

NETHERSEALE LAWN TENNIS CLUB

CLUB TOURNAMENT RULES

ELIGIBILITY

The tournament is open to full members of each class of membership including juniors, but excluding social members. Subscriptions must have been paid before submission of the tournament entry.

ARRANGING MATCHES

Play-by dates will be set for each round and posted in the Clubhouse and/or on the NLTC Club website (www.nethersealetennis.co.uk). Players should endeavour to play their matches by this date. If there is a genuine reason why they have been unable to play by this date, the players may apply to the tournament referees for a reasonable extension of the deadline. The extension of the deadline will only be allowed if the players can satisfy the referees that they have a proposed date for the match as soon as possible after the play-by date. Examples of genuine reasons are overlapping holidays, short term illness, short term injury, etc. In all cases, the competitors must demonstrate to the referees that they have already made every effort to arrange the match before the play-by date.

In the event of the match not being played by the play-by date and no arrangement for an extension agreed with the referees, the tournament referees will decide whether one or both players are scratched from the tournament. In this respect, the tournament referees' decision is final.

MATCHES

Matches will be three set matches with normal 7 point tie-breaks being played at the end of sets one and two if the score is six all. A long set will be played for the third set.

FINALS DAY

All finals will be played on one day. At the start of the tournament, the Management Committee will set the finals day.

The tournament referees will determine whether weather conditions are such that finals day is cancelled or abandoned.

If a competitor becomes aware at any time during the tournament that they will not be available to play on finals day, then they must immediately scratch themselves from the tournament.

Tennis attire on finals day must be predominantly white.

Proper court etiquette must be observed on finals day. Excessive foul language and racquet abuse will not be tolerated.

CONTINUOUS PLAY

As a principle, play should be continuous from the time the match starts (when the first service of the match is put in play) until the match finishes.

If, for reasons outside the players' control, clothing, footwear or necessary equipment (excluding the racquet) is broken or needs to be replaced, the player may be allowed reasonable extra time to rectify the problem.

No extra time shall be given to allow a player to recover condition. However, a player suffering from a treatable medical condition may be allowed one medical time-out of ten minutes for the treatment of that medical condition.

If a player is unable to continue after the ten minute time-out, they must forfeit the match to their opponent.

Matches can only be suspended for bad weather or unfit/dangerous courts. All players involved in the match must agree to the suspension of the match for these reasons, otherwise play must continue. If a match is suspended for bad weather or unfit/dangerous courts, then the match will resume at the score that had been reached at the time play was suspended.

The International Tennis Federation rules on continuous play apply to the time between points (20 seconds), change of end games (90 seconds) and sets (120 seconds).

MIXED HANDICAP EVENT

The mixed handicap event is not open to regular first team players in the Burton Area Men's League, Zoe Rose and Natalie Curran.

The handicaps applied to each couple will be set by the tournament referees and their decision will be final in this respect.

In the event of a tie break in the first and/or second set, the handicap will apply at the start of the tie-break, eg +15 = +1, -30 = -2.