



## Team Tennis – 2022

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### RULES Updated 10/01/2022

1. **Five courts will be reserved** from 8.00 pm Wednesdays & 7.00pm Thursdays. More courts may be reserved depending on numbers participating. Please see timesheet for Court numbers. **Please respect any preceding matches on adjacent courts.**
2. **All matches must be played on time** and on the evening specified. In exceptional circumstances, if both Captains agree, **a match may be played before** the specified date. **No match may be played after the specified date.**
3. **Prompt start** of play is essential in fairness to those playing later each evening. The ten-minute rule specifies the penalties for late starts. Ten-minute rule does not apply if you are subbing in game preceding your own game **provided**
  - a. your own team captain has been informed and
  - b. you have noted your substitution on the score sheet before playing.

| <u>Up To Minutes Late</u> | <u>Conceed Games</u> |
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| <u>10</u>                 | <u>2</u>             |
| <u>15</u>                 | <u>4</u>             |
| <u>20</u>                 | <u>5</u>             |

4. **A substitute may only be drawn from the official substitute list** or from other teams at the same level or a lower level. Anyone not registered for the competition may only sub at the level they last played in a club graded competition or higher. Substitutes **should be arranged by the player** & then confirmed to the Team Captain.

A substitute drawn from the **same level** will be limited to a maximum score of **NINE** games no matter what the result of the match **except at level 4** where a maximum score of **TWELVE** games will apply.

Where a substitute is taken from a **lower** level, the **actual** score applies with no maximum. Should it happen that a substitute is taken from a **higher** level, the match should be played, and a score of 12-0 recorded for the opposition.

**Please note when looking for a sub two male players cannot play together.**

If a “no show” happens, a score of 12 – 0 shall be awarded to the opposition. A “no show” will refer to someone not being on court within 20 minutes of the published start time for the match. The match should be conceded and not played.

If **two ladies** play against a **man and a lady**, the **mixed team will start at minus 15 (the handicap)**. If the ladies win that game the handicap is removed for the next game which shall start to **0-0**. **Whenever the mixed pair win a game**, the handicap returns and the mixed pair start the next game at **minus 15**. The handicap never goes above minus 15. The handicap continues until the tiebreak – There is **No handicap in the tiebreak**.

5. **All matches are 17 games**. If a game reaches deuce, the following point will decide the game (**short deuce**). At deuce man serves to man or lady serves to lady. **The last game is a tiebreak**. Winner of the tiebreak is the first pair to pass 7 points or more with a 2 point lead.
6. If a player is injured during a match, the match should be resumed starting from the score of the disrupted game using a substitute, subject to Rule (4) above.
7. Should **inclement weather** render the outside courts unsuitable to play, (decision to be taken by the referee, or by agreement of the team captains involved), all matches shall be played in the dome. Shortened matches of 8 games shall apply. If a game reaches deuce, the following point will decide the game (short deuce). **The last game is a tiebreak**. Winner of tiebreak is first pair to pass 3 points or more with a 2 point lead. Game scores will be prorated to 17 games for competition scoring purposes.
8. If a match that is underway cannot be completed due to inclement weather, then the score at the time shall be taken pro-rata over 17 games.



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9. If there is a tie for 1st or 2nd place in a section, the results of the match between the teams involved shall be used to decide the winner of the section. If for any reason the teams have not played each other or their match result was a tie, the tie will be settled by the toss of a coin by the referee in the presence of the two captains.
10. In the finals, there will be a playoff between (a) the winners of Wednesday and Thursday nights for the 1st and 2nd places and (b) the runners-up of Wednesday and Thursday nights for the 3rd and 4th places. There may also be some fun play-offs.
11. **Team Captains are responsible for returning their team's results** on the sheet provided on the caddy master's desk after each night's play. Sheets should be put into the Tennis Club "Post Box". And emailed to elm.pk.ast@gmail.com
12. The decision of the Referee(s) is final.

**Referees: Catherine Murphy & Caroline Judge**