

TOURNAMENT RULES

1. Tournament Officials & Entry Rules

1.1. The Tournament Committee shall be comprised of Tournament Director / Referee & Chief Admin Officer

1.2. Entries

1.2.1. All entries to the Tournament shall be made directly by the individuals concerned by completion of the prescribed Tournament Entry Form by the stated Closing Date.

1.2.2. Entries which are communicated verbally will NOT be accepted.

1.2.3. 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.

1.2.4. The Tournament Committee shall decide the Seeding in each event

1.2.5. Although Late entries can be accepted in extenuating circumstances (eg New membership), entries shall not be accepted, nor doubles partnerships altered, once the Tournament Draw has been made

1.3. Referees Decisions

1.3.1. Each Event shall be provided with a neutral Referee who will be responsible for ensuring that deadlines are maintained and impartial decisions made regarding disputes.

1.3.2. The Tournament Referee may arbitrate in complex circumstances and shall retain right to overrule in disputes

1.3.3. By entering an Event, all entrants agree that they are available to play on the CLUB FINALS DAY. If a player(s) become unavailable for Finals Day, after the draw is made, they must notify the relevant Tournament Referee and withdraw immediately

1.3.4. If a player develops an injury which stops them playing before the allowed extension (including Finals Day), they must withdraw

1.3.5. If players arrange to go on holiday during the tournament, they must notify the Referee and organise their match BEFORE they return.

2. Organising Matches

2.1. Both parties are responsible for arranging matches but whom ever starts the process should offer three dates (at least one to include a weekend between 9 AM – 7 PM – see Court Schedule) within the allotted deadline.

2.2. If an agreed date cannot be reached, then the matter must be submitted to the relevant Referee BEFORE the deadline expires with suitable evidence of communications between parties.

2.3. At the referees discretion the deadline can be extended by 1 week due to justifiable reasons (eg Work Commitments, mutual unavailability etc..)

2.4. 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

2.5. The court surface of all matches shall be decided by agreement between the players in each match or, failing agreement, by toss of a coin.

3. Match Rules

3.1. Each Match shall be best of three sets. There shall be a tiebreak at 6-6 in every set, including all Final Sets.

3.2. If a player cancels a match appointment without giving at least 12 hours notice, he will be deemed to have lost the match. 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.

- 3.3. If a player retires during a match, he will be deemed to have lost the match**
- 3.4. 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.**
- 3.5. 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**
- 3.6. All Results must be via email to Club.Draw@LowlandsClub.com**
- 3.7. Apart from the circumstances described in Rule 3.7 above, 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**
- 3.8. 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**