

Wirral Tennis League 2016 Playoffs

Saturday 3 September at Alderley LTC & Bertram LTC Guidelines/Rules

Thanks to Alderley & Bertram for offering to facilitate the 4th Wirral Tennis League playoff day.

There are 6 playoffs (5 mixed + 1 mens) (3 at each venue) followed by presentation buffet later in the evening at Alderley.

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 planned schedule as specified in WTL CM1 Minutes will be emailed to all contacts and published on website as soon as possible after final matches.
2. The final schedule will be published as soon as possible following WTL CM3 which will give clubs over 2 weeks notice.
3. 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 as soon as possible and before WTL CM3.
4. **Players names, in positional order, must be given to organiser at least 15 mins before their teams scheduled start time. The order cannot then be changed.**
5. Play must start promptly (no grace)
6. Maximum of 5 mins knockup
7. Scheduled 2½hours per match (not rubber).
 - 7.1. Rubbers are 2 tiebreak sets.
 - 7.2. Order of play: 2nd ladies 2nd men 1st ladies 1st men 4th mixed 3rd mixed 2nd mixed 1st mixed.
 - 7.3. Maximum 5 minutes allowed between rubbers
 - 7.4. Results of rubbers must be reported to organiser immediately completed.
 - 7.5. If 8 sets all then team winning most games wins, if still equal then team winning most games in 1st Mixed, then 2nd Mixed, 3rd Mixed, 4th Mixed, 1st Mens, 1st Ladies, 2nd Mens, 2nd Ladies then replay.
8. **If player not present when called (no grace) then 1st set conceded. If not present after a further 20mins then 2nd set conceded.**
9. 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).
10. If any match is not completed on the day then it is to be continued at the runners up club on subsequent Saturdays (10 September 2016 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. Unlike League reorganised matches, the score when rubber interrupted will be used on continuation of rubber.
11. Player eligibility:
 - 11.1. Played 25% matches in team (or lower team) in the current season. That is 4 matches for all teams except for bottom team in club & Division 6 teams when requirement is 3 matches.
 - 11.2. Ranking for 2nd half season to apply. If a player has not played in 2nd half season then their ranking for 1st half season to apply.
 - 11.3. If not enough players eligible then lowest position(s) deemed walk overs.
12. If conceding match then please advise asap to aid scheduling.
13. Player eligibility & rankings will be checked as soon as possible (hopefully on the day).
14. Court allocation, Result cards & Balls will be provided by the league.