

NORTH WALES TENNIS - MIXED SHIELD / PLATE RULES 2023

- 1) The competition shall take such form as TWN shall decide. Only clubs registered to the LTA will be allowed to enter. TWN Division has the power to refuse the entry of any Club into the competition.
- 2) A draw will be completed for the knock-out competition and circulated to team captains by the League Organiser. The Shield & Plate Finals will take place at Wrexham Tennis Centre in September 2023 (date tbc). Other than the finals all matches will be played mid-week during breaks in the North Wales Summer Tennis League fixture list.
- 3) Players may represent only one club in the competition and must be bona fide members of such club. Once players have played for one team they are "cup-tied" and cannot play for another team even within the same club.
- 4) Matches may only be rearranged in the event of bad weather preventing play. Team Captains will communicate with each other prior to opposition players needing to set off for a fixture if it needs to be abandoned due to bad weather. Communication will need to take place with the League Organiser to agree a date for any rain affected matches to take place.
- 5) Should any player not be available to play within half an hour of the agreed starting time then this player's first rubber should be forfeited. Should any player not be available to play within one hour of the agreed starting time then all rubbers that they would have played in the fixture would be forfeited.
- 6) Teams will consist of 4 players (2 men & 2 ladies). Each fixture will consist of 4 rubbers (4 matches). **There will be 2 x Mixed rubbers; 1 x Men's rubber & 1x Ladies rubber.** The first 2 sets will have a tie-break at 6 games all – first to 7 points with a 2-point advantage. Should it be 1 set all, the rubber will be decided by a match tie-break – first to 10 points with a 2-point advantage.
- 7) In the rounds leading to the final the home team will provide three new LTA approved balls per court. Tennis Wales will provide tennis balls for the final.
- 8) The winning team will be that which wins most rubbers, if these are equal most sets and if these are also equal, most games. A fixture will be considered to be completed if 2 rubbers have been played before weather or bad light causes play to be suspended.
- 9) At the fixture both captains should complete a TWN scorecard and each should retain their own copy. The two cards should be agreed and signed by both captains. **The home team captain should submit the result online within 48 hours of the fixture.** The away team captain should check the result online and if necessary challenge the result within 7 days of it being submitted by contacting the NW League Organiser.
- 10) In the event of a team being unable to fulfil a fixture, the opposing team will be awarded the match.
- 11) Any disputes shall be referred to the League Organiser, in writing, within 3 days of the fixture giving rise to the dispute taking place or the date when the fixture should have taken place. The decision of TWN shall be final and binding on all parties to a dispute referred to it.
- 12) All captains & players must abide by the North Wales Tennis Code of Conduct