



## JUNIOR ROUND ROBIN RULES & GUIDELINES 2016

There will be 4 sections in this year's Round Robin, each with own scoring/rules.

**Red Ball/Orange Ball/Green Ball and Yellow Ball.**

**Important Note: Supervision of children participating in the Round Robin or other recreational play is the responsibility of the parent/guardian**

### Introduction to Round Robin format

- Participants are allocated to a particular group within a section (Red/Orange/Green/Yellow Ball) for the first Round and then subsequently work their way up (or down!) the various groups within their section based on results.
- Please play the appropriate ball and court size for your section. These balls can be purchased from the vending machine.
- Please note that while parents are always welcome to watch their children play, and help with basic rules, they may not interfere with either scoring or line calls
- All players must abide by the MLTCC Code of Conduct. Details on Junior Notice Board and MLTCC Website.

### Arranging matches

- Play by date specified.
- The onus is on each player/parent to make contact early and arrange matches.
- Court booking can be made by the office if neither parent is able to book court

### Failure to play matches

- If a player is injured and unable to play, this must be written into the box of that player.
- Failure of a player (unless injured) to play their matches in any month will result in that player being suspended for the next month. Any suspended player will have to re-apply to join the Round Robin in the following month.
- A child may enter or withdraw from the Round Robin during the year by contacting the Monitor.

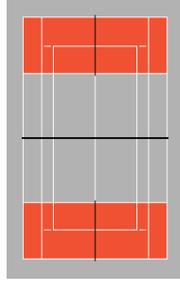
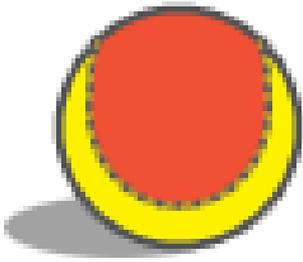
### Walkover Rules

- We actively discourage walk-overs – play the games
- Walk-overs must be agreed between the competitors
- If awarded a walk-over(s) - write w/o in your own box. Failure to do this will result in a no score. No walk-over result will be accepted after the results have been taken down

### Scoring/Format

- We have different rules for different ages/sections. These are based on Tennis Ireland recommendations [http://www.tennisireland.ie/clubs/tennis\\_tens](http://www.tennisireland.ie/clubs/tennis_tens)
- It is important that parents read the section rules carefully and explain clearly to their child.
- Enter score in appropriate boxes.

Any queries please contact Jim Watt – Director of Coaching



# Red Ball Matches

## Court Size

*Mini* court- there are two courts of this size available in the club

## Scoring Format

Best of 5 tiebreaks to 7 points (no need to win by 2, can win 7-6)

Once a player reaches 3 tiebreaks the match is over

You score 1 point for each tiebreak you win

So scores can look like 3-2, 3-1 or 3-0

## Serve Order

In the tiebreak each player serves for 2 points and then their opponent serves the next two points.

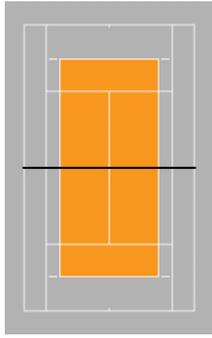
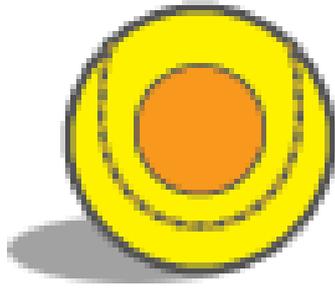
Toss for who serves first.

This alternates for each tiebreak. i.e. whoever serves first in the 1<sup>st</sup> tiebreak also serves first in the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> tiebreak

## Serve and Return

*Important: In Red ball tennis the point only starts when the serve and return both land in the court so if the return is missed the point is replayed.*

*If a player misses their first serve they may hit the 2<sup>nd</sup> serve underarm, if they miss this then they repeat underarm serves until they get one in, when the point starts*



# Orange Ball Matches

## **Court Size**

Midi court- there is one court of this size available in the club. Or you can use the orange tape to mark court.

## **Scoring Format**

Best of 5 tiebreaks to 11 points (no need to win by 2, can win 11-10)

Once a player reaches 3 tiebreaks the match is over

You score 1 point for each tiebreak you win

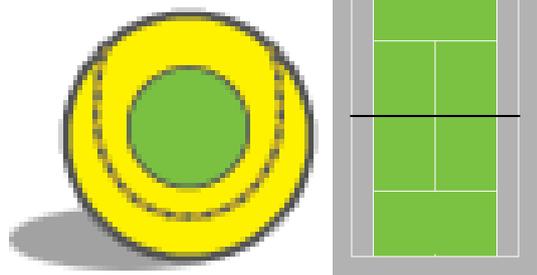
So scores can look like 3-2, 3-1 or 3-0

## **Serve Order**

In the tiebreak each player serves for 2 points and then their opponent serves the next two points.

Toss for who serves first.

This alternates for each tiebreak. i.e. whoever serves first in the 1<sup>st</sup> tiebreak also serves first in the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> tiebreak



# Green Ball Matches

## **Court Size**

Full court

## **Scoring Format**

A Match consists of one full set.

But, if the score is 6-6 you play one more normal game (not a tiebreak!) and the winner wins 7-6

## **No-Ad Scoring**

Each game is like normal tennis scoring where it goes 15, 30, 40 game.

However, if the score reaches deuce (40 -40) there is no advantage. The winner of the next point is the winner of the game. The receiver can choose which side they wish to receive serve on.

## **Score Recording**

The score should be recorded in the box as it was in the set i.e. 6-3, 7-6, 7-5

## **To win the group**

The winner of the group will be decided on the number of matches won.

If this is a tie, then the difference between games won and lost will be used to decide finishing positions.

If this remains a tie, then the winner of the match between the two who have tied will be placed higher.



# Yellow Ball Matches

## Scoring Format

A match shall be the best of 3 sets. The first 2 sets start at 2-2.

A tie-break will operate at 6 games all in each set.

If the match is 1 set all, a champion's tie-break (tie-break to 10, recorded 1-0) will be played instead of the 3rd set.

## Ad-Scoring

Full advantage to be played.

## Score Recording

The score should be recorded in the box as it was in the sets i.e. 6-3, 7-5

## To win the group

The winner of the group will be decided on the number of sets won.

If this is a tie, the difference between games won and lost will be used to decide finishing positions.

If this remains a tie, then the winner of the match between the two who have tied will be placed higher