



Club Championship Rules 2023

1. Venue

1.1 All matches should be played at STSC unless there are exceptional circumstances and all players agree on the alternative

2. Format

2.1 All matches will be the best of three tie-break sets (tie-break at 6-6) with a championship tie-break (first to 10) in lieu of a 3rd set. This means that if the scores are 1 set all then the match shall be decided by a championship tie-break (i.e. played to 10 points).

2.2 The mixed and vets doubles will be a series of round-robin leagues. Scoring details are as follows:

- A. One point per set won
- B. One bonus point for 2-0 victory
- C. If there are an even number of leagues, winner of each league to [qtr] / semi / final
- D. If there are an odd number of leagues, then the winner of each league and next best pair to [qtr] / semis
- E. If there are different numbers of people and an odd number of leagues then the "next best" record will be calculated "per match" so there is no penalty in playing fewer games.

2.3 The mens and ladies doubles, and the mens and ladies singles will be knockout competitions.

2.4 Exact details of the Leagues and current scores can be found via the main Championship webpage here. [Championship Page](#)

2.5 The winners of the mixed and vets doubles Leagues (and "best runners up") will be invited to compete in a short knockout phase consisting of either Quarter/Semi finals or Semi finals only, depending on the number of Leagues in each event. The winners of these matches will contest the Finals on Finals Day. This will include a Plate competition for the "best runners up".

2.5.2 The "best runners up" will be calculated as follows:

- A. If there are the same number of teams in each League, then the team with the most points will go through. If points are equal then the team with the highest Win Ratio will proceed. Win Ratio is defined as $(\text{total games won} - \text{total games lost}) / (\text{number of matches played})$
- B. If there are different numbers of teams in Leagues of the same event then the Win Ratio will be calculated using the same formula, but obviously with different numbers of matches played.
- C. If there is no differentiation by the Win Ratio then a coin toss will be used, conducted by the Championship Committee.



3. Arranging matches

3.1 Everyone is equally responsible for arranging to play every other pair/individual in their leagues, or for arranging knockout matches. Please note the deadlines for each competition on the draw sheets and ensure you allow plenty of time to play your matches! ***Your entry into the competition is a commitment to enable the playing of all matches, commencing from the beginning of the competition period (March 6th 2023).***

Players/ teams may challenge another player/team and should offer 3 dates over the ensuing 3 weeks at different times (morning, evening, afternoon etc). The Challenged player/team should accept one of these 3 dates, or suggest and agree an alternate within that 3 week period. If agreement cannot be reached then the original challenger will be awarded the match 2-0. In exceptional cases the Championship committee should be contacted to resolve disputes. Valid reasons for not accepting a challenge are limited to

- Prior commitments / Involvement in Club match or Club business
- Unforeseen emergency or illness
- Minor injury for which a 1 week allowance will be made, otherwise an injury forfeit

3.2 There will be no deadline extensions for any reason.

3.3 If a League match is not completed by the deadline, then the match will be declared void and no points will be scored by either team.

3.4 If a knockout match is not completed by the deadline then the outcome will be decided by coin toss conducted by the Championship Committee.

3.5 If part or all of the Finals Day is cancelled due to bad weather, then Finalists must agree a date within the next 28 days to complete their matches and inform the Championship Committee of the results.

4. Injuries

4.1 In the event that a player becomes injured and is unable to complete a match, irrespective of the progress of the match, then that team will forfeit the match. The match should not be replayed.

4.2 If a player in a pair is injured for an extended period of time, the other member of the pair may request a substitute who will be provided by the Championship Committee. If the substitution is made, it will hold for the rest of the competition and the original pairing will be declared void. Any matches that have been already played (in the League phase) will stand with their results and should not be replayed.

4.3 Players who recover from long term injury will be eligible themselves to act as substitutes if circumstances demand.

4.4 There will be no deadline extension for injuries.

4.5 In all cases of player substitutions the Championship Committee shall make the final and binding decisions in their absolute discretion.



5. Results

Match results must be either

- A. Entered via the form here [Championship ScoreCard](#)
- B. Emailed by the winning player/pair to championships@shiplaketennisclub.co.uk

6. Finals Day Matches

6.1 All Finals shall be played on the Finals Day:

6.2 If, prior to the Final, a finalist is injured, or for some unforeseen circumstance unable to play, then the runner up in the semi-final or league may be given the chance to play in the Final and become Champion/s or runner/s up in their own right. Any such decisions shall be made by the Championship Committee in their absolute discretion.

6.3 In the event that the runner up cannot compete in the Final, then the remaining finalist/s may choose to take the title by default or offer to play the Final against the original finalist/s within 28 days of the Finals Day.

6.4 If no players or pairs are available, the winner/s shall be the finalist/s who has/have conceded the least games en route to the Final. The number shall be taken as the average across played matches (i.e. excluding byes and walk overs) and shall exclude the preliminary round if played. If the score is still even a coin will be tossed.

7. Players' Conduct and Liability

7.1 Players must conduct themselves in a manner consistent with the etiquette, sportsmanship and exemplary standards of behaviour expected of the sport.

7.2 Any inappropriate incidents should be brought to the Championship Committee's attention and they and/or the Club Chairman will take the appropriate action, referring to LTA guidelines if necessary.

7.3 All players enter these Championships and compete at their own risk.

8. Data Protection

8.1 The Club needs to adhere to the new General Data Protection Regulations, which came into force in May 2018, so any member that enters the competition implicitly agrees to have their details circulated to other members and their image may be used on our website for publicity purposes unless expressly denied either in writing or via the signup form.

8.2 If any competitor has any queries please email championships@shiplaketennisclub.co.uk.

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