

## Wirral Tennis League 2014 Playoffs

### Saturday 6 September at Thorndale LTC & Bidston Tennis Centre Guidelines / Rules

**Thanks to Thorndale LTC for offering to facilitate the 2nd Wirral Tennis League playoff day.**

There are 6 playoffs (5 mixed + 1 mens) followed by presentation buffet later that evening.

**To complete all playoffs in the day the schedule is very tight.**

To facilitate playing all events in the one day the following conditions apply:

1. The final schedule will be published as soon as possible following WTL CM2 (Wed 13 Aug) which will give clubs 3 weeks notice.
2. If a player is required for more than one playoff then rescheduling may be required. Therefore if you have a player required to play in more than one playoff the fixture secretary must be emailed before WTL CM2 (Wed 13 Aug).
3. Players must be present 15 mins before their teams scheduled start time.
4. Play must start promptly.
5. Maximum of 5 mins knockup
6. Scheduled 2½ hours per match at Thorndale and 1 hour 10 mins per rubber at Bidston.
7. Rubbers are 2 tiebreak sets.
8. Order of play:
  - 8.1. 2<sup>nd</sup> ladies 2<sup>nd</sup> men 1<sup>st</sup> ladies 1<sup>st</sup> men 4<sup>th</sup> mixed 3<sup>rd</sup> mixed 2<sup>nd</sup> mixed 1<sup>st</sup> mixed.
  - 8.2. Maximum 5 minutes allowed between rubbers.
  - 8.3. Results of rubbers must be reported to organiser immediately completed.
9. If player not present when called then 1<sup>st</sup> set conceded. If not present after a further 20mins then 2<sup>nd</sup> set conceded.
10. If match exceeds scheduled time (and not because of bad weather – see point 10) then it will be deemed complete when one team has won (typically when 9 sets for mixed or 5 sets for mens have been won).
11. If any match is not completed on the day then it is to be continued at the runners up club on subsequent Saturdays (13 September 2014 etc) at 10am. However if a player is required for more than one match, which must be declared on playoff day, the lower teams match will be at 2pm. If bad weather stops play and the match has used its time allocation then it is to be continued as above.
12. Player eligibility:
  - 12.1. Played 25% matches in team (or lower team) in the current season. ie 4 matches for all teams except for Oxton3 (3 matches because only 12 matches in division).
  - 12.2. Ranking for 2<sup>nd</sup> half season to apply. If a player has not played in 2<sup>nd</sup> half season then their ranking for 1<sup>st</sup> half season to apply.
  - 12.3. If not enough players eligible then lowest position(s) deemed walk overs.
13. If conceding match then please advise asap to aid scheduling.
14. Teams must be given (in order) to organiser at least 15 mins before scheduled start of play.
15. Players eligibility will be checked on the day.
16. Result cards & Balls will be provided by the league.