

Summer team squash is all about having fun and socialising with fellow club members whilst continuing to play squash during the off season. To achieve that goal people need to be committed to this principle and be at the club for the duration of the evening to create the right atmosphere and support their fellow team mates during their games. **We have only set the rules to try and ensure that all games are played and nobody is left without an opponent, nobody has to pay extra on the night to cover a missing team member, and to make sure that the games are finished at a reasonable time so that everyone can get eating!**

SUMMER TEAMS RULES

- Play will start at **6.30pm** on the dot!
- Players will be assigned a time slot to play on the night of their play, so you must be available to start at 6.30pm as times will change over the weeks.
- If you cannot turn up at 6.30pm, you **MUST** inform your team captain and opponent who can rearrange your court time on your behalf
- **IMPORTANT: ALL matches MUST be marked using a proper score sheet and handed to one of the summer team co-ordinators. The marker MUST put their name and team on the score sheet. Team captains are responsible for making sure games are marked!!!!**
- **IMPORTANT: If all matches are marked by members of the 2 competing teams themselves, then a bonus net point will be awarded**
- You **MUST** pay on the evening before the scores are finalised for the night. There **WILL** be a forfeit from team net points of 1 point per person that does not pay before the scores are read out at the end of the evening. Team captains will be responsible for collecting money. Even if you do not stay for food, the cost will be £8, this pays for not only the food and Lou's time, but the court and the lights (lucky draw prizes will be kept for winners if they are not at the draw)
- Play will be finished by 9pm if the rules are adhered to
- Play will be on alternate weeks starting Tuesday 7th May 2019
- There will be 12 weeks of play, with a break for the entire month of August. Quarter finals on the 3rd September 2019, the semi- finals on 10th September 2019 and finals night on Friday 13th September 2019
- All players will be handicapped due to the wide variety in the strengths of players and to try ensure all teams and games are quite evenly matched
- Team T-shirts are included in the weekly entry price! So no upfront cost.
- **GUESTS** – any guests and non-participating players are welcome to support the night however if they wish to enjoy the meal afterwards then they are requested to pay £6 to cover Lou's costs (this needs to be arranged with Lou at beginning of the evening)

PLAY

- Each game will be given 30 minutes of court time; 5 minutes to warm up and 25 minutes to play, you will play for the full length of time
- **If you leave the court in this time, except for injury or a broken racket you WILL forfeit 5 gross points from your score on each occasion- this will be enforced by the marker**
- **Time wasting will lead to deduction of 5 gross points at the discretion of the marker**
- Play will be American scoring and will continue past 15 until the end of the 25 minutes
- If both players have a negative handicap then the player closest to Zero will start on zero and the other player adjusted accordingly e.g. player1 is -18, player2 is -10, then game will start as player1 is -8 and player2 is 0.
- If both players have a positive handicap then the player closest to Zero will start on zero and the other player adjusted accordingly e.g. player1 is +10, player2 is +6, then game will start as player1 is +4 and player2 is 0.
- If one player has negative handicap and other player has positive handicap then game will begin on those handicaps.
- Scores will be given per 15 points gained e.g. 30-15 = 2-1 29-14= 1-0 **except where the handicap difference is 10 or greater, then the lower handicap player will be given net score on each 10 points gained**
- There will be 5 bonus net points awarded to the winning teams

Summer teams is designed to be a social event, get to know new people and to play a game of squash or racketball, please do not ruin this for others by not adhering to the rules. There will be forfeits for the teams who do not abide by these rules. Any team that does not field a player in ANY of the games and legs of the 12 weeks will forfeit 10 net points at the end of 12 weeks play and thus could lose their position for the finals events!

PLEASE DON'T LET YOUR TEAM DOWN!

MOST IMPORTANTLY – HAVE FUN AND ENJOY THE EVENT!