b) Greatest number of wins;
 - c) head to head results;
 - d) The highest percentage of sets won to sets played;*
 - e) Highest percentage of games won to games played;*
 - f) Draw by lot.
5. Points are allocated, according to the following
 - a) 1 point for playing the match
 - b) 2 points for winning the match
6. The winner is responsible for submitting the results within 3 days or by play by deadline for the current run (which ever is shorter)

7. A player is eligible to claim a walkover if 3 or more attempts by text or email to suggest playing dates, have not been acknowledged or acted on (proof required).
8. If a player cancels a match appointment without giving at least 12 hours notice, he will be deemed to have lost the match. His opponent will therefore be awarded 2 points, 2 sets and 12 games. However, a match CAN be cancelled at less than 24 hours notice due to bad weather conditions and by mutual agreement or due to extenuating circumstances.
9. If a player retires during a match, he will be deemed to have lost the match. His opponent will be awarded 4 points, 2 sets and 12 games. If the retiring player has won 1 set, however, he will be awarded 2 points, 1 set plus the number of games he had actually won before retiring.
10. If a match has to be abandoned (e.g. due to bad weather, loss of court availability), then the match must be replayed in its entirety, unless at least the first set has been completed, in which case the match shall proceed from the point when it was halted. If there is insufficient time to replay the match, then each player will be awarded 2 points, 1 set and 6 games each.
11. If a player is more than 30 minutes late for his match appointment, he will be deemed to have lost the 1st set and after 45 min, the whole match. His opponent will therefore be awarded 4 points, 2 sets and 12 games. Lateness will only be tolerated in extenuating circumstances (e.g. bad traffic and the opponent has called in advance to warn the affected party). Applying this rule is at the discretion of the affected party.
12. When a player is in a position where he can be promoted or relegated at the end of the league, but his remaining opponents are unavailable to play (see rule 3), then a walkover can be requested. In such case, the walkover comprises: 4 points, 2 sets and 12 games.
13. Matches that have NOT been completed by the end of the League, shall be deemed to be void.

14. Any player who becomes injured at the beginning of the run and therefore unable to play any of his matches can request that their position to be frozen in the Division for one run only.
15. A minimum number of matches (number to be announced at the beginning of each run) need to be played / attempted to avoid relegation.
16. The Organiser's decision on all matters is final

Please submit results by either

Email to box-league@lowlandsclub.com or Text to 07811 197592

Best endeavours to keep results updated regularly will be made on the Lowlands website (http://www.lowlandsclub.com/tennis/box_league.php) as results are emailed/ posted Back.

You do NOT require an LTA rating but those with ratings could use the winter matches to improve their standings in the LTA.