

WRFC Squash League Rules

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League Overview:

- The league is managed through the website <http://wimbledonracquets.leaguemaster.co.uk/>. Any correspondence regarding the league should be sent via email to wimbledonracquets@leaguemaster.co.uk.
- Each league cycle normally lasts six weeks, but will be longer during club champs, summer holidays and over Christmas.
- Over that cycle you are expected to play all the other players in your league box. Consult the Help section on the website to find out how to identify and contact your opponents.
- We aim ideally to have seven players in all leagues,. However there may sometimes be as few as five or as many as eight to deal with people joining and leaving the leagues.
- Matches are played as best of five games, using point a rally ("PAR") scoring. Matches in the Team Leagues (what used to be Tom John) are played to 11, in Club Leagues (i.e. Gold, Silver, Bronze) to 15. In both cases game winner needs to lead by two clear points.

Joining the leagues:

- If you've not played in the leagues before then please attend one of the club sessions and ask a coach what league he/she recommends you start in. Then register as a new player on the website – c.f. the website help option for details of how to do this. Please note it is not always possible to put you in the recommended league, but we will try to get a reasonable fit.
- If you are re-joining then you can log in to the website and add a comment requesting that you want to join the next cycle. We will try to reinstate you within a couple of leagues of the one you most recently played in.

League Scoring:

- Points are awarded for each match played as follows:
 - 3-0: 7-2
 - 3-1: 6-3
 - 3-2: 6-4
 - 2-1: 4-3
 - 2-0: 4-2
 - 1-0: 3-2
 - 2-2: 4-4
 - 1-1: 3-3
 - Walkover: 5-0
- If a match is not played a result must not be entered.

League Promotion / Demotion

- At the end of each league cycle points for each player are totalled and the players within each league box are ranked from first to last place.
- If two players have the same number of points then the rules are:
 - If they have played each other the winner is ranked higher
 - If not the player who won the most games is ranked higher
 - If still equal then the player who was ranked higher before the start of the cycle remains the higher ranked at the end of the cycle.
- Once the rankings are established then in the following cycle players are promoted or demoted according to the follow rules:
- For players in Club Leagues the target promotion/demotion is:
 - 1st place promoted 2 leagues

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- 2nd place promoted 1 league
- 2nd last place demoted 1 league
- Last place demoted 2 leagues
- For players in Team Leagues:
 - 1st place promoted 1 league
 - 2nd place promoted 1 league
 - 2nd last place demoted 1 league
 - Last place demoted 1 league
- These targets may then be adjusted. The final league promotions/demotions try to balance the above targets with the needs of catering for new joiners and leavers and the target numbers in each box. We try to ensure that most people end up in their target league and those that don't end up no more than one league away. However this is not always possible!
- We may also adjust for strong players in lower Club Leagues: if a player wins all their matches comfortably they may be promoted more than two leagues.
- If you think you are playing in a league which is much too low (or too high) then email us and we'll take into account when setting up the next league cycle.

Withdrawals

- If for some good reason you are unable to play any matches (e.g. injury, travel) then please update your status on the website so that all the players in your box know that you are withdrawing from the current league cycle. Please also email us to let us know if you want to stay in the next league. If we hear from you we will keep you in (but probably demote you).
- If we don't hear from you and you haven't played any matches then you will be withdrawn from the next league cycle.
- When a player withdraws from a league the rules for dealing with any matches they have played (which may affect promotion/demotion of other players in that league) are as follows:
 - Played one or two matches – results annulled
 - Played three or more matches – results stand

Walkovers

Walkovers should be claimed as a last resort. If at all possible find a way to play the match. However if this is not possible then a walkover may be claimed if:

- 2 or more attempts are made to contact a person with no response;
- A player doesn't turn up for an arranged match;
- A player cancels within 24 hours (but match should be rearranged if possible);
- A player cancels a match which cannot be re-arranged before the end of the current league cycle.

Please note:

- A walkover cannot be claimed where a player cannot make a "rematch", i.e. when a match is scheduled to complete a previously unfinished match.
- Please let your opponent know if you are planning to claim a walkover before you enter the result online to give them a final opportunity to arrange the match or object if they feel the grounds for claiming a walkover have not been met.
- If you cannot resolve a walkover decision then please let us know via email and we will adjudicate. However we'd rather not so please resolve bilaterally whenever possible.