

# SOCIAL MIX-IN RULES

Social Mix-ins are for adults, students and juniors passed for adult play. All members in these categories are welcomed at all social mix-ins.

## **Aim:**

- ‘balanced’ fours, enjoyed by players of all levels eg. 4 players of the same standard, 2 stronger players paired with 2 weaker players etc.
- Emphasis on ‘social’ rather than purely competitive play.

## **Format:**

- Doubles: ladies, men or ‘funny’ – 3 men/1 woman, 3 women/1 man.
- Short sets: first to win 6 games with no tie breaks. If there are more than 6 players waiting (may be fewer in winter) then a total of 7 games are played.

## **Hot Seat system**

- The first player to arrive is in the HOT SEAT. If a player arrives when play is in progress and no-one else is waiting, they are in the HOT SEAT.
- The player in the HOT SEAT chooses a balanced four, as soon as it is possible to do so, from up to the next 7 players available.
- Types of doubles and selection of players is the choice of player in the HOT SEAT, but, where practicable, preference should be given to anyone who has not played.
- The HOT SEAT is then passed to the next player who has been waiting longest.
- If a set has finished and no-one else is waiting, the winners are in the HOT SEAT. It is acceptable to wait for another set to finish to allow for a mix-in of players.

The social mix-in rules were updated in February 2019. If any misunderstandings arise, please contact a committee member who will be happy to clarify the rules.

And finally, please remember to:

- provide your own tennis balls of a reasonable standard;
- wear recognized tennis shoes;
- enter and leave courts, and watch play without disturbing other players;
- drag the clay courts if you are the last to play on them; and
- check that the courts and clubhouse are locked and the floodlights off if you are the last to leave.