

BISHOPDALE TENNIS CLUB – CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

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The Bishopdale Tennis Club (Inc) championships shall be organised and run by the Match Committee

The Match Committee shall be responsible for:

- (i) Deciding dates on which all games shall be played
- (ii) Compiling draws and seeding players
- (iii) Appointing umpires and control of all match games.
- (iv) Acting as referee in event of any disputes.
- (v) Balls supplied by the Club; used balls for preliminary matches,
new balls for semi & final matches

The Match Committee shall be guided in its duties by the following rules:-

1. Championship events shall be held annually for ladies and men's singles, ladies and men's doubles, mixed doubles.
2. Open championship matches shall be decided by playing the best of 3 sets up to 6. First 2 sets being tie-breaker; first to 7 points with a 2 point advantage. The 3rd set by a 2 game advantage.
3. Any member of the Bishopdale Tennis Club who is a financial member may enter any or all events.
4. Singles ceding taken from the ladder. Doubles ceding as ranked by the Match Committee.
5. Rounds to be completed as per dates below. Depending on numbers some games may need to be played earlier than the completion date of the first round. Finals to be played during March. Date and time of match finals to be written on the white-board as soon as the final is arranged so other members are aware of when games are being played.
6. All matches may have an umpire if requested by any of the participants - to be appointed by the Match Committee.
7. No players will be highlighted to organise matches. All matches must be played by the date set by the Match Committee. Requests for leave of absence or postponements of matches must be submitted to the Match Committee for consideration prior to the deadline set for the match to have been played. (The Match Committee shall consider each request on its merits, but generally shall not permit games to be unnecessarily delayed). If a match is not completed by the due date, both players / combinations will be defaulted. Any appeals will be considered by the Match Committee.

8. First match losers to go into the Plate draw.
9. If a player / combination defaults, or does not get their game played on time, in any round (apart from those covered by the Injury Substitution ruling) they are automatically out of the competition.
10. If an injury to a player occurs during a match the player can have ONE 15 minute break before continuing. The match MUST BE COMPLETED or the injured player will be defaulted.
11. Injury Substitution - Doubles & mixed Doubles: When a player is injured and has to withdraw from the championships before playing their first game, a substitute player of similar or lesser ability can be organised to play at the discretion of the Match Committee. The injured player cannot play in the championships at a later date.
12. All players to wear correct tennis attire as set out in the Interclub Booklet from Canterbury Tennis.

“All players shall dress and present themselves for play in a professional manner. Clean and customarily acceptable tennis attire shall be worn.

13. In no event may any of the following be used during a match. *Dress shirts, T shirts, beach shirts, rugby jerseys, bermuda shorts, denim gear, lycra shorts or any items of attire or equipment bearing a commercial identification other than that allowed under the NZT Code of Conduct*”.

Players could be defaulted for not adhering to this Code of Dress.

14. All matches shall be played on the Bishopdale Tennis Club (Inc) courts unless prior permission to play elsewhere is granted by the Match Committee.
15. The Club will provide used balls for preliminary matches and new balls for semi & final matches. Any other balls are by mutual consent between contestants.
16. Punctuality: any players who are more than 15 minutes late for a match will be defaulted unless prior notification of lateness.
17. No matches to impede Saturday Junior or Senior Club Tennis except as arranged as below.
18. The Match Committee have the right to default any player who does not conform to the championship rules.

1st Round completed by Sunday 13th December 2009

2nd Round completed by Sunday 31st January 2010.