

COMPETITION RULES

1. Matches are as detailed on the respective competition draw sheets. Dates are as shown.
2. All matches, up to semi-finals, are the best of 3 games; semi-finals and finals are best of 5.
3. All competitions, with the exception of the "Dave Fox", "Andy Sliwa", "Ladies" & "Veterans" competitions, will be conventional scoring. The Dave Fox, Andy Sliwa, Ladies & Veterans Comps are handicap competitions and are played using American scoring. Handicaps will be posted separately.
4. Handicap Comps:
 - American scoring - point scored on every rally, games played to 15 points.
 - Game reaches 14 all, next point decides game. No choice for playing 2 points.
 - Playing off handicaps:
 - Handicap (+2 V -4), games start at (+2 V -4).
 - Handicap (+2 V +4), games start at (0 V +2).
 - Handicap (-2 V -4), games start at (0 V -2).
5. **COMPETITORS WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ARRANGING THEIR OWN MATCHES UP TO THE FINALS. THE FINALS WILL HAVE COURTS PRE-BOOKED FOR THEM AND WILL BE PLAYED ON A CLUB NIGHT (WED OR THU). MATCHES TO BE PLAYED BY NO LATER THAN THE DATE SHOWN FOR EACH COMPETITION ROUND. FAILURE TO PLAY A MATCH OR TO RECORD A MATCH RESULT BY THE DUE DATE WILL RESULT IN BOTH COMPETITORS BEING ELIMINATED FROM THE COMPETITION, THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS.**
6. Normal arrangements between competitors for covering court lights.
7. Use of single or double dot ball will be by mutual consent between the competitors.
8. Anyone unable to make a prescribed date or time will be responsible for re-arranging the match with their opponent. **RE-ARRANGED MATCHES MUST BE PLAYED BY NO LATER THAN THE DUE DATE FOR THAT ROUND.**
9. Anyone failing to turn up for an arranged or re-arranged match without prior notice to their opponent may have to forfeit the match; the discretion will lay with their opponent. It is in best spirit of the competitions, and the club, that claiming a walk over should hopefully be avoidable; please try to be flexible and understanding.
10. Match winners are responsible for entering their name on to the sheet for the next round of the competition.
11. Marking is an important part of the competitions. Please volunteer to mark a match.