**W I N T E R   S I N G L E S   L E A G U E    2021 – 2022 RULES**

The Winter Singles League is open to all FULL members and juniors in the age group 13 – 18 (Exceptions may be considered). Entrants will be seeded from the outset in leagues.  There will be 3 sessions, each lasting 6 - 8 weeks. Matches are arranged by mutual agreement via phone, email or text within the given session dates. **Please be proactive in arranging your matches**.

**SESSION DATES**

1st Session –

2nd Session – Starts Sunday 19th December 2021 – Finishes 26th February 2022

3rd Session –

**RULES**

1.        All matches are to be played in accordance with ELTC court booking rules. Please try to play your match within an hour booking slot.

2.        Matches and playing surfaces are to be arranged by mutual agreement (a toss of a coin if playing surface is not agreed)

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 played can score points.**

6.        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.

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

8.        At the end of each session the total number of games won will count towards promotion/demotion etc.

9.        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.

10.      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.

11.      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.

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

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

14.      The entrance fee is not refundable.

\*Please note: There is 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 or unavailable then you will be disadvantaged. It is also hoped this will help the club manage court availability and spread the large number of matches played in the WSL over the 8 week period, rather than the majority being left to the last minute and causing court congestion.

WINTER LEAGUE ORGANISER

Mike Knibbs