

*****Please play your matches as early as possible within the deadline, rather than leaving them to the last few days, and then you won't risk being rained off with no time to re-arrange!*****

*****PLEASE PUT YOUR SCORES ON FOR ALL MATCHES*****

WAKEFIELD TENNIS CLUB

TOURNAMENT RULES

Finals days are Saturday 2nd September for Handicap, and Saturday 9th September for Open. If it rains, they will be moved to Sunday 3rd September for Handicap and Sunday 10th September for Open. You cannot choose either Sunday to play, if there is no rain.

Note. Some Open Finals may be scheduled to be played on Handicap Finals day, and vice versa, at the committee's discretion, but this is only in certain circumstances

1. You **MUST** have paid your Club Fees before you play any games, unless you have personally contacted Bev, Danny or Jim
2. An entry fee of £2 per event, **MUST** be paid as a condition of entry, before any play, unless you have spoken to Bev or Danny. Bev will be collecting the cash for all entrants (or Danny if you never see Bev), and as a last resort, you can pay into the club bank account
3. 3 new balls in the Open matches, but use older ones for the Handicap
4. Both Open and H/C competitions will be played on the understanding that each match **MUST** be completed, by arrangement, before the closing date for each round. It is everyone's responsibility that this happens. If a match is not played before the closing date for that round, whether it's due to injury, sickness, unavailability etc the defaulting team, or player, will be scratched from the competition
5. The first name drawn out should be responsible for organising the match, but can you all just contact each other please
6. If a player/players has not played any matches and has to withdraw through injury etc, another player may take their place. Contact Bev or Danny should this happen, as we may have players in waiting who didn't get drawn, or couldn't find a partner, or we may be able to find someone. Better for the game to be played than not
7. If, during a match, opponents complain about foot fault, then this may be monitored by the referee and/or committee
8. The decision as to which team or player is to be scratched, will be made by the committee and their decision will be final
9. In the event that a finalist cannot play on the designated date, the losing semi- finalist will be placed in the final in their place
10. Where any disputes/anomalies arise, the committee will consider both sides, and their decision will be final

Tournament Committee

All Open Tournament matches are the best of THREE SETS (with tie-breaks at 6 games all).

Handicaps are completely different to normal play! All Handicap Tournament matches are just ONE SET, which must be won by two clear games (no tie-breaks at 6 games all).

The handicaps given to players/pairs is the number of points they receive in each game, the winner of which, is first player/pair to 10 points (sudden death at 9 points all). The side from which the FIRST SERVE is taken in each game depend on the handicaps. If the total is even (6 & 2, 3 & 7 etc), the first serve is taken from the right. If the total is odd (1 & 4, 6 & 3 etc), the first serve is taken from the left.

If a point has been won after the server has served from the wrong side, the point stands and the game continues with the server reverting to the correct side.

DON'T FORGET –
YOU MUST BE FREE
FOR -
HANDICAP FINAL ON
2/3rd SEPTEMBER
AND
OPEN FINAL ON
9/10th SEPTEMBER
BOTH FINALS WILL ONLY BE
ON 3rd OR 10th IF RAIN STOPS
PLAY ON THE SATURDAY