

KINGS TENNIS CLUB

AVON LEAGUE NOTES

The full Rules can be found on the website www.avonleagueteennis.net under 'Handbook' (*)

Who can play? Those who have a current membership with the Club:

- a) in place at least 14 days prior to a match
- b) excluding off peak or Junior u14+ parent (the parent has to hold a membership in their own right)
- c) Players are eligible for "senior" league competitions on reaching the age of 45.

Selection:

1. Where the Place to Play (P2P) has more than one team competing *"the higher team must always complete its matches,.....(with) other players move up according to strength."*

A player is 'tied' if they have played in 4 matches for higher-ranking teams, meaning they cannot then play for a lower ranking team again in the same season.'(*)

2. Players are asked to respond quickly to requests from organisers, for eg availability, and give as much notice as possible if this changes.

3. Each team plays one Home, one Away match against each of the other teams in their division.

4. *"If a member of a team is genuinely unavailable for a rearranged match, the player can be replaced by another player providing he/she has not already taken part in a match scheduled for that week."* (*)

Captains:

1. If playing Away, please liaise with your team to discuss transport.

2. Two tubes of new balls can be collected from the office for Home matches along with the scorecard.

3. Please see the Handbook (*) re the role of Captain for the following:

- Championship Tie Break decision.
- when a set, rubber or walkover may be claimed, including if a player has to withdraw due to illness or accidental injury.
- re-arranging a match when agreed it cannot be started or finished at the scheduled time.

NB: the objective, of course, is to play if possible, within reason.

- Filling out the scorecard
- When playing at Home, the Captain sends a photo of the completed card to Anna Chambers (Women's teams) and Tom Smith (Men's teams) who will input the results onto the Avon League website. However, it is suggested both team Captains take a photo of the scorecard for their record.
- Protests or disputes.

Playing the match:

1. Matches commence at 6.15pm. The visitors play on the courts of their choice from those allocated.

2. All rubbers are the best of 3 sets with a tie break played at 6 games all in each set (first to 7 points but with a margin of 2).

EXCEPTION: A **championship tie break** may be played in place of the third set of any rubber if, both Captains agree there is a significant chance that a match might not be completed *"due to failing light ...or where floodlights will be cut off**", or due to adverse weather conditions"...or " by mutual consent of both captains."* (first to 10 points with a margin of 2, scored as 1-0 on the score card.) (*)

****NB:** The **floodlights on all courts at Kings go off automatically at 10pm** (and are not available at all on Sundays) due to planning permission.

3. It is helpful if the server calls out clearly the games tally at the commencement of their service and the point score through the game.

Match Fees: These are levied for all matches, home and away, at £2.50 per match(excluding Juniors).

Players will be emailed halfway and at the end of a season, notifying them of how much they owe according to matches played. Payment will be requested by **bank transfer** to the Club account (ref match fees) and *not* at the Bar or in cash. For ease of record keeping players are asked to confirm when a payment has been made.

Enjoy! Our Club has a reputation for being welcoming and friendly for our members and also for visiting teams. Please do come into the Bar for some post-match socialising and encourage the opposition to join us for refreshments too in our lovely refurbished Clubhouse - once COVID restrictions allow!

To share the load, each team is asked to please clear tables and wash up their glasses.

Thank you for representing Kings Tennis Club!