

Rules of the tournament for the Steep LTC annual championship

The club wishes to encourage as many members as possible to take part in the tournament. To make it as enjoyable and fair as possible for all entrants, the rules of the tournament are set out below.

Before entering please read the rules and consider whether you are able to make the necessary commitment and are available to play throughout the period of the tournament.

1. Players must put their names on the entry forms displayed in the clubhouse by the published close date – late entrants will not be considered eligible.
2. The date for the Finals Day will be published in advance. Players should check that, in the event of reaching the final, they will be available to play on Finals Day.
3. The draws for the qualifying rounds will be published a week after the entry close date. In general players will have 3-4 weeks to complete each round. The draw sheets will be displayed in the clubhouse and on the club website. A reminder will also be sent by email. Players should check that they are able to meet the deadlines for each qualifying round of the championship. Any potential difficulty should be notified to the Tournament Secretary as early as possible.
4. The responsibility for contacting the other player(s) to organise matches rests with the first named player(s). All players are encouraged to organise their matches as early as possible to avoid running out of time and to make themselves reasonably available for play.
5. All qualifying matches must be played by the given deadline. A limited time extension will only be allowed in exceptional circumstances. The following will not be considered exceptional circumstances;
 - work commitments;
 - ordinary childcare commitments;
 - bad weather; and
 - lack of court availability.

The Tournament Secretary's decision as to whether exceptional circumstances apply will be final.

6. Qualifying round matches not played by the relevant deadline will be awarded by toss of a coin unless the Tournament Secretary rules that a player has not made reasonable efforts to be available for the match.
7. If a player wins a round and then knows that they are unlikely to be available on Finals Day, they must give a walkover to person they have beaten.
8. The tournament format is the best of three sets with a tie break at 6-6. The winner is the first to 7 points with a 2 point lead.

