

Padel Doubles League Rules 2021

The League provides a great opportunity to play a variety of players throughout the year. Players have approximately six weeks to complete all their matches before league positions are adjusted based on results.

Format of matches

- Each match will consist of 3 sets.
- If the score becomes tied at six games all, the set will be decided by a 7-point tie-break and the score recorded as 7-6.
- The third set will be played as a Championship tie-break to 10 points.
- Each league run, the players overall score will be calculated by adding the total number of games won.
- This league run will end on **Sunday 20th June 2021** – all matches must be completed by this date.

Promotion/Relegation

When a league run ends, players will change divisions as follows:

**Number of leagues depending*

- First place – promoted two divisions
- Second place – promoted one division
- Middle places – stay in same division
- Second bottom place – relegated one division
- Bottom place – relegated two divisions

Cancellations/No-shows

No points will be awarded in these circumstances and no points can be accrued unless a match has been played. A league can only be successful if matches are arranged in good spirit with a genuine aim of starting the match punctually and fairly. It is also imperative that participants make themselves available and that every attempt is made to complete all matches. Whilst no rule can predict every eventuality, the overriding principle is that points will ONLY be awarded when play has taken place. If a match is in progress and then rains stops play, the unfinished score can be entered if players are unable to complete the match. No players are permitted to fabricate results as this is clearly cheating and unfair on everyone else – if players are found to have made up results, they will be removed from the league. If anyone fails to play a single match during a league run, they will be removed from the league unless they have informed the Padel Team they wish to continue.

Scoring:

- Matches are self-umpired and should be conducted in the spirit of fair play.
- Matches will be to the best of three sets, with a tie-break at 6 games all for sets 1 and 2 (see tie-break below). The third set will be played as a Championship tie-break (see Championship tie-break below)
- ⇒ You get 4 points if your team wins 2-0 or gets a walkover
- ⇒ You get 3 points if your team wins 2-1
- ⇒ You get 2 points if your team loses 1-2
- ⇒ You get 1 point if your team loses 0-2
- ⇒ You get 0 points if your team gives a walkover/does not show up to a scheduled match
- Players play their opponents once only in each round.
- The team with the most points at the end of the round is the winner of the group.
- If two or more teams tie with the most points, the team who beat the other during that round wins. If the two teams did not meet in the round, a winner will be decided according to the following method: by the team who conceded the fewest sets on average per match played. If still a tie, after the deduction of points for walkover wins. If still no winner can be found, the round is tied and the winner will be decided by the toss of a coin.
- If a pair wins a match through a walkover (see below), they receive 4 points for a win. The pair conceding the match get 0 points.
- If a pair withdraws from a league run, all scores against that team become void
- Sometimes the interpretation of the rules requires fine judgements to be made and the organisers' decision is final

Injuries:

If a player pulls out with an injury, all scores against that team become void. This is not ideal, but it is the fairest way to determine promotion/relegation of the remaining players. Where possible, the injured player/team will remain in the same division when fit again, but this decision would have to be made at the discretion of the Padel Team. If a player withdraws from two consecutive league runs with injury, they will then be relegated if they wish to re-join the league.

New Entrants:

Divisions will ideally contain between 4-6 pairs. When someone asks to join the leagues, we will usually let them join a division THEY claim is suitable for them (if there is space). If someone who has previously withdrawn from the league asks to re-join, we will also use previous results to help inform the decision. If a new pair asks to join an unrealistic division, their results will quickly reflect this, and they will find their level.

Kind Regards

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