

## **Horam & District Lawn Tennis Association**

### **League Rules**

1. The Association will promote a League Competition consisting of one or more divisions. There will be promotion and relegation between all divisions.
2. Each team will be composed of three ladies and three men. Each match will consist of three events, one ladies doubles, one mens doubles and one mixed doubles. Each player will take part in only one event.
3. Home and away matches will be played by each club against every other club in the same division.
4. Matches will be played as the best of three full tie-break sets.
5. All matches will be played on Mondays.
6. Unless weather conditions prevent play, all matches must be played on the arranged date. Defaulters will be deemed to have forfeited the match. If extreme heat is a factor, all matches across all 3 divisions shall be called off and points shared for everyone.
7. If weather conditions prevent play being started and both captains agree to postpone, please inform the league secretary and a reserve August date will be arranged. Should weather conditions prevent the August reserve date from play, the points will be divided equally between the teams concerned. Once a match has been started and weather conditions prevent completion that day, the points for uncompleted events will be divided.
8. All pairs must be available at 6.30pm unless otherwise agreed. If play has not started within 15 minutes of the scheduled time through the inability of one of the teams to provide the correct pairs, the captain of the defaulting team must re-arrange their pairings so that play can commence, or in default of this, forfeit the event or events.
9. A club will be credited with one point for each event won. Where two or more clubs have secured an equal number of points, the championship, or any promotion or relegation issue, will be decided by dividing the number of sets won by the number of sets lost during the season.
10. Teams may only comprise of players who conform to the eligibility of the General Rules, and any club contravening this rule may have no more than 4 points deducted from its score at the discretion of the committee, and any event won in which the offending player took part will be awarded to the opposing team.
11. For clubs entering more than one team in the League:  
Should a player play three 1<sup>st</sup> team matches, that player is allowed to play only once for the 2<sup>nd</sup> team.  
Should a 2<sup>nd</sup> team player play three 1<sup>st</sup> team matches, that player can only play once more in the second team.
12. The home team captain will enter the result on the League Website within three days and then be confirmed by the away captain.
13. Home clubs will, at their expense, provide four new LTA approved balls for each event.