

# GROVE LAWN TENNIS CLUB

## PROCEDURE AND RULES FOR MIXED ROUND-ROBIN

It is proposed to hold the round-robin again this year. The idea is to encourage more social tennis and give members an opportunity to play other members against whom they would not normally play. It is also hoped that this will provide an outlet for those members who may find it difficult to make the Sunday/Wednesday tournaments or for those members who wish to have a social game of tennis at a time when suits themselves. While of course the round-robin should be competitive it is hoped that matches will take place in the true spirit of the Grove!

- The format will be mixed doubles. Members can pick their own partners to make up a playing couple (unlike the championships where the draw picks the partners).
- It is open to all members over 18. However, and in keeping with the family involvement ethos of the Grove, two family members can partner together but at least one of the partners must be over 18 (as defined in the championship rules). This exception will be limited to family members – parent and child or two siblings.
- If you can't find a partner you can enter anyway, and the committee will try to organise a partner for you.
- The competition will be run over the months of June July August September.
- There will be 3 pairings in each pool thus each pairing will have 2 matches per month. (To accommodate everyone, there may be 1 or 2 pools with 4 players).
- Each match will be for 15 games and each game should be played out (ie **not** the first point after deuce). In the event of the result being 7 all after 14 games, the 15<sup>th</sup> should be played as a tie-breaker.
- At the end of each month the lead pairing from each pool will move up one pool and the bottom pairing will move down a pool.
- The initial ranking and pool creation will be done by the committee. It is hoped that last years' experience will ensure a better ranking this year.
- The committee reserves the right to "re-rank" after the first month, in case the initial ranking puts a couple in too difficult or too easy a group). In addition if, for whatever

reason, a couple are not playing, they may be disqualified. This may result in a re-ranking as well.

- There is no cost to enter.
- Members are reminded that the courts are generally more available over the weekends. While not a rule of the competition, it is recommended that members look at playing at the weekend.
- Entry must be in by the 20<sup>th</sup> of May and it is hoped that the pools will be established before the start of June.
- In the event of one of the partners becoming injured, the un-injured partner may (subject to the Committees approval) seek a new partner and continue in the competition. This rule is designed to ensure that that other people get a chance to play and that the pool doesn't collapse because one player gets injured.
- The over-all placings at the end of the season will be determined by the number of games one in the season. Thus someone from pool 7, 8 or lower down may end up as winner.
- In the event of being given a walkover, one's score will be the average of the played games in that round.

**If you are interested please put your name and telephone number on the list in the clubhouse.**

**BUT PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE DON'T ENTER IF YOU THINK YOU WILL BE AWAY FOR A LOT OF THE SUMMER OR YOU DON'T BELIEVE THAT YOU WILL BE ABLE TO PLAY YOUR MATCHES.**

**ALSO, IF YOU ARE INJURED, PLEASE LET THE YOUR FELLOW POOL MEMBERS KNOW.**