

Exwick Tennis Club League Tennis Inclusive Policy (22nd January 2024)



1. League Teams

The club will allow teams to be entered into the local tennis leagues.

The club main contact will enter the teams into the league before the closing date each year.

The club will offer inclusive tennis across all league teams as per club ethos.

The tennis club will look to provide league tennis opportunities for as many members as possible.

Members are not guaranteed to play every match in a team throughout the league season.

2. League committee

A tennis club league committee will be set up to discuss league tennis throughout the season, committee to resolve any issues that may arise, these amendments to be implemented into the “league tennis inclusive policy” as the season continues.

3. League captains

The league captain must agree to the club rules and requisite as outlined in this document by email communication to the main club contact before the first match of the season.

The league captain must be a member of the club to act as a captain of a team.

The captain must contact the main club contact to register their interest for league captaincy each season.

The league captain must be inclusive rotating players around throughout the season.

The league captain must go through the opening and lockdown procedures at the facility with training from the main club contact before the first match of the season.

The league captain must nominate a “Vice-Captain” that will also need to go through the opening and lockdown procedures of the facilities for home matches with training from the “main club contact” before the first match of the season.

The Vice - Captain is responsible for the opening and closing of the facilities for home matches when the League captain is not at the facility.

A home League match will not take place without a League captain or Vice-Captain available to open / close the facilities at the end of a home match.

The league captain is eligible to play all league matches in a season, this does not include the vice - captain, the vice – captain’s role is for opening and locking of the facilities at home matches only.

The league captain must:

Attend all pre - season league club committee meetings to discuss the league and make decisions together

Attend any pre-season league tennis committee meetings (to organise their own fixtures) unless another team captain is happy to arrange your fixtures for you

Provide the main club contact with fixture dates ahead of each season.

Confirm with the main club contact that they have enough players to run a team ahead of the season

Complete the player registration form and send to the league.

Select your regular players for your team 4-6 etc – if additional members are super keen to play then include them in your team based on ability.

Plan ahead as much as possible in order to set up pairings for league fixtures.

4. Registered players

A player will be registered in a team that is appropriate to their playing ability, the head of tennis to decide on whether a player's tennis ability is appropriate to play in a team.

Where the club membership of league tennis ability allows, each team will register a minimum of 10 players for a season.

If there is a team in a higher division where a higher level of tennis ability is required and players are not available at this level, a team may enter less than 10 players at the start of a season, as higher level players become available to play in higher divisions they will then be eligible to play in the team.

A registered player will be eligible to play in the same team each season as long as captains register new/eligible players into the team in the up and coming season.

5. League captains / members conduct

All League captains & members representing the club at league fixtures have a responsibility to conduct themselves in a friendly and professional manner at all times – towards fellow league team members as well as towards the away teams at fixtures.

All league captains and members failing to conduct themselves in a friendly and professional manner at fixtures will result in the start of a gross misconduct process that will be implemented towards that individual which in turn can lead to the cancellation of their membership with no further access to tennis activities at the club thereafter.

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