

# TOURNAMENT RULES

1. The 2023 tournament will be played on grass, artificial and dome courts. The finals will be scheduled on grass courts on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 14th May at 23:59. Entry fees are listed below

Singles	£5.00	Doubles	£10.00 per pair
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Players may enter up to a maximum of 4 events.

Players can only enter the Open Mixed Doubles or Restricted Mixed Doubles.

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.

3. All matches will be non-scheduled up to the semi-finals stage, and **MUST** be played by the deadline dates.

Any player not appearing within 30 minutes of the arranged start time will be scratched.

**All semi-finals must be played no later than Sunday 16th 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 the Management Committee on commencement of the tournament.

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 2023 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:-

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