

NORTH WALES WINTER TENNIS LEAGUE RULES 2023/24

- 1) The League shall be called Domaine Des Jeanne North Wales Winter League and only clubs registered as a venue with the LTA will be eligible to enter the League.
- 2) Players may represent one club only in the competition and must be bona fide members of such club. In Leagues where there is more than one division team captains should submit a 'core of 2 players' before the beginning of the season. These must be the best 2 players available to the team. These 2 players cannot play down under any circumstance.
- 3) Fixtures will start at 10am on Sunday unless otherwise agreed between the two captains. **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.** Fixtures that cannot be played because of bad weather or bad light on the due date should be rearranged by the clubs involved for the first available date for both teams. If less than 2 rubbers have been played before bad weather or bad light stops play the captains of each team should agree to carry on from the current score at the first available date. A fixture will be considered to be completed if two rubbers have been played before weather or bad light causes play to be suspended, remaining rubbers to be shared between teams.
- 4) If any pair is not ready to play by 15 minutes after the agreed start time then one set shall be forfeited and if not ready to play within 30 minutes of the agreed start time then one rubber shall be forfeited.
- 5) The visiting pairs have the right to stay on the same court for both matches. If the courts of the home team are unfit for play on the date arranged, the fixture may be played on some other ground by mutual agreement of the teams.
- 6) The home team will provide three new LTA approved balls per court.
- 7) Teams should be selected in line with your available core 2 players.
- 8) Teams will consist of two pairs. Each fixture will consist of 4 rubbers (matches). Each pair playing against both the pairs of the opposing team. In the first round the respective first pairs and second pairs will play each other, and in the second round each first pair will play the opposing second pair. In all rubbers the first two sets will have a tiebreak at 6 games all – first to 7 points with a 2-point advantage. Should it be one set all, the rubber will be decided by a match tiebreak – first to 10 points with a two-point advantage. In the Mixed Division, BOTH rubbers will be Mixed Doubles matches.
- 9) The winner of each fixture shall receive 2 points and the loser 0 points. Where the rubbers are shared 2-2 the fixture is drawn and each team shall receive 1 point.
- 10) If a player is injured during play and is unable to continue, that rubber and the succeeding rubber in which she/he is unable to play shall be forfeited.
- 11) At the fixture both captains should complete a TW score card and each 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 match.** The away team captain should check the results online and if necessary challenge the result within 7 days of it being submitted by contacting the TWN office.
- 12) In the event of a team being unable to fulfil a fixture, the opposing team will be awarded the fixture on 2-0 points, 4-0 rubbers (matches), 8-0 sets, 48-0 games basis.

- 13) League position will be decided by the number of points won. When points are equal, a percentage of rubbers (matches) won, then sets then games will determine league position.
- 14) If a club has more than one team in the Leagues then the lower teams must be sacrificed for the first and second team when necessary.
- 15) Any dispute 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.
- 16) When entering results online, the entering of an 'unknown player' is prohibited. This may only be allowed if full name, dob and BTM number are provided in the notes section.
- 17) All matches must be presumed on unless contacted by the opposing captain to say otherwise. It is recommended that captains make contact before the fixture anyway.
- 18) All captains & players must abide by the North Wales Tennis Winter & Summer League Code of Conduct.