

HERTS SENIORS LADIES WINTER LEAGUE 2021/2022

Herts Values: **Honesty-Excellence-Resilience-Teamwork-Sportsmanship**

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RULES

(as at 1 September 2021)

All matches in the Competition shall be conducted in accordance with the ITF Rules of Tennis, the LTA and Team Tennis Competition Regulations (in the event of any inconsistency, Team Tennis Regulations shall prevail) and also with Herts Values. Entry is open only to LTA registered venues.

1. A playing member may:
 - only represent one Club in each age group.
 - play in different qualifying age groups for same Club.
 - play a maximum of 7 matches in each qualifying age group
2. Teams will consist of 2 pairs placed in order of merit. Each pair will play the opposing two pairs. Order of play 1st round: 1 v 1 & 2 v 2; 2nd round: 1 v 2.
3. Any Club with two teams in same Group should play the match between its two teams before any other. A maximum of one player can play in both teams against the same opposition where a Club has two teams in the same Group.
4. Each Group will consist of 6 teams (7 for O60s), subject to entries and teams may be placed in a Group by assessment. Two teams will be relegated from Group 1 to the sub-divided groups immediately below. Two teams will be promoted from the bottom Group to the sub-divided Groups immediately above. In the remaining groups one team will be promoted to the Group immediately above and one team demoted to the Group immediately below.
5. Match fixture dates are scheduled and entered online provisionally by the IT Administrator before the Fixtures Meeting.
 - When Clubs agree revised dates, such changes will be accepted only if entered online by the expiry date of two weeks immediately following the Fixtures Meeting.
 - Thereafter, fixture dates can **ONLY** be changed due to inclement weather, unfit courts, or unfinished matches where both teams agree to reschedule fixture. Send one pair rather than give a walkover if unable to raise a team on agreed date. Exceptionally, and where there are extenuating circumstances, matches can be rearranged with the prior agreement of the 'age coordinator' provided the team who is ready to play is in agreement. Rule 6 would then apply.
 - The home team is responsible for entering online the agreed revised date.
 - If a match is not concluded, the scores of the first completed round shall determine the result. However, if it is mutually preferred that the fixture be rescheduled, then Rule 6 applies.
 - Matches can be played any agreed day of the week.
6. In the event of match re-arrangement, it is the responsibility of the Home team to offer and agree within 21 days of the original agreed match date three alternative dates, of which the first and last are a minimum of 14 days apart
 - Failure by the Away team to accept one of the three dates, constitutes conceding the match
 - Failure by the Home team to offer three dates constitutes conceding the match.
7. Rubbers will be 2 sets – 7 point tie-break at 6-6 games, in both sets.
8. If sufficient court time has not been allocated/available for completion of match, the home team will concede the remaining uncompleted sets.
9. The League Table shows the number of points won by each team. One point is awarded for each set won. At the end of the season in the event of teams being drawn level on points, the position will be decided by the team having the highest percentage of games won against games played. In the event of a walkover - the team giving the walkover will get 0 points - the team getting the walkover will get 8 points. Teams giving 2 or more walkovers will be automatically relegated.
10. **Contact** must be made before each match to confirm with opposition and **agree refreshment arrangements to avoid any misunderstanding**. Home team will provide the two sets of 4 balls.
11. Results must be submitted online by winning Club Team Captain within 48 hours of completion of match. It is the responsibility of ALL team captains to check that results have been registered.
12. Matches may be played at any time and on any surface, indoors or outdoors. Home teams must bear any costs for playing matches indoors, unless agreed mutually before the match.
13. Competitors must reach their age group in 2021 (31 December 2022 for O70s).
14. All matches must be completed by 31 March 2022 (31 August 2022 for O70s).
15. The committee reserves the right to vary these rules to deal with exceptional circumstances and to make adjustments to the groupings in the event that the number of teams entered in each event changes.

Note of Variation 15/9/2021 Rule 5.1 Home captains responsible for changing dates on-line by 30 September 2021
Rule 12 This year all matches must be played outdoors.