

# Ewell Tennis Club

## Tournament Rules 2022

- 1) All players must be available for the Finals Day which for 2022 is **3<sup>rd</sup> September** and the reserve backup date the following Saturday on **10<sup>th</sup> September**, this is held in reserve in case weather prevents play on the **3<sup>rd</sup> September**. Please save both dates in your calendar. The likely start time will be 0930am, the schedule will be confirm nearer the time.
- 2) There will be a strict timetable for completing each round of the tournament, including semi-finals, that will be posted at the same time as the draw and will depend on the number of matches and rounds to be played.
- 3) The individual or pair that has on the top of each box (this is randomly drawn) will be responsible for making the initial contact with the opposition(s) to arrange a date to play the match. Where a match is not played by the due date, then the committee will ask for evidence of contact and content and hear the cases of all involved and will then determine which player/pair go through. This will be based on the effort expended to try to arrange the match, the availability or otherwise of the players and the reasons for the delay. In exceptional circumstances the Playing Committee may extend the time to play a match but this will consider any knock-on impact on the next round.
- 4) You **must** use the online booking system to book a court for your matches prior to playing. If a date is agreed that is more than a week ahead please email [menscaptainewelltennisclub@gmail.com](mailto:menscaptainewelltennisclub@gmail.com) with the date, time, court you require and players involved so we can reserve the court for you. We advised that at least 90 mins is booked to ensure completion of match. If weather prevents match from finishing, please re-arrange another day to complete the match from where it was left off on the same court surface you started the match on. Just a note that no matches are to be played during the below official club session times:
  - Tuesdays 6.30pm-8.30pm courts 2&3 (Team training)
  - Wednesdays 5.30pm-8.00pm all courts (Social Tennis)
  - Fridays\* (every fortnight) 6.30pm-8.00pm courts 2&3 (Ladies Social)
    - \* Every other Friday, please check online calendar for dates
  - Saturdays 9.00am-11am court 1 (Juniors)
  - Saturdays 11am-1pm court 2&3 (Juniors)
  - Sundays 9.30am-12noon all courts (Social Tennis)

Please note there will also be times where league matches are taking place on court 2 and 3, these will be put on system in advance so you will be able to see them when making a booking.

- 5) Please arrive in good time for any match and be ready to play. There are many matches to get through and so in the interest of completing matches on the day if you are 15 minutes or more late you forfeit the opening set. If you are more than 30 minutes late you forfeit the match.
- 6) Results should be emailed to [menscaptainewelltennisclub@gmail.com](mailto:menscaptainewelltennisclub@gmail.com) no more than 48 hours after the match from the winner of the match. Please email with the subject of Club Competition Result and in the email please state all players full name and set scores clearly. E.g. Joe Bloggs v John Doe 6-4 6-7 6-2. We will post the draw and all results via email at regular intervals so that you can track progress of the tournament.
- 7) Unfortunately with the Men's Singles there are is not a sufficient numbers of entries so **NO** plate competition will be arranged this year.

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- 8) Please follow all club rules in place such as sanitising hands on entry and exit, clearing the courts of large debris before play and sweeping the clay courts after play as per court instructions.
- 9) For this year the individuals involved can bring their own tennis balls as long as all are in agreement or use the club's tennis balls in the clubhouse to play matches, please agree this in advance to save any disagreements on match day. Balls must be good match quality balls, ideally a new or near new tube of balls. Please note for Finals day the matches will be played with club balls.
- 10) As we now have 2 different surfaces it is up to the individuals involved to agree on a court surface to play on prior to making a booking for the match. If this cannot be resolved please email [mencaptainewelltennisclub@gmail.com](mailto:menscaptainewelltennisclub@gmail.com) at least 48 hours in advance prior to match day and the playing committee will randomly allocate a court for the match with a coin toss. This is dependent on the court being available for the time the match is to take place. The playing committee will have final say on this. Please note for Finals day the matches will be played on Court 1(the Artificial Grass Court).
- 11) All Matches up to the Finals are 2 sets(tie break at 6-6), if 1 set each then a Champions Tie break is played to decide a winner. Tie-break is first to 7 or by a margin of 2 points if it gets to 6 points each. Remember for tie-break you switch ends every 6 points played. Think of the tie break as the 13<sup>th</sup> game, the first person/team to serve in the tie break will be the person/team who was receiving serve in the game just completed. You always switch ends at the end of the tie break. First server starts from the right side and only has one serve. Then server switches and they start from the left side, followed by a serve on the right side. This pattern of 2 serves each continues until someone wins. If a new set is required after tie break, it will be the person/team that did not start the tie break serving. In doubles it is the same pattern but each time you switch serving to the other team, you have to alternate your own server(so not the same person that served in your team last time your team served). The only exception to this alternate of server is at the start of a new set where the team serving can decide to switch the order and the team receiving can also decide to switch sides they are playing on. A Champions Tie break is to be played if it is 1 set each, this is like a normal tie-break except it is first to 10 or win by 2 points if it gets to 10-10.**
- 12) Matches on Finals Day will be Best of 3 tie break sets.**
- 13) Match play is not social play therefore as a rule of thumb you must only call a ball out if you are certain it was out. If you are not sure then the ball is in and you should give benefit of the doubt and not request a let. A let can only happen if a serve goes in off the net or if an outside influence directly affects play – this would include a ball rolling on court but either player must halt play during the live point not request a let after the point has concluded. However you should still have fun and play it in a sporting and friendly manner.
- 14) If you act in such a way as to put your opponent off their shot intentionally or otherwise this is hindrance and you forfeit the point. For example, shouting out before the ball has bounced twice just before the opponent is about to possibly make contact with it.

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- 15) If playing on clay, marks may be left on the court and an opponent can ask to see the mark so please make an effort to accurately identify it where necessary. If you call a winning shot out that can be proven in on inspection of the mark then you lose the point; however if it was a rally shot and you had a play on it then a let is played should you have mistakenly called the ball out. This occurs once only per player and if you are wrong again you lose the point. Do NOT rub the mark out with your foot before both parties looking at it, instead circle the correct mark and discuss with you opponent if needed.
- 16) For Finals Day all Finals will have an umpire, service line judge and a line judge for the furthest line from the umpire. All other lines will be called by the players. Umpires will overrule if required and their decision is final.
- 17) Any variation to the rules is entirely at the discretion of the playing committee.
- 18) Finally please remember this is an intra club tournament, it is serious and you should be competitive but please also have fun and enjoy the games. It is also a chance to meet other members at the club.

**Any questions please email [menscaptainewelltennisclub@gmail.com](mailto:menscaptainewelltennisclub@gmail.com) and the playing committee will answer them as soon as possible.**

**Good luck to all competitors!**