

Minety Open Mixed Tournament

Tournament Rules



1. General

- 1.1. The ITF rules of tennis shall apply throughout or as amended below.
- 1.2. The following shall apply for the morning and afternoon group stages.
- 1.3. Knock-ups should be kept to a minimum.
- 1.4. The first listed on the score sheet will be the Court Captain.
- 1.5. The Court Captain shall ensure that the rules are applied fairly, reviews the risks on an on-going basis and ensures that players are aware of all risks. They will also ensure that the score sheet is accurately completed.
- 1.6. In morning and afternoon sessions, the “no-ad” rule shall apply i.e., sudden death at deuce. In mixed doubles, the Player of the same gender as the server shall receive the deciding point. The Players of the receiving team cannot change positions to receive the deciding point.
- 1.7. New balls will be provided for the morning and afternoon group stages, the quarter, semi-finals and finals.

2. Morning

- 2.1. In the morning a sliding handicap will operate – one point to the opposition for each game won, up to a maximum of 30-0; plus or minus for each game won. For example, if couple A win the first game couple B start 15-0 up. Should couple A then win the next game then couple B start at 30-0. If couple A win the next game, then couple B remain at 30-0. Any game that couple B win reduces their handicap by 1 point. Games should be started reflecting the handicapped score.
- 2.2. If there are three couples in a group, then play each other twice for **9** games each time.
- 2.3. If there are four couples in a group, then play each other once for **9** games.
- 2.4. Please ensure that play is concluded by 12:00.
- 2.5. On returning to the village hall for lunch court captains should return the instruction pack, balls and score sheet to the Tournament Organiser.
- 2.6. Any players that do not wish to play in the afternoon should inform the Tournament Organiser as soon as possible.

3. Deciding Afternoon Groups

- 3.1. Players will be split into two groups for the afternoon depending on their standing in the groups of the morning session.
- 3.2. Depending on the number of entrants, in groups of:
 - three – one couple
 - four – two coupleswill proceed to the Championship group.
- 3.3. The remaining couples will proceed to the Plate Group.
- 3.4. In the event of two or more couples tying for first or second place in groups of three or four respectively, the places will be determined by looking at the winner of the matches between them. If a tie still remains, then a tiebreak shall be played to determine the tied places. This tie-break should be played before leaving the court.

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4. Afternoon

- 4.1. Please ensure that knock-ups are kept to a minimum and that play is concluded before afternoon tea.
- 4.2. If there are three couples in a group, then play each other twice for **5** games each time.
- 4.3. If there are four couples in a group, then play each other once for **5** games.
- 4.4. If the results of matches and travel arrangements permit, then court winners should return to the club as soon as possible so the quarter / semi finals can be played.
- 4.5. On returning for Afternoon Tea, court captains should return the instruction pack, balls and score sheet to the Tournament Organiser.

5. The finals

- 5.1. In the Championship and Plate groups the first couple in each group will proceed to quarterfinals / semi-finals.
- 5.2. In the event there are two courts in either the Championship or plate groups then the first two placed pairs will proceed to semi-finals.
- 5.3. If there's a tie for places the result from any match between them shall be considered. If there's still a tie then the results from the morning session will be added. If there's still a tie, then a tiebreak will be played to decide.
- 5.4. Quarterfinals will be the first to 5 games. The no-ad rule will apply.
- 5.5. Semi-finals will be the first to 5 games with normal deuces.
- 5.6. Finals will be a tiebreak set.
- 5.7. When there are three pairs through to the finals, such will be decided by a round robin of tie-break sets. If there is a tie at the end of the rubbers, the result between the pairs will decide the result.

6. Medical Issues

- 6.1. If there's a serious medical issue please dial 999 before calling one of the First Aiders listed below.
- 6.2. Trained First Aiders:
 - Judy Maxfield 07808 905554
 - Andy Dickinson 07525 470199
- 6.3. A first aid kit can be found in the Tennis Clubhouse.
- 6.4. A Defibrillator can be found on the side of the Minety Playing Fields Pavilion. You will need to make a phone call to obtain a code to release the unit, so please ensure that you have a mobile phone to hand.

7. Disputes

- 7.1. Should there be any issues then the Tournament Organiser can be contacted on the number below. After consultation his decision shall be final.

8. Tournament Organiser

- 8.1. Andy Dickinson - 07525 470199