

Bungay Tennis Club Team Match Play Policy

The club committee has an active policy to enable club members to represent the club in matches against other clubs. We currently enter seven teams in five separate leagues:

- 1 team in Lowestoft & District mixed league;
- 1 team in South Norfolk Mixed league;
- 1 team in South Norfolk Ladies league;
- 2 teams in South Norfolk Men's league;
- 2 teams in Norwich Winter Mixed league.

When possible, the aim will also be to arrange some friendly matches to enable more members to experience match play.

A wide range of members have represented the club over the last year, and it is hoped that they have all enjoyed the opportunity to test themselves against players from other clubs.

The committee's policy for selecting teams tries to maintain a balance between competitiveness and participation.

Specifically, in the three leagues / competitions where we have more than one team (Summer Mixed, Winter Mixed, Summer Men's), then the first or A team (in Summer Mixed, the Lowestoft League team) will feature the club's strongest players. The second or B team in each league / competition will be selected from a wider range of players, to enable more club members to take part. Less experienced players will be given the opportunity play in friendly matches as an introduction to match play.

A designated League Coordinator on the main committee will co-ordinate overall league entries and finding Captains for each team. The Co-ordinator & Captains will form a sub-committee to liaise and organise league play, practice sessions, squads, and matches. Team captains will be responsible for sorting teams, travel, match sheets & match fees for individual matches – the League Coordinator can support this as needed.

Match Fees will remain at £5 per person per match for the Norwich Winter League and £3 for the Summer Leagues. Match fees to be paid by all players except for the official driver for away matches or multiple cars are needed as travelling from different directions to away matches.

All players representing the club need to be paid-up members (including those members from Hempnall TC). The only exception to this would be where no club players are available, in which case we may use a player from another club to avoid having to cancel the match.

To ensure that all members who want to play matches get a fair chance to test themselves, the club aims to arrange match practice sessions at the start of each season (Summer or Winter). In addition, if time permits, further sessions will also be arranged mid-way through each season, to allow new members to test themselves and to allow other members to show that they have improved. All members who want to play in matches should try to make themselves available for some of these practice sessions. Details of the session will be included in the club newsletter and posted on the club's WhatsApp group. Individual circumstances that prevent people from attending these sessions will be taken into account; an inability to attend these sessions will not automatically prevent members from being selected for matches.

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