

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP RULES OF PLAY 2026

LTA rules of play will apply. Matches will be best of 3 sets. Tie-break at 6 all in the first two sets, long set for the third.

Only fully paid up club members are eligible to enter the tournament and are required to remain members throughout the period the tournament is played.

PLATE COMPETITION

There will be a Plate Competition for first match losers in the singles events. Qualification for the Plate will be at the discretion of the Tournament Referee.

ARRANGING MATCHES AND PLAYER AVAILABILITY

As soon as you know who your opponent(s) is/are, contact them without delay to arrange a mutually agreeable date for your match. Expiry dates of rounds are shown on the tournament sheets and will only be moved in exceptional circumstances, at the discretion of the Tournament Referee. If you know that you will be unavailable to play in the next round, you must scratch on match point, if you are winning. Players left in any event must make every effort to be available to play on any day in the last week of the tournament.

All players left in the tournament must keep Sunday 20th September free, in case matches have been delayed due to bad weather. All finalists must be available to play from 1.00pm on Sunday 20th September. The final of any of the doubles events may be played on Saturday 19th September, at the discretion of the Tournament Referee.

COURTS

Matches should be played on classic clay unless (a) they are either occupied or unplayable or (b) both players are happy to play on the Astroturf surface. Tournament matches should not be arranged on Club Nights. The only exception to this is if the match starts earlier than the club night and is finished by 7:00 PM, or there is a spare court. If the court becomes needed for clubnight play, then tournament players have to stop and give up the court. Uncompleted matches would then be finished at a later date.

BALLS

Both players/pairs should bring a set of balls suitable for playing a match. The finals shall be played with one set of balls supplied by the club.

DISPUTES/FAILURE TO PLAY MATCHES

Players may be scratched, at the referee's discretion, if they fail to play their matches by the specified time or are unavailable to complete their next match. If one player/pair is unable to continue due to injury or other circumstances, then their opponents may claim the match unless both parties agree for a continuance at a later date, providing the tournament time-table permits. The Referee's decision on all matters relating to the tournament is final.

QUESTIONS

If you have any questions or require a decision on any matter please contact Bill Chadwick tournament@prestburytennis.org or 07880 521227