

Rules for Pro Set Tennis Box Leagues at EDLTCC – 2025

The Pro Set league format has been introduced to encourage competitive play in our Club, so matches can generally be completed within the usual hourly booking slots. Hence the scoring of first to 9 games has been adopted.

The aim of the leagues is to provide friendly competitive matches between club members of similar ability.

The Rules of the Pro Set (both singles and doubles) are;

First to 9 games - with a standard tie break (first to 7, must be 2 points clear) if the score is 8 all

Each game will be subject to sudden death at deuce - the receiver must choose the side they want to return from.

All games will count toward the final score. The **Winner** should email the score to the on-line results portal at [Email Box League Result](#)

To view all results go to the Box League page on our website: [Box League Result](#)

When entering the result, please ensure you record the number of games won by each player.

A bonus point for winning each match will be added automatically.

To encourage players to complete all matches, each player will receive 1 bonus point for each match completed. The total points will be tallied up at the end of each league season.

And as a bonus for this season, any matches played before 31st October will earn all players / teams, 2 Bonus Points, whether they win or lose. This is to encourage people to play matches earlier. All Bonus Points will be added after 31st October, not as results are updated.

Also, for this Season any player completing all their matches (including walkovers, where appropriate) will receive 4 extra Bonus Points, whether they win or lose.

Book any court/ surface at any time. Whoever contacts their opponent first, and books the court, gets first choice on surface.

There are no match court restrictions, however if the match is incomplete at the end of the booking session the score must be submitted as is. If before the contest, opponents agree to complete the match later or elsewhere, then provided the result is entered before the closing date for the league this is acceptable

All matches must be played by the play by date.

Responsibility for arranging matches should be shared. Please try to play matches as soon as possible and not leave it until the last week of the season.

League Arrangement

The cycle of matches will be approximately 3 / 4 months, however, this may be extended by the Tennis Committee, should they decide to, for whatever reason.

Each league will consist of 4 - 7 players or pairs.

At the end of each season, the winner (the person who gains most points overall) may be promoted to the league above (assuming there is one) and the person who has the least points may be relegated to the league below (assuming there is one).

In certain cases, this may be two people promoted or relegated, as decided by the Tennis Committee.

New players coming into the leagues will be placed into an appropriate league (based on their skill level), and not necessarily starting from the lowest league. This may mean more relegations from certain leagues. However, the winner of each subsidiary league should be promoted at the end of each cycle (in some cases the runner up may also be promoted).

When offering to play an opponent, please offer 3 reasonable dates (e.g., 3 over a 2 week period to include one weekend in order to accommodate players who may work weekdays) this means arrangements should NOT be left until the final week of the season. Obviously, if people are away on holidays etc, please offer suitable times when they are at home.

All League winners will receive a trophy (singles and doubles), which will be presented at an awards event in January 2026.

Withdrawals

Where an individual or doubles pair withdraws from the league for a bona fide reason, such as injury, all results previously completed, for and against the withdrawn player(s) will still count.

Where an individual or doubles team withdraws from the league without a bona fide reason they will automatically miss the next cycle and be relegated at the next reinstatement date. Any matches already played will still count for their opponents, but their scores will be null and void.

Walkovers

The only acceptable reasons for a walkover are;

No show of an opponent who had previously agreed to play.

You have offered three reasonable dates and the match is not scheduled/ agreed, except in the case of holidays etc, as above.

Cancellation with less than 24 hours' notice –in the absence of a mutually agreed rearrangement

In all cases players claiming the walkover should email [Walkover](#) giving the details of the walkover claim. The Tennis Committee will then check with the opponent(s) and then adjudicate.

Updated Leagues

The Leagues and results will be updated regularly, please check the Club's website to see the latest status of all Leagues.

In all cases the decisions of the Box League committee will be final.