

# Wirral Tennis League 2017 Playoffs

## Saturday 9 September at Prenton LTC Guidelines/Rules

Thanks to Prenton for offering to facilitate the 5<sup>th</sup> Wirral Tennis League playoff day.

There are 7 playoffs (5 mixed + 2 mens) followed by presentation buffet later in the evening at Prenton.

**To complete all playoffs in the day the schedule is very tight.**

To facilitate playing all events in the one day the following conditions apply:

1. The planned schedule as specified in WTL CM1 Minutes will be emailed to all contacts and published on website as soon as possible after final matches.
2. The final schedule will be published as soon as possible following WTL CM2 which will give clubs over 2 weeks notice.
3. A player can only play in one mixed playoff and one Mens/Ladies playoff. If a player is selected for 2 playoffs which results in a clash of times then rescheduling may be required. Therefore if you have a player required to play in more than one playoff the fixture secretary must be emailed as soon as possible and before WTL CM2.
4. **Players names, in positional order, must be given to organiser at least 15 mins before their teams scheduled start time. The order cannot then be changed.**
5. Play must start promptly (no grace)
6. Maximum of 5 mins knockup
7. Scheduled 2½hours per 2 rubbers.
  - 7.1. Rubbers are 2 tiebreak sets.
  - 7.2. Order of play: 2<sup>nd</sup> ladies 2<sup>nd</sup> men 1<sup>st</sup> ladies 1<sup>st</sup> men 4<sup>th</sup> mixed 3<sup>rd</sup> mixed 2<sup>nd</sup> mixed 1<sup>st</sup> mixed.
  - 7.3. Maximum 5 minutes allowed between rubbers
  - 7.4. Results of rubbers must be reported to organiser **immediately** completed.
  - 7.5. If 8 sets all then team winning most games wins, if still equal then team winning most games in 1<sup>st</sup> Mixed, then 2<sup>nd</sup> Mixed, 3<sup>rd</sup> Mixed, 4<sup>th</sup> Mixed, 1<sup>st</sup> Mens, 1<sup>st</sup> Ladies, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mens, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ladies then replay.
8. **If player not present when called (no grace) then 1<sup>st</sup> set conceded. If not present after a further 20mins then 2<sup>nd</sup> set conceded.**
9. If match exceeds scheduled time (particularly because of weather) then it may be stopped to allow next match to start, however if nearing completion it may be allowed to continue at discretion of organiser (for rearrangement see 11 below). Match will be deemed complete when one team has won (typically when one team has won 9 sets for mixed or 5 sets for mens).
10. If any match is not completed on the day then it is to be continued at the runners up club on subsequent Saturdays (16 September 2017 etc) at 2pm. However if a player is required for more than one match, which must be declared on playoff day, the Mens teams match will be at 10am. If bad weather stops play and the match has used its time allocation then it is to be continued as above. Unlike League reorganised matches, the score when rubber interrupted will be used on continuation of rubber (even if substitute players are used as in case of unavailability).
11. Player eligibility:
  - 11.1. Played 25% matches in team (or lower team) in the current season. That is 4 matches for all teams except for bottom team in club & Division 6 teams when requirement is 3 matches.
  - 11.2. Ranking for 2<sup>nd</sup> half season to apply. If a player has not played in 2<sup>nd</sup> half season then their ranking for 1<sup>st</sup> half season to apply.
  - 11.3. If not enough players eligible then lowest position(s) deemed walk overs.
12. If conceding match then please advise asap to aid scheduling.
13. Player eligibility & rankings will be checked as soon as possible (hopefully on the day).
14. Court allocation, Result cards & Balls will be provided by the league.