**W I N T E R   S I N G L E S   L E A G U E   RULES**

The Winter Singles League is open to all FULL members and juniors. Entrants will be seeded from the outset in leagues.  There will be a minimum of 3 sessions, each lasting 6- 8 weeks.

**SESSION DATES**

All Sessions –  See end of session dates on score cards

**RULES**

1.        All matches are to be played in accordance with ELTC court booking rules. There is no exception to this rule.

2.        Matches and playing surfaces are to be arranged by mutual agreement, or by toss of a coin if no agreement

3.        Each match will consist of 11 games (ie 6-5, 8-3 etc). Normal tie break played if score is 5 all.

4.        If a match is not completed within a booking period and a minimum of 9 games have been played, then you may use the following table to round up your scores.

           9 – 0 = 11 – 0 , 8 – 1 = 10 – 1, 7 – 2  = 9 – 2,  6 – 3 = 7 – 4, 5 – 4 = 6 – 5

         10 – 0 = 11 – 0, 9 – 1 = 10 – 1, 8 – 2 = 9 – 2, 7 – 3 = 8 – 3, 6 – 4 = 7 – 4,

          5 – 5 = 5.5 – 5.5.

5.        If a player fails to arrive within 30 minutes of the agreed start time, then their opponent may choose to take a 7-0 walk-over. This is the only way a match that is not started can score points.

6.        If a Player fails to complete a match and less than 9 games have been played (due to injury or otherwise) then the opponent may take a 7-0 walkover. If 9 or more games are played, then the match should use the above table to round up the score.

7.        It is the responsibility of both players to ensure results are recorded. Note results should be recorded on both the cards in the clubhouse and on line. Failure to do so may result in the match being voided.

8.       Under no circumstances will individuals be allowed extensions to session deadlines.

9.        At the end of each session the total number of games won will count towards promotion/demotion etc. There is no promotion / demotion in the final session.

10.        If in any one session a player completes all their matches and wins all their matches, then 1 bonus point per match will be added to their final score.

11.      In the event of a tie then positions will be decided on head to head results. If the people involved have not played each other, then the person in the higher position will retain the advantage.

12.      You must complete at least 3 matches in a session; otherwise all your scores and your played opponents' scores will be deleted.  The played opponents will receive 2 games in lieu. (\* please see below)

13.      If you have played an insufficient number of matches to retain your points during a session it is your responsibility to inform the Winter League Organiser of your reasons/intentions before the session ends.

14.      The Organiser will exercise its discretion on whether to retain inactive competitors.

15. To win any of the WSL competitions, players have to play and be active in all sessions

16.      Any disputes should be referred to the Organiser whose decision will be final.

17.      The entrance fee is not refundable.

\*Please note: Rule 12. means that there can be an inherent advantage in playing your matches early in each session, for example if you leave your matches and some of your opponents become injured then you could be disadvantaged. This rule helps the club manage court availability and spread more evenly the large number of games played in the W.S.L. over the entire session

WINTER LEAGUE ORGANISER

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