

THE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Suggestions to make the Championships run as smoothly as possible for everyone's benefit!

Fix a date for your match as soon as opponent/s known:

- All players are equally responsible for contacting opponents to arrange matches (no longer top person/pair).
- Remember the player/s who initiate contact do not have to bring the balls, their opponent/s do! Incentive to make contact first and get a date in the diary.
- As soon as the Draw is distributed and your opponent is known, make contact and fix a date for the match (and a reserve date in case of rain postponement).
- Do not wait until 10 days before deadline to contact opponent/s.
- 1st Round is always the most difficult to get played on time, yet crucial for the next round to be played on time and the Plate Competition to get underway.
- Use Doodle, the on-line poll, particularly for doubles matches to find dates and times when all available. <http://doodle.com>.
- Subsequent rounds, if next round opponent/s waiting for you, make sure you contact them as soon as you have won your match.
- REMEMBER – There is no BAD WEATHER EXTENSION for ANY semi-final match. If you have not played by the semi-final deadline then the committee will toss a coin if a finalist cannot be agreed between players

Courts:

- Particularly busy in April and May with matches, club sessions, coaching, etc. so another reason to fix a date quickly and book a court.
- Remember that Championship matches take priority over Men's Team Practice on Courts 1 and

Injuries:

- Fix your 2018 Championship match early in the time period, so if injured you have time to rearrange, recover and still play before the deadline and some leeway and recovery time before the next round.

Line calls:

- Only call the lines on your side of the net.
- Call clearly and firmly what you see and what you honestly believe to be correct
- If you are not absolutely certain, did not see the ball clearly or there is a disagreement with the opponent/s, then either the ball was IN and must be given in the opponent's favour or offer a LET (ie replay the point, whether it was a first or second service).

Calling the score:

- It is the server's job to call out the score, in a voice audible to the opponent/s, prior to his/her first service in each game.

The Rules of Tennis:

- **ITF TENNIS RULES:** Download at: <http://www.itftennis.com/officiating/rulebooks/rules-of->

Thank you and enjoy your Championships!