

Co. Wicklow Lawn Tennis Club

Men's Box Singles

ENTRY

- All Senior and Junior Members eligible for selection on a Senior League team are allowed to enter the box singles. Juniors must have reached the age of 14 by 31st December 2008 as per DLTC rules.
- To enter write your name, mobile number & email address on the sheet on the notice board.
- The cost of entry is €5 per player. Envelopes are available on the notice board. Write your name and "Box Singles" on the envelope before posting in the letterbox.
- Email entries to tennis@cowicklowltc.com will be accepted but players who have not paid the entry fee before the closing date will not be considered. This will be strictly enforced.
- This tournament is open to players of all standards. Each box will have players of a similar standard.
- Closing date for entry is Friday 30th October 2009

BOX SINGLES INFORMATION

- The Tennis Committee are running this tournament in response to many requests to offer the membership more competitive play.
- This first tournament is being run for the Men only and is experimental. The Tennis Committee hopes to identify from this tournament the best possible format to suit all members of our Club and to hopefully introduce Box tournaments for Ladies Singles and Men's & Ladies Doubles in the near future. Feedback is essential; please email tennis@cowicklowltc.com should you have any suggestions of improvement.
- It is the intension to run this tournament 4 times a year.
- Junior Members eligible will have equal rights with Senior Members when playing in this tournament against a Senior Member. If two Junior Members are in the same box then the match between the two juniors must be played under normal junior rights i.e. the match cannot be played after 6pm Monday – Friday.
- To start off this tournament players will be allocated their placing in the boxes by the Tennis Committee.
- Box groups generally will consist of either 4 or 5 players depending on the number of entries.
- Players will supply their own balls and light tokens.
- All games **must** be played within an hour time frame. If played under lights two lights tokens maximum (One from each player).
- Walkovers are **not** permitted.
- In the case of injury, where that player cannot complete the remaining fixtures, that players result's to that point in the box are scratched.
- It is the intention in the next tournament that relegation and promotion will occur between boxes. However, this cannot be detailed at this stage as it will depend upon the numbers of new players in the next tournament and what standard those new players are. Ideally, in a box of five players, two up two down.
- The winner of each box will be awarded a prize.
- Players wanting to join the tournament for subsequent periods will be accommodated and allocated their place by the Tennis Committee.

BOX SINGLES GAME PLAY

- Each match consists of the playing of 12 games (Normal Game Rules) and then a tie-break i.e. the last game (13th) is a tie-break no matter what the score is after playing 12 games.
- Each game won counts as one point. The winner of the tie break is awarded a bonus point. (2 points for a tie-break win). The maximum accumulated score of both players is 14 points.
- At the completion of the box games the player with the most points wins. If there is a tie between two players, points against decides, if level after that, the head to head decides.
- If the lights go out or you are asked to vacate the court if your time is up, the score at that point counts. If this happens during the tie-break, the score before the tie-break counts. Therefore “Keep knock-up’s to the bear minimum”
- If a player has to retire during a match due to injury, illness or other exceptional circumstance. The game score at that stage is entered on the score sheet e.g. 6-4 “Player A Retired”. If Player A cannot complete the other matches in the box their results to date in that box are scratched. If Player A completes the other matches or this match is their last match. Player B is awarded the remaining games. The tie-break bonus point is not counted in this case. e.g. Player A was winning 6-4. Player A had to retire. The score registered will be Player A **(6)** Player B **(7)**

Box Example

		A	B	C	D	E	TOTAL
Results of player A	A		8-6	11-3	5-9	9-5	
games won by A			8	11	5	9	33
Results of Player B	B	6-8		10-4	7-7	10-4	
games won by B		6		10	7	10	33
Results of player C	C	3-11	4-10		6-6	8-6	
games won by C		3	4		6	8	21
Results of player D	D	9-5	7-7	6-6		8-6	
games won by D		9	7	6		8	30
Results of player E	E	5-9	4-10	6-8	6-8		
games won by E		5	4	6	6		21

<p>Points scored between A & B are equal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A's points against = 23 B's points against = 23 A wins on head to head 	<p>Uncompleted Match</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> C v D reached 6-6 but the tie-break was not completed in time. <p>Drawn Match</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> B v D is 7-7. B was winning 7-5. D won the tie-break
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