

## **Tournament Rules**

The following rules and regulations will be followed for the tournaments.

1. Pairs for the doubles events (ladies, men's and mixed) will be allocated by randomly picking them from a hat.
2. Doubles events will be handicapped. Singles events will not.
3. The tournament committee will allocate each pair a handicap of between -7 and +7. This will be their starting score. Negative numbers will be given to good pairings, positive numbers for less experienced pairings.
4. Entries will be randomly picked to create a standard knockout table for each event. A better format for a tournament may be used, if the tournament organisers agree.
5. Each match will consist of 1 game to 21 with the exception of the semi-finals and finals which will be the best of 3 games. If a score reaches 20 all, in handicapped events the next point will win the game. In non-handicapped events the game will be decided by the usual 2 clear points.
6. Matches should be arranged by those involved to be played on any club night.
7. Dates will be given by which each round of any event must be played. It is the responsibility of ALL players in any match to see they are arranged in good time.
8. The first round of a tournament may be given 'play on' dates. These matches must be arranged to be played before these dates or on these dates.
9. If a match is not played by its date, the tournament committee will decide which side is awarded a walkover. Consideration will be given to which side has been available to play and made more effort to arrange the match.
10. A plate event (consisting of players knocked out of all other events) and an American event will be played on a night before 'finals night'.
11. On the night, games for the plate and American events will be randomly picked. A mixed game will consist of one game to 11 points with no setting then swapping partners and playing another game. A level game will consist of one game to 7 points with no setting; Swapping partners, playing a second game to 7 points and then swapping partners to the third combination of pairings before playing a third game to 7. All points count and will be totalled up at the end of the evening. The top four players will play a final on 'finals night'.
12. The finals of all events will take place on 'finals night' which will be one evening in April. If you cannot make that evening, you should not enter any tournament.
13. The Tournament Committee's decision will be final.

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