

Indoor Winter League Playing Rules

1. Teams

1.1 Teams shall comprise of two ladies and two men.

2. Fixtures

2.1 All matches shall be played on the dates and times stipulated in the Fixture List.

2.2 Any team wishing to concede a match must contact the opposing team within reasonable time and will be liable for payment of the whole of the court fees for the unplayed match.

2.3 Any club with more than one team in a Division, and concedes a match must withdraw the lower team.

3. Matches

3.1 The first round of matches shall be a men's doubles and a ladies doubles. The second round of matches shall be two mixed doubles.

3.2 Slazenger LTA Official tennis balls must be used for all matches. Teams to provide the match balls will be shown by asterisks (* or **) on the Fixture List

3.3 The Tennisdome clocks shall time each round at 40 minutes exactly.

3.4 All matches must start promptly.

3.5 A ten minute knock up period will be allowed at the start of the first rubber; no knock up is allowed before the second round of rubbers.

3.6 Any player(s) arriving during or after the knock up period will forfeit part or the whole of the knock up.

3.7 If a player(s) arrives more than 5 but no more than 15 minutes late, the offending team shall forfeit one game for every 5 minutes elapsed after the designated start time of the first rubber.

3.8 If a player(s) arrives more than 15 minutes after the scheduled start time, that pair will forfeit the rubber 8-0.

3.9 In the event of a rubber not being completed or played (e.g. through injury) that pair will forfeit the rubber 8-0.

3.10 Players should vacate the court immediately at the end of the second rubbers to allow a prompt start for the next match.

4. Results

4.1 At the end of each rubber the pair with the most completed games won be deemed the winner. If the games won are equal the point shall be shared (0.5 each).

4.2 One point will be awarded for each rubber won and a bonus point to the team winning the most rubbers. In event of rubbers being equal, the team with the highest games total will be awarded the bonus point. In the event of the games totals being equal, the bonus point will be shared as above.

4.3 In the event of a team conceding a match, 5 points will be awarded to the opposing team.

4.4 Before leaving the Tennisdome the result of each rubber must be entered on the Fixture and Results sheet displayed on the Notice Board.

5. Eligibility and Starred Players

5.1 Those clubs with 2 or more teams in the League must star 2 ladies and 2 men for each team other than the lowest ranked team. Clubs must inform the League Secretary before the first match is played. Each starred player must play a minimum of 4 matches during the indoor season. A list of starred players is to be displayed on the Tennisdome notice board.

5.2 No player can play for more than one club during the season and must be a member of that club.

5.3 No player can play for more than one team each week. (From 2010-11 season.)

6. League Placing, Promotion and Relegation

6.1 In event of points being equal, the team with the highest games difference will be placed higher. In the event of the games difference being equal, the team with the highest games 'for' will be placed higher.

6.2 The team placed highest in Division 2 will be promoted to Division 1.

6.3 The team placed lowest in Division 1 will be relegated to Division 2.

7. New Clubs

7.1 Applications by non Slazenger East Lancashire League Clubs to enter a team(s) in the Indoor League will be decided and approved by the League Committee. Both the League Committee and the club concerned must accept the Terms and Conditions.

7.2 New teams will normally be placed in the lowest division. However, the composition of each division shall be at the discretion of the League Committee.