

League Objectives

This box league has been designed to enable members of SCTC to play competitive tennis on a regular basis and to meet other members. However, box leagues only work if players are committed to getting matches played. Players who enter the box league must make every effort to complete their fixture programme.

Common courtesy

- Keep your contact details up to date on the system and let people in your league know if anything changes. If you have to rearrange a fixture let your opponent know as soon as possible (if it is only a couple of days notice please ring them don't assume they will see an email).
- Please don't just ignore someone trying to arrange a match. If you can't play for a few weeks send them a quick note / call to explain.
- Wet weather have your opponents nos in your phone as a fixture may have to be cancelled at short notice. Please don't just not turn up if it is wet, let them know.
- Payments for balls and rackets plse agree who will book courts, who will provide balls (we can sell tubes of balls for £5) and who will pay for the court. Costs should be shared 50:50.
- Self umpired matches server is responsible for calling out the score before they serve on EVERY point (helps avoid arguments). You are responsible for calls on your side of the net and you should be clear when you are calling a serve or a ball out. Change ends on every odd game and at the end of a set. In tiebreaks change ends every 6 points.

Box Design

Boxes will be designed to accommodate 4-7 players with 3-6 matches to play each round.

Match Format

Matches will be played as best of 3 sets. Players are left to agree whether the third set should be a full set or a match tiebreak. If the players can't agree a match tie break will be played.

Point Allocation

Playing a match – [1] points
Winning a set – [1] points
Winning a match – [0] points
Walk-over win – [2]points

Examples:

- Match score 6:4 6:3 Points [Winner 3]:[Loser 1]
- Match score 6:4 3:6 10:8 Points [Winner 3]: [Loser 2]
- Walk-over Points [Winner 2 points]: [Loser 1 point]

Umpiring matches

The LTA rules for matches that are not umpired will apply to box league matches. It is each player's responsibility to call the lines on her side of the court only. Line calls can be challenged. If a player is certain of their line call then the call must stand. However, if the player is in any doubt, the player must give the benefit of the doubt to the opponent and concede the point.

Box League Ranking

A player's league position is determined by the total number of points won in a Round. In the event that two or more players have the same number of points the league position will be determined by:

1. Head to Head result (if only 2 players on the same score)
2. Most matches won
3. Ratio of Sets Won to Sets Played %
4. Ratio of Games Won to Games Played %

Promotion / Relegation

Describe how many players will be promoted / relegated each round

New Entrants.

Every effort will be made to accommodate new league players into a box that is appropriate to the player's ability. Where a player has been added to a box so that there is an additional player in the box, the Tournament Referee will normalise the box size at the start of the next round by either promoting or relegating additional players from the box.

Accelerated Promotion

If a player has been entered into an inappropriate box for their playing standard the Tournament Referee may decide, at the Referee's sole discretion, to move a player multiple boxes. The player must demonstrate that their current box is inappropriate by completing the current round match programme and winning each match convincingly. Players requesting accelerate promotion should contact the Tournament Referee before the end of the current round.

Disqualification

Players who do not play any matches in a round without good reason or advance notice may be withdrawn from the tournament, at the sole discretion of the Tournament Referee.

No Show

If a player is more than 15 minutes late on court the opponent can claim the first set. If a player is more than 30 minutes late on court the opponent can claim a walk-over. However, walk-over results do not count towards player rating.

Retire from Match

If a player retires from a match, for example because of injury, all completed games will stand. Any un-played games will be conceded. For example: Player A is leading 3:1 and 30:15 when player A has to retire. The match score should be entered as 3:6 0:6 to player B.

Withdrawing During a Round

If a player withdraws from a round having played 2 matches the player will be deemed to be an Active player and the match scores will stand. Other Active players in the same box will be awarded walkover points against the player who has withdrawn. If, on the other hand, a player withdraws having played 1 match the existing result will be reversed out and all Active players in the same box will be awarded walk-over points.

Walk-overs

When a player submits a walk-over result. If the opponent does not raise an objection to the Tournament Referee the result will stand. You can contact the Tournament Referee by Email.