PINNER WEST END
LAWN TENNIS CLUB

Winter Handicap Tournament 2026/27

RULES

TOURNAMENT REFEREES
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Entering the tournament

1. To enter, please visit the 'Tournaments' section on the website and complete the online entry form. Only online entries are being accepted this year. Please do not enter on another person's behalf. If you require assistance with entering, please contact the tournament referee(s).
2. If you are entering a doubles category, you must find your own partner. (each player in a doubles pair must enter online separately).
3. Do not enter without reading the rules (ignorance is not an excuse). Please tick the box to confirm you have read the rules.
4. The closing date for entries is SUNDAY 18 OCTOBER 2026, when the draw will be made.
5. Only 2026/27 members are eligible to take part in the tournament.
6. Only full, 7 day, 5 day, country, student and vacation student members are eligible to enter. Junior members can only enter following invitation by the Head Coach. Mini, Social and Coaching members are not eligible to enter.
7. If one member of a doubles pair does not meet the requirements of rules 5 and 6, that doubles pair will not be entered into the draw.
8. Without exception, later entries or replacements after the draw has been made will not be accepted.
9. Finals Day will be on SUNDAY 21ST MARCH 2027. These times are not negotiable. Please make sure you are available on Finals Day for the relevant times. If, during the tournament, you realise that you are not available on Finals Day, you must withdraw immediately. Failure to comply to this rule may result in affecting your eligibility to participate in the next club tournament.

FINALS DAY — SUNDAY 21ST MARCH 2027

12:00 Mixed Doubles Final

14:00 Gentlemen's & Ladies Singles Final

16:00 Gentlemen's & Ladies Doubles Final

10. Please make sure you are available to play matches in the period from October 2026 up to and including 21st March 2027. Obviously, holidays are acceptable, but if you are going away for a long period of time, please speak to the tournament referee before entering.
11. Results (including scores) must be written on the draw sheet in the club house immediately after a match (please also e-mail them to the tournament referees if possible).
12. The tournament referee's decision is final.
13. Umpires are needed to help Finals Day run smoothly. If you would like to volunteer, please tick the relevant box.

Arranging matches

14. You must contact your opponent(s) as soon as possible to arrange your match, please don't sit back and wait for everyone else to contact you!
15. All matches must be completed by the relevant date. If you cannot complete your match by the date, please contact the tournament referee(s).
16. Matches not played by the relevant date, where no contact has been made with the tournament referee, it will be decided by the toss of a coin.
17. Players who make no attempt to contact their opponent(s) will be withdrawn from the tournament.
18. If you cannot contact or do not get a reply from your opponent(s), contact the tournament referee as soon as possible.
19. If you are going away for a long period (a week or more), please inform the tournament referee and your opponent(s), if known.
20. When you have won a match and your opponent(s) for the next round is/are already known, it is your responsibility to contact them as soon as possible.

Booking courts

21. Please book a court for your match in the diary in the clubhouse, particularly for weekends and evenings. Only 2 courts during daylight and only 1 court after dusk can be booked for tournament matches at any one time.
22. When all players taking part in a match are 5 day members, the match needs to be organised during weekdays.
23. To maximise court availability on weekend mornings, courts may only be booked at 08.00, 10.00

or 12.00. Booking courts at any time during social sessions is not permitted.

24. Results (including scores) must be written on the draw sheet immediately after a match (Please also e-mail them to the tournament referee, if possible).

How to play

- Each player/pair is designated a handicap, e.g. +30, -15.
- To work out your net handicaps for each match use Table 1 (which will be on noticeboard in club house), e.g. -15, -30 becomes SCR, -15.
- All matches are one long set, first to 12, no tie-breaks. There is no requirement to win by 2 clear games, so 12-11 is a valid winning score.
- To work out the starting score for each game, use Table 2 (which will be on noticeboard in club house).
- Whoever wins the toss may elect to serve or receive, but you must stick to the starting score sequence in Table 2.
- All games should start from the right, but if both players/pairs agree then it can start from the left for ease of scoring (it should be remembered that there can be an advantage to one side if the games are not always started from one side).
- Any queries should be addressed to the tournament referees Shyam Dave or Nita Pattni.