

WALLIS CUP

16th YEAR

2019– 2020

Mixed Doubles Tournament

7th October 2019 - 27th June 2020 (Final)



COMPETITION RULES

- 1 The tournament is open to all tennis section members. New pairs can join in at any time; however please observe the minimum match rule to qualify for the knock-out stage. The Competition is to be played in one session from Monday 7th October 2019 to Saturday 27th June 2020 (subject to confirmation from the Club as to whether this date will be Finals Day for the Summer Tournament). This means that you can play as many games as you like either before Christmas or after providing you play a minimum of **TEN matches** by Sunday 26th April 2020.

A bonus point will be awarded for each completed match played up to and including Sunday 26th April 2020. The bonus points will be added to your total score after the round robin matches have been played. **The bonus triggers when you have played 10 matches**, so if you play 20 matches you will be awarded 20 bonus points which may help you get into the knock-out stage of the Tournament. The more you play the bigger the bonus points.
- 2 As above a minimum of **ten** matches are to be played and the highest **eight** scores will be totalled on or shortly after the 26th April. **The pairings that play the most matches during the competition will receive a Plate in recognition of "Most matches Played in the Tournament". This will only apply to the finish of the Round Robin stage. Any points obtained in the quarter finals, semi final and Final will not be taken into account. Any walkovers will not be added to the total.**
- 3 A Handicap System will be used and if necessary the levels of success pairings have had in previous years in this competition will be taken into account. This means that the Club ratings are not the only rule of deciding the joint rating for this competition. The Tournament Organiser and representatives from the Tennis Committee will decide on the final ratings.

- 4 Each mixed double pairings are ranked in accordance with the Tournament rating for each player. The difference between the handicaps will be added to the final score of each match. A Match will consist of 21 games. The result of the Match will be recorded on the score sheet, which will be the **gross score**.
In the knock out stages if the score is 11-10 but the loser has one handicap point then the score would be 11-11. A championship tie break (First to 10 points clear of 2) will then be played. The winners of the tiebreak will progress to the next round of the competition, or be named champions should the tiebreak occur in the final.
- The scores are to be recorded on the sheet in the Tennis Hut and in addition please email Sarah Eisner with the result of each match so the master score sheet can be updated regularly. The Score Sheet will be regularly updated and available to view on the OVSC website www.oxshottsports.com/tennis
- 5 On the 26th April 2020 or soon thereafter the total scores will be totalled. There will be no extensions to this date.
- 6 No points can be scored for Walkovers. Therefore if the match is not played no points will be scored. Only completed matches of 21 games played will have any bonus points and/or handicap difference awarded.
- 7 A) In the event of a player sustaining an injury whilst playing a match, the actual score & match will still count. However, the match can be rearranged and played to its conclusion at a later time (providing it is played before the round robin deadline). The match will resume with the actual score before the retirement.
B) In the event a match is postponed due to bad weather/light etc, **all 4** players have to agree to postpone the match and resume at a later date (providing it is before the round robin cut off date). The match will resume with the actual score before the postponement. If the match cannot be finished in its entirety the actual score achieved before the retirement will be entered onto the master sheets, however no bonus points or handicap difference will be awarded. Player safety should not be compromised. This rule is not to be abused.
C) If eight or fewer pairs have played at least 10 matches by the 26th April 2020 all those pairs will go through to the Quarter Final.
Spare places in the Quarter Final will then be given to those with the highest scores.
Only those pairs who have played ten matches will be awarded the extra bonus point for each match played.
This approach rewards those who have made the effort to play as many matches as possible.
- 8 Each match will consist of 21 games.
- 9 The eight top pairings will play each other in a knock out Quarter Final followed by a Semi Final and Final.
If you are unable to play on finals day your place in the Quarter Final will be taken by the pair next in line. The dates and how the Quarter Final will be played are as follows: -

Matches

- A First place (1) Plays Eighth place (8)
- B Second place (2) Plays Seventh place (7)
- C Third place (3) plays Sixth (6)
- D Fourth place (4) plays Fifth (5)

Quarter Final – by Sunday 17th May 2020

Semi Final – by Sunday 21st June 2020

Final & Third Place play off. Most likely to be Saturday 27th June – to be confirmed.

10. In the event players have the same point score at the knock out stage the following criteria will be used to decide which positions are allocated to which pairs. In the first instance the head to head rule will be used. Second instance the pair who has played the most matches.
11. The Handicap System will apply to all matches through to and including the Final.
12. The total score at the end of the first session is not carried forward to the knock-out stage. The knock-out stage is stand-alone and no scores obtained previously will be taken into account.

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