

MLTCC – ROUND ROBIN RULES 2019-2020

1. Introduction

For people who are unfamiliar with Round Robin (RR) 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 will be 5 rounds to play, between October and March. Initial draws will be at the sole discretion of the Captain and/or coordinator. They will also deal with any disputes or anomalies. The coordinator's contact details will be on the bottom of the posted RR sheets.

2. Game Sequence

1. Each match comprises 2 sets
2. Each set is won by the person/pairing that are first to 6 games (no need to win by 2 games, so 6-5 wins the set)
3. If the score in sets is 2-0, the match is over.
4. If the score in sets is 1 all with both sides having the same number of games won, then a tiebreaker is played. (Player A wins first set 6-4 and Player B wins second 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. Each game won 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 on the noticeboard.
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. Moving up/down boxes

1. At the end of the round, scores will be added up. It is the norm for the person/pairing with highest score to move up, the lowest will move down a box and 2 will remain in the same box.
2. Where there are sometimes 5 in a group and then 2 will either go up or down, depending on the scores.
3. If person/Pairings B, C, D all finish with the same points, and
 - i. D gave a walkover – D relegated first
 - ii. B lost to C in head-to-head, B relegated second
 - iii. If a 3 way tie, and above reasons do not sort, then person/pairing with least "set wins" is relegated (C won 2 sets, D won 3 sets, B won 1 set; then B relegated) .

4. 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.

5. Details/Rules

1. Tiebreak details: In doubles, each pairing may change serving sequence 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 Captain and/or coordinator.
3. Entries must be submitted online through tournament planner. If you have any problems please contact Micheal in the office.
4. The draw for the events will take place after the closing date. Before each round, RR draw sheets will be posted on the notice boards and also published on the website.

6. Walk over rules:

1. We actively discourage walk-overs – play the games!
2. Walk-overs must be agreed between the competitors.. However if a person/pairing has made several attempts to arrange a match and the opposition has not responded, a decision on awarding a walkover will be at the discretion of the coordinator. If there are special circumstances i.e. holidays, injury, bereavement, illness, a player will be exempt from challenges. Typically, more than 2 attempts with no response will result in a WO being given
3. If awarded a walk-over, write 'w/o received' 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. If you gave a walk over, write 'W/o given' in your box.
4. 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, giving a total of 32. If a player is awarded 2 walkovers and played one match (score 6-4), their overall score will be $6 \times 3 = 18$.
5. No points will be awarded for games left un-played.
6. 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 RR permanently.

7. 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 and a text needs to be sent to the coordinator.
3. Failure by a player, unless injured, to play any matches in a month will result in that player being suspended from that RR event for the next month unless they have contacted the

coordinator and made them aware of the fact. That player will have to re-apply to join the RR afterwards.

8. Miscellaneous

1. Should people wish to join the RR subsequent to October, they may do so by paying online and contacting the coordinator.
2. If people know they will be unable to play in a particular month, they are requested as a courtesy to fellow players, to make the coordinator aware of this in advance. The coordinator will remove the players for the month and reinstate them when they are in a position to play again.
3. The coordinator must approve any substitution in advance. If a substitute is used, the results don't count for end of year prizes, but they are taken into consideration for moving up or down the following month.

9. Juniors

1. To be eligible to play in the RR 2019/20, players must turn 14 years of age before or during the year 2019. For mixed RR all players must be 18 years of age or over by 1/10/19.
2. If a parent wants to play with their child, they can enter doubles with their regular partner and enter a second time with their child, for the first year of the child's participation in the senior RR.
3. Contact telephone numbers for RR players are those listed on the club Membership system. In the case of Juniors, it is the parent's responsibility to ensure that it is their own number on the system and not the Junior's.
4. With regard to men's singles RR matches (no ladies singles RR so not relevant):
 - i. A Junior's parent has the right to attend a match of the junior playing against an adult and in each case may or may not take up this option.
 - ii. An adult player playing against a junior may request to have a parent of the junior in attendance during a match with a junior. A reasonable and timely arrangement should be made in advance.