

# Wirral Tennis League 2015 Playoffs

**Saturday 5 September at Heswall LTC Guidelines / Rules**

**Thanks to Heswall LTC for offering to facilitate the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 CM3 or Wed 12 Aug (whichever is earlier) which will give clubs over 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 CM3 or Wed 12 Aug (whichever is earlier).
3. **Players names, in positional order, must be given to organiser at least 15 mins before their teams scheduled start time.**
4. Play must start promptly (no grace)
5. Maximum of 5 mins knockup
6. Scheduled 2½hours per match.
  - 6.1. Rubbers are 2 tiebreak sets.
  - 6.2. Order of play: 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.
  - 6.3. Maximum 5 minutes allowed between rubbers
  - 6.4. Results of rubbers must be reported to organiser immediately completed.
7. **If player not present when called (no grace) then 1<sup>st</sup> set conceded. If not present after a further 20mins then 2<sup>nd</sup> set conceded.**
8. If match exceeds scheduled time (particularly because of weather) then it may be stopped to allow next match to start, however if nearing completion it may be allowed to continue at discretion of organiser (for rearrangement see 11 below). Match will be deemed complete when one team has won (typically when one team has won 9 sets for mixed or 5 sets for mens).
9. If any match is not completed on the day then it is to be continued at the runners up club on subsequent Saturdays (12 September 2015 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.
10. Player eligibility:
  - 10.1. Played 25% matches in team (or lower team) in the current season. ie 4 matches for all teams except for bottom team in club when requirement is 3 matches.
  - 10.2. 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.
  - 10.3. If not enough players eligible then lowest position(s) deemed walk overs.
11. If conceding match then please advise asap to aid scheduling.
12. Teams must be given (in order) to organiser at least 15 mins before the match scheduled start of play.
13. Player eligibility will be checked on the day.
14. Result cards & Balls will be provided by the league.