

2020 Old College Tournament

Introduction

Closing date for entries: 9/7/2020

Late entries cannot be accepted.

Start of first round matches: 13/7/2020

The draws will be available on MyCourts and circulated by email. We will have strict completion dates for each round which will be highlighted on the tournament sheets. If you can't play your match(es) by the completion date, you will forfeit them.

If you have any questions about the club tournaments, please don't hesitate to contact:

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Tournaments link: <https://oldcollege.mycourts.co.uk/tournaments.asp>

Participant Responsibilities

You must be:

1. Able to complete your matches within the deadline of each round.
2. Regularly contactable by e-mail.
3. Able to book courts on the online booking system and enter results online.
4. Able to meet your match organisation and playing commitments (see the guidelines and completion dates for each round.)
5. In light of the Covid-19 pandemic, all participants must abide at all times by the social distancing rules stipulated by the Club.

Rules

1. The tournament is only open to members who have paid their subscription fees in full for 2020/21.
2. Matches are to be played on any booked court at the club.
3. All matches until the Quarter Finals are to be played on an abbreviated 'Fast 4' scoring basis. Two sets played to 4 games, with a 7-point tiebreak played at three games all. A championship tiebreak to decide the match if it is tied at one set all. Lets and ad scoring as standard. Only one court booking slot must be used and the results submitted immediately by the winner after the match is completed.

4. Matches from the quarter-finals round onwards are to be played on the basis of first to two sets (tiebreak at 6 all), with a ten-point championship tie-break, should the match be tied at one set all.

5. All matches are to be completed by the fixed completion dates. The only movement on this will be in exceptional circumstances. If you feel your match is affected by such circumstances, please contact the tournament director as soon as possible. Each case will be judged individually to come to a fair resolution. Holidays and injuries do not count as exceptional circumstances.

6. If a player or pairing are forced to withdraw before a match (eg. as a result of injury or illness) then the opponent(s) that they beat in the previous round take their place.

7. If a player withdraws before their doubles pair have played a match, their partner is able to find another partner provided the new partner has not already played a match.

Guidelines for Arranging Matches

The following guidelines have been written to help facilitate participants to organise matches in the most fair, efficient and respectful manner. They are not rules, however. Should a referee need to make a judgment on how to progress in the tournament in the event of a match not being completed, the cooperation of each competitor will be taken into account.

- Each participant or a nominated representative from each pair, is responsible for contacting their opponent(s) in a timely manner – so as to utilise as much of the available time for a round as possible – at the start of each round offering at least 2 bookable evening and weekend court slots on different days. Each participant must respond yes / no to slots within two days and at the least offer two alternative slots.
- In the unlikely event that a mutually agreeable date cannot be found then the referee must be engaged by the players. This should be done at least a week prior to the deadline for a round to enable time for a resolution to be found.
- If it is the case that one party has tried to arrange a match and the other party has not responded or has been unable to play due to injury then a walkover will be awarded.

Referee Responsibilities

If the referee is contacted because a mutually agreed date can't be found then they will request that the participants explore options to re-arrange their schedule to accommodate. If a date still can't be found then the referee will make a decision on who progresses, taking into account how well the competitors have followed the guidelines. Coin tosses will not be used to decide the result of a match.