



2024 CLUB TOURNAMENT

HOW TO ENTER:

All **entries and payments must be made online** via the club membership page:

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/DrummondTC/Membership/Join>

ENTRY FEES: £5 per person per event entered.

ENTRY DEADLINE: SUNDAY 7 JULY 2024

Questions? Email: drummondtournamententry@gmail.com

DATES:

- The draws will be published in the days after the entry deadline.
- Matches can commence immediately thereafter (court booking details to follow).
- **Finals Weekend 2024 will be split as follows:**
 - **Friday 30 August 2024:** Mixed Doubles Final (evening)
 - **Saturday 31 August 2024:** Men's and Women's Singles and Doubles Finals (all day)
- Sunday 1 September 2024 will be set aside as a reserve day in case of rain.
- If you are not going to be available on any of the above dates, it is advised that you do not enter the relevant draw(s).
- **Note:** The Tournament Committee reserves the right to alter dates at their discretion. Players are expected to be available to play on Fri/Sat/Sun of finals weekend (30 Aug-1 Sept 2024).
- Deadlines will be provided for each round. Matches must be played by those dates. If players cannot play then unfortunately they will be scratched*.
- The mixed handicap event will be held on the following weekend (Sat 7 September 2024) with details to follow separately at a later date.

DOUBLES EVENTS:

- For the **doubles events**, you can either enter with a named partner or enter as an individual and the Tournament Committee will allocate a partner to you if possible.
- When entering with a named partner, please **enter your partner's name under "county" in the address line of the online entry form.**
- Any club member can play in the tournament with any other member. This applies to men's, women's and mixed doubles.

RULES:

General:

1. To enter you must be a Drummond member.
2. You must have paid your tournament fee(s) to be included in the draw.
3. There are no refunds.
4. If you cannot play your match by the stipulated dates, you will be scratched.
5. If you become injured/cannot play before you have played your first match in the draw, then a replacement may be acceptable.
6. Final's weekend dates are fixed and will only be moved if courts are unplayable or if the courts have to close temporarily. (Dates may be moved at the discretion of the Tournament Committee and will be announced in advance).
7. In all matters the Tournament Committee's decision is final.

Matches:

- Match format: 2 full tie-break sets, third set is a championship tie-break (to 10) if required.
- Please arrange your own matches and book courts yourself.
- Players provide the balls.
- Each round will have a date by which it is to be played. It is up to you to make sure your match is played on time.
- Please be on time and warm up sessions to be kept to the minimum. This will allow players scheduled after you to play.

Finals:

- Singles finals will be played over three full tie-break sets (pending weather and/or scheduling pressures on the day).
- Balls will be provided.

Fair Play and Court Etiquette:

- Players and spectators must be respectful to those on court.
- Players can question line calls but must do so in a respectful manner and be able to point to the mark on the court. Anyone including the top seeds can get line calls wrong. If you cannot say for certain – then make the call in favour of the opponent. Here's a wee video explaining why we might make mistakes <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QOcSRzPDD84>
- We have players with a range of demands on their time – please be as accommodating as possible arranging matches. If players cannot arrange a suitable time then a decision will be made by the Tournament Committee in terms of progression.

Breaks during the match:

- Comfort breaks – players may take one break per set during the match at any change of ends.

- Injuries – if a player has an injury during the match, they can take one break at that point of up to 20 minutes.

We look forward to receiving your online entry!

Yours in tennis,

The 2024 Tournament Committee:

- Dan McKiddie
- Rachel Hepburn
- Gustav Venter

Any questions can be directed to drummondtournamententry@gmail.com (Note this is a different email address to last year).

** We want to be as accommodating as possible and encourage all members to participate. However, if an individual has limited time or is on holiday and holds up the draws then that could be a problem and should be flagged as soon as possible. As long as the matches get played reasonably on time then the Tournament Committee will be happy with some flexibility.*

It will be up to the person(s) holding up the draws to set up matches in advance and book dates in good time i.e. for Rounds 1 and 2 at least two dates for each match should be amicably agreed upon. If others can't fit with that schedule (or if on those days, it rains and another date cannot be found) then the person holding up the draw would be expected to scratch themselves. Players should not be so inflexible that a match cannot be played. This is meant to be a fun and sporting event.