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Club Closed Tournament Rules

1. The Club Closed is a knockout tournament. The Tournament Committee exercises the right to alter the format.
2. The Tournament Committee's decision is final on all matters.
3. All players must be a full member of the tennis club prior to entering the tournament.
4. All matches are best of 3 sets. Normal tie-breaks will operate at 6-6 in all three sets.
5. It is each player's responsibility to contact their opponent(s) as soon as they have one if it's their first match. Moving forward through the tournament, it is the responsibility of the player who is coming through, to contact the player who is waiting.
6. In singles, the Tournament Committee will seed players into different "Series" based on ability. Players who advance to the last eight of their Series can progress through to the 'higher / next' Series. Each Series has their own final. Players, except those in the Tableau (Series 1) who meet the criteria, after losing their first match, will be entered into the Plate draw.
7. The Tournament Committee will place players through to the next Series. If you enter the main singles competition please look out for progression through each series.
8. If players cannot agree on a surface, a coin must be flipped.
9. All matches must be completed by the play by dates otherwise players will be scratched.
10. The winning player/s are responsible for writing up scores on the tournament sheet once matches are completed.
11. Walkovers can be given if the opponents can agree but the Tournament Committee must be notified. Walkovers can also be given at the Tournament Committee's discretion. If a walkover has been given, then it is deemed that the players who received the walkover have won the match and are eligible to play the next round in the main tournament. Players who received a walkover are not eligible for subsequent entry into the plate event. In addition, players that concede a walkover are **NOT** eligible for the plate event.
12. Club team matches and social tennis on a Sunday morning and Wednesday evening have court priority, at all times.
13. Players are only eligible for the plate competition if they played, completed and lost their first round match (outside of the Tableau event). Even if players retire due to injury and the first round match has not been completed, those players are NOT eligible for the plate event. Plate competitions will only be run if a minimum player number is met, at the Tournament Committee's discretion.
14. The Tournament Committee will arrange and attempt to play all finals matches on a dedicated finals day; though they reserve the right to make alternative arrangements in exceptional circumstances, e.g. bad weather.
15. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to amend or review any of the above as it sees fit, even during a tournament.

Tournament Committee – Graham Fish, Molly Rice, Holly Cottingham