

Horam & District Lawn Tennis Association

Knockout Rules

1. The tournament will operate as three individual doubles events- Ladies, Mixed & Men's and no player may appear in more than one event.
2. Each League Club will nominate a pair to compete in the 1st round of each event and although it is desirable for that same pair then to continue to play in subsequent rounds, there is no obligation on clubs for them to do so. Substitutions are entirely permissible.
3. Those clubs with two teams will nominate a further pair for each event. No individual may play for more than one of any club's teams in the KO Tournament, even as a substitute, so these entries must be genuine 2nd team players.
4. The eight teams lowest in the divisions from the previous season will enjoy an opening home tie. Their opponents will be drawn at random but avoiding same club first round matches.
5. Where more than 16 teams are entered in any event there will be a preliminary round between those 2nd team clubs to enter the first round.
6. In subsequent rounds, those clubs with more than one team will be expected to host all the remaining matches. e.g. all 4 Mixed Doubles at one venue, Ladies at another & Men's at another, and similarly with the semi-finals. Nominated clubs will need to be prepared to host these matches even if at this stage they have no remaining teams in the event.
7. In the event of matches being abandoned due to adverse weather conditions, a result must nevertheless be achieved. If a match has been started but cannot be completed on the evening in question, the result at the time of the abandonment will stand if, a) either pair has won the first set and is at least one full game ahead in the second set or, b) the score is one set all, but one pair is at least two full games ahead in the final set.
8. In the event of abandonment without a result, each individual tie will need to be re-scheduled. In the case of the First Round, there is a reserve date on the calendar, but in all other circumstances, the first named team in the draw will become the home side for the re-arranged fixture and will be responsible for making contact and agreeing a mutually satisfactory date with their opponents and entering the result on the League website.
9. In all other respects, the KO Tournament will operate to the normal League Rules and Regulations e.g. the match format is best of three tie break sets, host team supplies balls & light refreshments.

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