

Thistleworth Club Tournament Rules 2026

1. All matches **MUST** be played by the play by dates. Failure to do so will result in players being scratched. The player/s making the most effort to arrange the fixture will go through to the next round. This will be at the discretion of the Tournament Referee – Barry Yardley (07798 614076).
2. Players experiencing problems arranging fixtures should notify the Tournament Referee and the earliest opportunity.
3. Players should try to play matches as soon as possible and not leave arranging their matches until the deadline for each round.
4. All matches should consist of the best of 3 sets with a tiebreak being played in all 3-sets.
5. Club members only may play in the tournament. Members who are late paying their subscription will not be entered into the draw. Trial members may enter if their membership is up to and includes finals day.
6. No more than 3 tournament matches should be played at any one time, this will ensure sufficient courts are available for other members.
7. Where possible please try to avoid arranging matches when there is a club match against another club. During this time only 2 tournament matches should be played.
8. It is the responsibility of the winner to advise the Tournament Referee (Barry Yardley) of the result. This should be done via the tournament WhatsApp group.
9. Floodlights should only be used with the agreement of both players.
10. In the event of bad weather stopping play part way through a match, all completed games must stand unless otherwise agreed by both players.
11. Players not arriving to play within 30 minutes of the agreed start time will be scratched. Consideration will be given by the Tournament Referee should there be exceptional circumstances.
12. Due to problems in previous year, **under no circumstances** can players be added or substituted once the draw has been made. Sorry – but this must be final.
13. To assist with communication all players will be added to a tournament WhatsApp group. If you would prefer not to be added please make this known when you enter.
14. The finals will be played on Sunday 5 July 2026. Players who are unavailable for finals day should not enter.
15. In the event of a dispute the decision of the Tournament Referee will be final.

Thistleworth Tennis Committee