



Handicap Tournament, Rules & Scoring System

Handicap system:

Players will be given a handicap "score" based on their ability that they take into each game. For example, if your handicap is +15, and your opponent's is Love (SCR), you start each game 15-0 ahead. Some players will have minus scores to take into each game. Doubles pairs will also be given a handicap score based on the ability of the combined players playing as a pair.

The Draws:

- Each draw is run as a straight knock-out, i.e. if you win then you progress to the next round but if you lose then unfortunately you are out of the draw.
- Each player/pair is drawn randomly and placed into the draw. There are no seeded players, matches should be played on a level playing field due to the handicap system. Therefore, some players may get lucky and given a bye into the 2nd round.
- Each round of each draw has a play-by date, see draws for details. Finals day schedule will be announced by the referees.

Matches:

- All matches will be the best of three sets in all rounds.
- All sets are played as long sets, i.e. you must win each set by 2 clear games, there are no tie breaks in any set.
- Fair play and sportsmanship must be shown at all times.
- Players will provide their own balls and pay for their own lights with the exception of the finals.
- It is customary for winners to offer to buy their opposition a consolatory drink, and for everyone to offer to buy the Tournament Referee a drink! See club rules for full details.

Arranging Matches, Booking Courts and Posting Results:

- It is the responsibility of both players to contact each other to arrange their match.
- This year we have allocated courts for Handicap Matches. Text Rob or Ben your Match day and ideal start time. Handicap matches can take longer so we will generate an order of play each week night. You can book your own court to play during the day or on a weekend too. Please note, If you run over your booked court time and another member has booked your court then you must vacate that court and book another court in order to resume your match.
- Please text Ben your results so these can be added to the online draw.
- Courts 3 and 6 will be bookable for tournament matches only during Men's (Tues) and Ladies (Wed) Nights.
- Matches not played by the play by date will be scratched from the draw. If you have issues contacting your opponent or arranging your match, then please contact the tournament referee.

Tournament Referees decision is final.

Tournament Referees:

Senior Referee - Martin Radford Tel 07970 700235

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Simplified Scoring System for The Handicap Tournament

The system is as follows:

+15.3 means you start each odd game 1,3,5 etc on 15 (Only 3 points to win the game) and each even game 2,4,6,8etc on 30 (Only 2 points to win the game).

+15 means you start each game on 15.

+0.3 means you start each odd game 1,3,5 etc on Scratch (love or normal 4 points to win the game) and each even game 2,4,6,8etc on 15.

SCR means this is a normal start at love.

-0.3 means you start each odd game 1,3,5 etc on Scratch (love or normal 4 points to win the game) and each even game 2,4,6,8etc on -15 (you need to win 5 points to win the game, the first to return to love and then the normal 4).

-15 means you start each game on -15 (5 points to win the game).

-15.3 means you start each odd game 1,3,5 etc on -15 (5 points to win the game) and each even game 2,4,6,8etc on -30 (6 points to win the game).

-30 means you start each game at -30 i.e. you need to win 6 points to win the game.

-30.3 means you start each odd game 1,3,5 etc on -30 (6 points to win the game) and each even game 2,4,6,8etc on -40 (you need to win 7 points to win the game, the first 3 to get to love and then the normal 4).

-40 means you start each game at -40 i.e. you need to win 7 points to win the game.

-40.3 means you start each odd game 1,3,5 etc on -40 and each even game 2,4,6,8etc on -50 i.e. you need to win 8 points to win the game.

-60 means you start each game at -60 moving through -50, -40,-30,-15, 0,15,30,40, Game i.e. you need to win 9 points to win the game.

If both players are on a plus or minus then the handicaps cancel on a point for point basis but a plus and minus remain for the match.

Example 1: Player A's handicap is +15 & Player B is -15.3.

Player A plays every game starting on +15. Player B starts every odd game in the set (1,3,5) on -15 and every even game in the set (2,4,6) on -30.

Example 2: Player C's handicap is +15 & Player D is +0.3.

Player C will start each odd game in the set (1,3,5) on +15 and every even game in the set (2,4,6) on Love. Player D will start each game on Love.

Example 3: Player E's handicap is -30 & Player F is -40.3.

Player E will start each game on Love. Player F will play each odd game in the set (1,3,5) on -15 and each even game in the set (2,4,6) on -30.

I hope that is all clear but any questions ask Martin or Ben.

