

HERTFORDSHIRE LTA WINTER SINGLES LEAGUE REGULATIONS
FOR WINTER 2017/18 SEASON

1. The competition will be held between 1st October 2017 and 31st March 2018 .
2. The competition is open to clubs and schools which are affiliated to the Herts LTA.
3. All competitors must be members of British Tennis AND have a rating before they play in any match. Players in the 16U league must be born on or after the 31st March 2001 and in the 14U league must be born on or after 31st March 2003. No Green/10U player may play in this league.
4. The competition shall be played under the Rules of Lawn Tennis (ITF) and the Regulations for County Club and other matches as laid down by the Lawn Tennis Association.
5. Entries must be made online by 4th September 2017. No late entries will be accepted.
6. An entry fee of £10 per 14U or 16U team and £15 per open team is payable through Paypal ONLINE.
7. No competitor can represent more than one club.
8. Players must play in the order of their rating. If two or more players have the same rating, the team captain shall decide in which order they shall play. However teams should be prepared to justify playing a lower ranked player in position than a higher ranked player. For open events, open rankings shall apply, for 16U events 16 rankings shall apply, for 14U events 14 rankings shall apply. Where a club has two or more teams, player shall be allocated to each team in order of merit ie the higher rated players will play for 1 and the lower rated players shall play for 2. A player may not play for a team if they have played 2 matches for a higher team or teams. Where a club has two teams in the same division a player can only play matches for one of those teams.
9. Each team comprises 3 players of the same sex. Each player plays one best of three set singles match against his/her opposite number. The match comprises three singles. Matches will be played at weekends and may be played under floodlights if the home club has them. A match started without floodlights shall be completed under floodlights if they are available and the light deteriorates.
10. Matches are the best of 3 sets, two tiebreak at 6-6 and the third a match tiebreak to 10 unless a full third set (tiebreak at 6-6) is agreed before the start of the match. One point is awarded for each match win.
11. If two teams score an equal number of points, the order of precedence within the group shall be determined by the result of the match between those teams. If three or more teams score an equal number of points, the order of precedence shall be determined by the percentage of rubbers won to rubbers played , and should that be equal the percentage of sets won to sets played shall decide, and should the percentages in respect of both rubbers and sets be equal, the percentage of games won to games lost shall decide. A deciding match tiebreak counts as one game and one set. If a full tiebreak set is played it counts as one set and all games played shall count.
12. If a match has to be abandoned for bad weather or bad light (see provision re floodlights above) :

- 12.1 before two rubbers have been completed, the match shall be replayed on a mutually agreed date
- 12.2 after completion of two rubbers and the match stands at one rubber each, the match shall be replayed on a mutually agreed date, however the result of the matches played shall count as a ratings match and should be reported to the League Organiser for processing.
- 12.3 after completion of two rubbers which have both been won by one team, the result will stand and no replay shall be required.
13. If a team is not complete or ready to play within 30 minutes of the agreed starting time, then they shall forfeit the match 3-0, 6-0 (sets) and 36-0(games).
14. In the event of a team asking for a fixture to be postponed for any reason, other than on account of the weather, the team ready and able to play shall be automatically awarded a walkover unless another date can be mutually agreed upon and arranged. A walkover shall count as if the match had been played and shall be scored as a win to love in rubbers sets and games.
15. If a team is unable to play a match in their group or do not turn up at the agreed time, a letter must be sent to the League Organiser explaining the reason. Failure to do so may result in the team not being able to enter a team next year.
16. Results will be submitted online by the winning team within 48 hours of the match being played.
17. Complaints must be made in writing within 48 hours of the incident to the League Organiser.
18. An adult team organiser for each team (home and away) should be present throughout the match to ensure the smooth running of the matches. Home teams should provide good quality balls and light refreshments for both teams.
19. Dates will be assigned (the final Sunday of each month) for every match, no club shall be assigned more than one match in each month . Matches may be played earlier than that date. It shall be the responsibility of the home team to reschedule the match online to show the newly agreed date. Any disputes as to agreeing a date shall be referred to the League Organiser. The league will be published on <http://lta.tournamentsoftware.com> by 25th September 2017.
20. Division shall be of no more than 6 teams. Teams shall be assigned to divisions based on last year's results.
21. Any matters which are not specifically covered by the above shall be dealt with by the League Organiser and two members of the Tournaments and Competitions Committee whose decision shall be final.