

Tennis Oxfordshire Dunlop Midweek Leagues Winter 2024/25

1. Team Composition and Match Format

- 1.1 Each team consists of 4 players divided into 2 pairs according to merit.
- 1.2 Each pair plays 2 sets against each opposing pair with the tie-break operating at 6 games all.
- 1.3 Order of Play – Round 1. Home 1 v Away 2 Home 2 v Away 1
 Round 2. Home 1 v Away 1 Home 2 v Away 2

2. Confirmation and start time of matches

- 2.1 The usual start time for matches is 10.00am. However, this may be changed by mutual consent when confirming the match. (Home team to confirm during the week prior to when the match is scheduled)
- 2.2 The match dates are provided. In most cases they are scheduled for Wednesdays but when a club has stated a preference for a different day of the week or time for their home matches this will be used. Draft fixtures are sent to clubs and any changes need to be agreed with the opposing club/captain, informing the League Committee of this before the start of the season. The final confirmed fixtures will then be published.

3. Balls

- 3.1 8 new Dunlop tennis balls should be provided by the HOME team.

4. Results

- 4.1 The result of the match should be sent by the winning team by email. The HOME team should send the result if the match is a draw. The email address for sending results is adultleagues@oxfordshirelta.co.uk
- 4.2 Scoring is simple. The email should include the result, name of the competing teams and the Division (i.e. Women's Division 1). It is NOT necessary to provide the names of the players.

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4.3 1 point will be awarded for each set won and at the end of the season the team with the greatest number of points shall be the winner of that Division. It is important that team captains keep a record of the results of matches played, including the names of players.

5. **Cancelling, Postponement and Re-arrangement of matches**

5.1 If it has not been possible to complete a match for any reason, then by mutual consent the match can be replayed, or the result can stand at the time of when the match is called off with any remaining sets considered null and void.

5.2 If a club is unable to raise a full team for a fixture, the two teams involved are encouraged to find a new date. However, if this does not prove possible, the team claiming the walkover shall be awarded 8 points.

5.3 It is not permissible to field just 1 pair for Midweek League matches.

6. **Qualification of Players**

6.1 It is permissible for players who represent a B team to play up twice for the A team, however, A team players should not play down for the B team.

7. **Complaints**

7.1 This set of rules is designed to be very basic and provide the maximum flexibility for all competing teams. However, if there is a dispute between clubs that cannot be resolved then the matter should be referred to the Leagues Committee. (adultleagues@oxfordshirelta.co.uk)

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. The Leagues shall be open to clubs/venues registered with the LTA and Tennis Oxfordshire or another neighbouring County Association.

2. The Management of the Competition shall be entrusted to the Leagues Committee which is a sub-committee appointed by the Management Committee of Tennis Oxfordshire.

3. A Club wishing to enter shall complete an entry form by the specified date and return it to adultleagues@oxfordshirelta.co.uk together with the entrance fee (to be decided by the Leagues Committee annually, per team, per Competition).

4. It is usual to provide refreshments at the conclusion of the match.