**TOURNAMENT RULES**

1. The 2021 tournament will be played on grass, artificial and dome courts. The finals will be scheduled on grass courts on Saturday 17th July. The surface for a particular match prior to the finals will be chosen by mutual agreement of the competitors concerned, or as directed by the Tournament Committee.
2. Entry this year is via the MyCourts booking system and the entry dates and fees are;

All entries to be submitted by Sunday 16th May at 23:59. Entry fees are listed below

Singles £5.00 Doubles £10.00 per pair

Due to the current increased court demand, players may enter up to a maximum of 4 events.

An explanation of how to use the MyCourts system to enter the tournament is given in the preceding section. For Doubles events partners will be found, where possible.

The draw will be displayed on the MyCourts system and the Clubhouse Noticeboard at dates to be notified. Members must look at the draw to see the deadline for the completion of each round. Matches may be played as soon as the draw is displayed.

Members should try to play all matches as soon as possible to avoid missing deadlines and being scratched. Members who know they will be unable to play in the next round are reminded that it is considered to be more sporting to scratch at match point. If they are unable to make the final it is considered more sporting to scratch by **the quarter final stage** at the latest to allow a strong and meaningful contest at the semi-final stage.

1. Each entrant in the Men’s Handicap Singles and Open Singles **must** be available to play his first match, **even if he has a bye in the first round**, on the compulsory days to avoid being scratched, but matches may be played in advance by arrangement between the competitors.

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| **THE COMPULSORY DAYS** are as follows:-  **SATURDAY 29th May** - Men’s Handicap Singles - Play starts at 10.30am  **SATURDAY 5th June** - Men’s Open Singles - Play starts at 11.00am  **PLEASE ENSURE YOU KNOW THE TIME YOU ARE PLAYING ON THESE DAYS** |

On these days all matches will be **strictly scheduled**. The playing schedule for each of these Saturdays will be displayed in the MyCourts system by 6.00pm on Saturday 22nd May.

All other Men’s Handicap Singles and Open Singles matches will be non-scheduled and MUST be played by the deadline dates.

Any player not appearing within 30 minutes of the scheduled time will be scratched. Similarly, any player not appearing within 30 minutes of the arranged time for a non-scheduled match will be scratched.

**All semi-finals must be played no later than Sunday 11th July**.

4. On **FINALS DAY** matches will **start at 11.00am**.

5. Where events are not scheduled but must be played by a due date, it is the responsibility of both contestants (or pairs):

a) to arrange the time and date of the match;

b) to inform any member of the Tournament Committee if it cannot be played by the due date to enable the Committee to decide which contestant/pair to scratch.

**It is the responsibility of the winner(s) to enter the result and score IMMEDIATELY on the clubhouse noticeboard and the same day on the MyCourts system.** Any 'walkover' must be agreed and initialled on the Draw Sheet by a member of the Tournament Committee.

6. All events will be run on the knock-out principle.

Open Ladies and Men’s Singles and Doubles will be two tie break sets with a championship tie break to 10 at 1-set all for all rounds up to and including the semi-finals. The finals will be best of 3 tie-break sets.

Open Mixed Doubles and Seniors Events will be two tie break sets with a championship tie break to 10, at 1-set all.

All handicap events will be best of 3 advantage sets with deciding point at deuce, receiver’s choice.

Notes about the handicap rules will be sent out to competitors by e-mail.

7. Court Reservation details for tournament matches will be confirmed by Thursday 20th May.

8. The Tournament is **ONLY** open to paid up members of Ealing Lawn Tennis Club; mid-week members who enter are entitled to play tournament matches at weekends. **Members must ensure their contact details are correct and visible; any changes that are needed can be made online on the MyCourts system.**

9. Juniors under the age of 12 on 1st January 2019 are not eligible for the Senior Tournament. Juniors aged 12-15 may enter the Senior Tournament at the discretion of the Tournament Committee. All juniors aged 16-17 are eligible to enter the Senior Tournament.

10. The Tournament Committee is as follows:-

Sangeeta Arora, Peter Buck, Janice Coulthard, Korin Harvey, Henrietta Marsh-Smith

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Any queries concerning the tournament should be directed to eltctournament@gmail.com