



RICHMOND LAWN TENNIS CLUB

# 2024 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

*Tournament first round starts Monday 20th May 2024*

*Finals Day Saturday 6th July 2024*

1. The championship is open to members of the Richmond Lawn Tennis Club who have paid their club subscriptions for the current 2024/25 season.
2. Entrance form and competition fee must be submitted by **5pm Wednesday 8th May 2024** at the latest to allow the Tournament Director (TD) time to make the draw.
3. A single fee of £10.50 per competitor is payable for entry, via this GoCardless link; <https://pay.gocardless.com/BRT00034BMVF91Y>
4. Payments must be made by using the provided GoCardless payment link.
5. Entries must be completed online on the RLTC Network on Global Tennis Network (GTN) via the following link:

[RLTC Club Championships 2024 - Tennis Event \(globaltennisnetwork.com\)](https://globaltennisnetwork.com)

6. **Players MUST be available to play on finals day (Saturday 6th July 2024).**
7. Seeds will be set by the club coaches with the tournament director (TD). This will be best estimate of relative playing standards, with consideration to performance last year and positions in the box ladders.
8. The tournament will conform to the Club rules. Each player/team to bring one unopened 4 ball tin to the match, with the winner taking an unopened tin to the next round, final inclusive.
9. Matches will be best of 3 sets. Normal tie break at the end of sets 1 and 2 and championship tie-break to 10 in the final set.
10. Players will be expected to score their own games, except for the finals.
11. All players will be jointly responsible for making contact with their opponents and arranging match dates, court bookings etc.
12. Match surface to be agreed before match start, finals will be played on tiger and grass weather permitting.
13. Competitors must arrive within 15 minutes of the agreed start time of their match; failure to do so will, within reason, entitle an opponent to claim the first set and a walkover if the competitor is more than 30 minutes late without giving sufficient notice. Any disputes will be decided by the TD.
14. Competitors will be required to complete their matches within the tournament schedule shown on the website and on GTN. To help achieve this and avoid any fixture congestion at the end of each round, players are asked to make arrangements to play their matches as early as possible in each round.
15. If a player is going to be away at any time throughout the tournament dates they MUST notify their opponent(s) AND the potential opponent(s) in the next round about their planned trip. This is to avoid a backlog of matches accumulating, due to several players being away one after the other.
16. If the match cannot be played or completed within the specified timetable for each round because of bad weather or unavoidable mitigating circumstances, the TD will arbitrate/decide on how best to proceed. This will likely result in one team being defaulted. Preference will sit with the team most available.
17. Semi final rounds MUST be played no less than two days before finals day, i.e by close of play on Wednesday 3rd July 2024.
18. Once play has commenced, no player replacements will be permitted in any doubles matches; if players are injured or unavailable for whatever reason, their partner will have to forfeit the match and grant their opponents a walkover.
19. The programme may be modified by the TD, whose decision in all matters will be final.