

MALAHIDE LTCC – ROUND ROBIN RULES 2016 - 2017

1. Introduction

For people who are unfamiliar with Round Robin format, participants are allocated to particular groups for the first Round and then subsequently work their way up (or down!) the various groups based on results. There are usually 5 rounds to play so as usual there will be plenty of time for people to find their appropriate level. You may only enter 2 Events overall.

Where results are very one sided, the Captains reserve the right to adjust players by an appropriate number of levels after each round. Captains may also need to make adjustments from time to time to allow for leavers and joiners. Initial draws will be at the sole discretion of the Captains Committee. Any disputes or anomalies will be dealt with by the Captains Committee also. The norm is 1 up, 1 down, 2 stay except where there are sometimes 5 in a group and then 2 go down.

2. GAME SEQUENCE

1. Each match comprises 2 sets
2. Each set is won by the person/pair that are 1st to 6 games (no need to win by 2 games, so to win the set 6-5 is ok)
3. If the score in sets is 2 –nil, the match is over
4. If the score in sets is 1 all with both sides having the same number of games won then Tiebreaker is played. (Player A wins 1st set 6/4 and Player B wins 2nd set 4/6 then both have 10 points so a normal tie-breaker is then played for the 1 extra point.

3. SCORING SYSTEM

1. As per the old Round robin system, each game counts as one point
2. The tiebreak also counts as one point when played as required. (see point 4 above).
3. Enter the score in each set, on the score sheet.
4. If you had to play a tiebreak, enter W if you won it, enter L if you lost it
5. Enter the sum of games won on the line underneath

4. END OF ROUND SCORES

1. Players B, C, D all finished with a total of 27 points
2. Player D gave a walkover - relegated 1st
3. B lost to C in head-to-head, relegated 2nd
4. If a 3 way tie, and above reasons do not sort, then Player with least “set wins” relegated (C won 2 sets, D won 3 sets, B won 1 set)

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5. BOOKING COURTS FOR ROUND ROBIN MATCHES

1. Players may book courts 3 to 9 in the normal way for Round Robin matches. You may book 1.5 hours for BOTH Singles (Round Robin matches ONLY) and Doubles.
2. YOU MUST VACATE the court at the end of you booking time EVEN IF THE MATCH IS NOT FINISHED. You can then queue to play on courts 6 to 9 to complete the match if you choose.
3. The two-set format with a third set tie-break should allow most matches to be completed in 1.5 hours if players observe a reasonably short knock-up and don't delay too long at change of ends.

6. DETAILS / RULES

1. Tiebreak detail; in Doubles, each pairing may change serving sequence (in doubles) as if it were a new set. Tie-Breaker format is first to 7 with a margin of 2 as normal.
2. Play by date specified. An extension of the scheduled RR completion dates will only be granted in exceptional circumstances and is at the sole discretion of the Captains Committee.
3. To be eligible to play in the Round Robin (RR) 2016/17, players must be 14 years of age as of 31st Dec, 2015 (i.e. eligible for Summer League 2016). For Mixed League all players must be over 16 years of age.
4. Entries must be submitted on the official RR entry form to the office at Malahide LTCC by Saturday September 27, 2016 and must be accompanied by the appropriate entry fees. Cheques should be made payable to Malahide LTCC.
5. The draw for the events will take place after the closing date, as detailed above. All RR draw sheets will be posted on the notice boards at the end of beginning of Oct (staggered events) and also published on the Web Site each month with results updated on a monthly basis.

7. Walk over rules:

1. We actively discourage walk-overs – play the games.
2. Walk-overs must be agreed between the competitors
3. If awarded a walk-over(s) - write w/o in your own box. Failure to do this will result in a no score. d) No walk-over result will be accepted after the results have been taken down
4. A player may only give one walkover per round and the player being awarded the w/o receives the average games won of their played match(es).
5. Where a walkover is awarded the recipient will receive their average score from their played games (rounded up). For Example if a player has won their two matches 12-6 and 9-7, their walkover score will be 11-
6. No points will be awarded for games left un-played.
7. Anyone who consistently gives walk overs over a 2 month period will be given a warning and if it continues they will be removed from the Round Robins permanently.

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8. Failure to play matches:

1. The onus is on each player to make contact early and arrange matches.
2. If a player is injured and unable to play, this must be written into the box of that player or a text needs to be sent to the Captains Committee.
3. Failure by a player unless injured to play any matches in any event in any month will result in that player being suspended from that RR event for the next month unless they have contacted the Captains Committee and made them aware of the fact. That player will have to re-apply to join the RR in that event in the following month.

9. Joining the Round Robin series after the initial entry period.

1. Should people wish to join the Round Robins subsequent to October, they may do so by completing the appropriate form and paying the related fee.
2. If people are unable to play in a particular month, they are requested as a courtesy to fellow players and to the organisers, to make us aware of this situation so that we maximise the number of 'active' players in each month and minimise walkovers. The organisers will remove players who have not played, unless they are contacted. Doubles substitutions are at the discretion of the Captains but results don't count for end of year prizes. But they are taken into consideration for moving up or down the following month.

Thank you for your co - operation and enjoy the tennis.

On behalf of the Captains Committee:

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