

BOX LEAGUE RULES

1. Boxes comprise 4 or 5 players. Players shall play each other in the same box once during the prescribed period (generally five weeks). Matches are to be arranged by the players themselves at their mutual convenience.
2. Matches shall be played for a period of 55 minutes each excluding the time taken for knock up.
3. The score is the number of games won by each player.
4. Scores to be emailed to the organiser as soon as possible and before the end of the prescribed period.
5. Result in each box is decided by the total number of games won, except that a player who wins all their matches is deemed to be the box winner regardless of games scored. In the event of a tie the positions are decided according to:
 - a. the result of matches between the tied players.
 - b. The number of matches won or lost by each player.
 - c. Game difference.
 - d. The previously existing positions of the two players.
6. Boxes for the next month will be adjusted according to the following principles:
 - a. The top finishing player in any box will be promoted to the box above.
 - b. The bottom finishing player in any box will be demoted to the box below.
 - c. Players re-joining the league after temporary withdrawal will allocated a position according to rule 8.
 - d. Players entering the league for the first time will be allocated a starting position appropriate to their ability as determined by the organiser.
 - e. Additional promotion or demotion of players will be implemented to accommodate players joining or leaving the league.
7. **Players completing less than two matches in any month will be automatically removed from the league unless they positively affirm their continued interest by emailing the organiser before the next months boxes are published.**
8. Players are welcome to enter or leave the league for one or more periods to suit their personal commitments, but must advise the organiser by email in good time. In the event of a player withdrawing after the start of any period, any matches previously played will be voided. The re-entry point of players who have withdrawn will be determined as follows:

- a. They will re-enter above any player that they have beaten in their last 4 competitive encounters (or the two previous two box periods in which they participated).
 - b. They will re-enter below any player that beat them in their last 4 competitive encounters (or the previous two box periods in which they participated).
 - c. Conflicts between the above criteria will be resolved at the discretion of the organiser.
- 9. A points competition will run over the year commencing in September. Points will be allocated according to the number of games won each month. The number of points will be adjusted pro-rata according to the number of opponents in the box to allow for withdrawals and differing box sizes. Players completing less than two matches will not score, unless this is due to the withdrawal of others. There will be awards for the top finishing lady and gentleman.