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## Winter Box League Tournament Rules

1. The Box League is a round-robin style 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. It is each player's responsibility to contact their opponents. Moving forward through the tournament, it is the responsibility of the player who is coming through, to contact the player who is waiting.
5. If players cannot agree on a surface, a coin must be flipped.
6. The winning player/s are responsible for writing up scores on the tournament sheet once matches are completed.
7. Club team matches and social tennis on a Sunday morning and Wednesday evening have court priority, at all times.
8. No deadline extensions will be given.
9. Walkovers can be given if a match does not get played, but the Tournament Committee must be notified. Walkovers may be given in the following instances: injury to opponent, opponent not returning contact to arrange match, players poor availability due to long holidays etc. Walkovers will be given at the Tournament Committee's discretion and only after consultation with the Tournament Committee.
10. Players receiving a walkover will receive 2 points.
11. At the end of each round, existing players will have the chance to withdraw, or new players enter.
12. Any players who fail to complete a single match in round will automatically be withdrawn from the next round, unless the Tournament Committee are consulted.
13. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to amend or review any of the above as it sees fit, even during a tournament.

## **SINGLES RULES**

### **SCORING**

- Singles matches are best of 2 sets. Short sets are played, first to 4 games. If games are 3-3 then a set must be won 5-3.
- If games are 4-4, then tie-breaks up to 7 will operate games in the first two sets **only**.
- If a match goes to 1 set all, a Championship tie-break (first to 10) shall decided the match.

### **POINTS AWARDED**

- A win by 2-0 sets gives:   4 points for the winner  
  1 point for the loser
- A win by 2-1 sets gives:   3 points for the winner  
  1 point for the loser

## **DOUBLES RULES**

### **SCORING**

- Doubles matches are played first to 10 games.
- If games are 9-9, a tie-break to 7 shall decide the match.

### **POINTS AWARDED**

- A win by 10-4 games (or more) gives:   3 points for the winner  
  1 point for the loser
- A bonus point is awarded to the winning pair if they win by 10-3 or greater.
- A bonus point is awarded to the losing pair if they lose by 10-7 or more.

**Tournament Committee – Graham Fish, Molly Rice, Holly Cottingham**