



RIDGEWAY TENNIS CLUB

2024 Tournament Rules

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Entries

All entrants must be available to play on finals day which is currently planned for **Sunday, 8th September 2024.**

An entry fee of £3 per competition is payable

***** Details on how to pay will follow *****

Closing date for entries is Monday, 8th April 2024

Format of Competitions in previous years *(final format tbc once we know exact numbers of entries)*

There are 5 events- Men's and Ladies Singles, Men's and Ladies Doubles and Mixed Doubles. Men's Singles, Men's Doubles and Mixed Doubles are played as a knockout competition.

Ladies singles and doubles tend to be played as a Round Robin/ Groups. If there are sufficient entries to create 2 groups then there will be a semi-final stage with the top player(s) in group 1 playing the 2nd in group 2 and vice versa.

All competitions EXCEPT Ladies Singles are played as best of 3 sets with a tie break in operation at 6 games all.

Ladies Singles will be played as 1 long set, first to 8 games with a 2 game lead, or in the event of 8 games all then a deciding tie break will take place. Only the final will be played as a best of 3 sets.

Draw

The draw will be made by end of April. Competitors will be emailed; copies will also be posted in the clubhouse. A seeding system is in operation for the Men's Singles based on previous year's results. Men's Doubles entrants are divided into 2 ability groups (decided by the organiser and at least 2 committee members) to give all entrants a fair chance of progressing to the final.

Organising Matches

All players have equal responsibility for arranging matches.

The person drawn first – will be highlighted in **bold** in the tournament summary sheets and will be the main point of contact and responsible for arranging the match.

Please play all 1st round matches **no later than 30th June 2024.**

Players who fail to turn up for an arranged match will forfeit the match.

Players who turn up late for the match by min 30min will automatically lose the 1st set or equivalent to 3 games if a long set of 8 is played (Ladies Singles competition).

Please contact the organiser if you are having difficulties arranging matches.

Withdrawals

In the event of injury or unforeseen change in circumstances leading to a withdrawal the following guidelines will apply.

If the first round is still to be played then a substitute player may be entered, if available.

If a player has to withdraw between rounds, then the player/s beaten in previous round will go through.

Please notify tournament organiser as soon as possible in the event of a withdrawal.

Results

Please inform the tournament organiser of outcome of each match by email or text

Ladies Round Robin results require actual scores. In event of an equal number of wins, sets and games won are used to decide group winners.