



TOURNAMENT RULES

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1. The tournament will be played between 7 teams on a round robin basis.
2. One point will be given for every game won. If two teams finish with an equal number of points by the end of the tournament, the following will determine the ranking for the final day:
 - a. 2 points will be given for every encounter won, 1 point for every draw
 - b. If rule 2a does not produce a clear ranking, the result of their direct encounter will decide the final ranking
 - c. If the rules 2a and 2b do not produce a clear ranking, a super tie-break is to be played between the players of the encounter which finishes last
3. Each team will be comprised of 14 players, namely 7 Men, and 7 Ladies as follows:
 - a. Men ranked from 1 to 7
 - b. Ladies ranked from 1 to 7
4. The rubbers will be as follows:
 - Men 1 – Men ranked 1 to 4 can play
 - Men 2 – Men ranked 5 to 7 can play
 - Mixed 1 – Men ranked 2 to 4 can play; Ladies 1 to 2 can play
 - Mixed 2 – Men ranked 4 to 6 can play; Ladies 3 to 5 can play
 - Ladies 1 – Ladies ranked 2 to 4 can play
 - Ladies 2 – Ladies ranked 5 to 7 can play

IMP: Lady ranked 1 can only play the Mixed 1

A complete walk-over (13 – 0) will be awarded to the opposing team if the above rules are not adhered to.

5. Each encounter will consist of 18 games. After the 9th game, partners can change from forehand to backhand. The order of service shall remain un-altered.
6. There will be two sessions: 19:30 and 21:00. Warm-up time is 10 minutes.
7. All players must play a minimum of 5 matches by the end of the tournament. Failure to meet the minimum requirement will lead to the team forfeiting 13 points at the end of the tournament.
8. If a player is not able to make up his/her minimum matches, the captain can play a lower-ranked player instead. In these circumstances the captain must indicate on the team sheet whether the player is playing instead of the unavailable player or playing his own game by writing "instead of" so that the organising committee will attribute this encounter to the unavailable player.

All captains are under a moral and sporting obligation not to replace players under the lower for upper option who are available for play. In the event of any dispute the decision of the tennis committee will be considered final.

9. In the event that a player scratches or is unavailable to play, then to cover the minimum, the captain may play any player ranked below who can play twice on the same day, and must state "promoted instead of" on the sheet.
10. To avoid walkovers, if either of the bottom players (Men or Ladies) are unavoidably missing and will not be able to complete their minimum requirement of matches, the player ranked 6th (Men/Ladies) can play twice on the day. The opposing players will start at 3 games to love (3-0).

However if the player ranked 6th is already scheduled to play in the 'Men/Ladies 2' game, then the captain may exceptionally replace the player ranked 7th by the player ranked 5th. The opposing players will start at 5 games to love (5-0).

The captain with the missing player must indicate the encounter in question by writing "instead of" on the sheet.

The organising committee reserves the right to award a walkover if the reason for which the bottom player is absent is not considered to be valid.

11. Failure to indicate on the formation sheet if the player is playing 'instead of' or 'promoted/demoted instead of' will be classed as a technical error. This will incur a penalty of six (6) points, which will be deducted from the team's final score of the evening's encounter.

Players may only be utilised in one match per encounter unless the player is promoted/ demoted to play instead of another player, which case the player can play his/her match plus the promoted/demoted match.

12. Replacements: The Committee **will help** to find a suitable replacement within a reasonable time, up to and including Round 5. The captain who requires the replacement is to suggest appropriate players.

The previous tournaments taken into consideration for replacements are:

- San Michel 2025
- Robbie Scerri 2024
- Floodlit 2024

The replacement can be in the same line or below of the scratched player in the above tournaments. Eg. If a scratched player was chosen as rank no 4 in this tournament, any player chosen in the above previous tournaments on lines 4 or lower, are considered acceptable.

In the case where a player is not known, the organising committee will decide on the replacement, which decision will be final.

Once a replacement is approved by the organising committee, this needs to be communicated to the opposing captain on the Captains WhatsApp chat **by not later than 19:30**, the evening before. Failure to do so, will result in a walkover.

13. Should a player with a declared unavailable date becomes available, the captain needs to advise the opposing captain and organising committee on the Captains

WhatsApp chat **by not later than 19:30**, the evening before. Failure to do so, will result in a walkover.

14. Any partial or wholly unfinished games postponed due to rain, power failure or any other reason have to be played as soon as possible, and by no later than 5 days from the scheduled date except in the last round when this will be determined by the organising Committee. For games played outside the scheduled times, and any unfinished games, **all** tournament rules apply.
15. Captains are **not** allowed to agree between themselves to start matches later than the scheduled times. To avoid walkovers the Committee will allow games to be played before the scheduled times on the same day of the scheduled encounter or allow the 21:00 session to be played later by not more than 30 minutes.
16. Players who are not on court more than 15 minutes after the scheduled time or immediately after the previous match finishes, will forfeit seven games (opposing team starts at 7-0). A walk-over of 13-0 will be awarded after 25 minutes from scheduled time.
17. The team formation sheet is to be presented to the opposing Captain and Committee members on duty at least 15 minutes before the first encounter i.e. by 19:15.
18. The team formation sheet cannot be altered, under any circumstances, in office and/or once presented to the opposing Captain and Committee members on duty. Any mistakes found will incur the relevant penalties.

Any protests must be submitted in writing to the organising committee within 48 hours of their occurrence. All decisions taken will be final and binding. Such protests will be dealt with by the Tennis & Padel Section Committee.

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