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Handicap Tournament Rules

1. The Handicap is a knockout tournament. The Tournament Committee exercises the right to alter the format.
2. All doubles pairs will be drawn randomly.
3. The tournament referee's decision is final on all matters.
4. All players must be a full member of the tennis club prior to entering the tournament.
5. All matches are best of 3 full sets. All Sets must be won by two clear games.
6. Tie-breaks can only be played at the end of a set if the player's start score is even, and both players agree.
7. The Tournament Committee will decide on the starting scores of each match.
8. 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.
9. If players cannot agree on a surface, a coin must be flipped.
10. Small deadline extensions may be granted. The Tournament Committee must be notified in advance of the play by date. Extensions are given at the Tournament Committee's discretion.
11. Walkovers can be given if the opponents can agree, but the Tournament Referee 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. Players are only eligible for the plate competition if they played, completed and lost their first round match. 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.
13. Club team matches and social tennis on a Sunday morning and Wednesday evening have court priority at all times
14. The winning player/s are responsible for writing up scores on the tournament sheet once matches are completed.
15. 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.
16. 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