

## GSTC Club Tournament Rules

These rules apply to the following tournaments and any associated plates:

- Men's singles
- Ladies' singles
- Men's doubles
- Ladies' doubles
- Mixed doubles

The Mixed Doubles Handicap tournament and the Vets Doubles are separate and subject to different rules.

### 1. Entry

- All players must be available to play on Finals Day. Please check the date before entering. Being available to play means being available at any time after 1pm**
- If a player subsequently becomes unable to play on Finals Day due to matters beyond their control, they will be required to withdraw from the tournament at the earliest possible stage. Their net opponent will be advanced.
- In the case where a player withdraws **before participating in any matches**, they may find a replacement entrant for the draw. This is the responsibility of the withdrawing player. If no alternative can be found the first opponent will be advanced
- To enter, either:
  - Email [tournament@gstc.org.uk](mailto:tournament@gstc.org.uk) stating the draw you wish to participate in and, if applicable, the name of your partner. If you wish to enter a doubles draw but do not have a partner the tournament secretary will endeavour to find one. However please note that this may not always be possible
  - Sign in to the GSTC Community on [www.playwaze.co.uk](http://www.playwaze.co.uk) and use the sign ups provided
  - Sign up on the paper sign-up sheets in the club house
- Subject to rule 1a above **all team players will be automatically entered into the singles draws**
- Draws will be seeded.

### 2. Matches

- All matches are best of three sets
- All sets will play a tie-break at 6-6
- If required a full third set is preferable but a Championship tie-break (first to 10 points with two clear) is acceptable if all players agree
- Each stage of the tournament must be played in advance of the cut-off date specified on the draw sheet, except if the Tournament Secretary has been made aware that this is not possible. In this case a suitable date to play the match must be agreed between the players and the Tournament Secretary, otherwise rule 2e below applies. No single match will be permitted to hold up the progress of the tournament
- If players have not played a match in advance of the cut-off date and have not made the Tournament Secretary aware then the result of the match will be decided as follows:

- i. In favour of any player making attempts to arrange the match who has received no response from their opponent
    - ii. On the toss of the coin
  - f. In the case where a player becomes injured between stages and will be unable to complete their next match in advance of the cut-off date, the defeated player from the previous stage will be advanced
  - g. Players losing in the first round of the tournament will be entered into a plate competition where numbers allow. This guarantees all players a minimum of two matches.
- 3. Results
  - a. To record the results of a match, update the paper draw in the club house **and** either:
    - i. Log in to [www.playwaze.co.uk](http://www.playwaze.co.uk) and update the relevant match directly
    - ii. Email [tournament@gstc.org.uk](mailto:tournament@gstc.org.uk) stating the players, the winner and the score in each set
- 4. Finals Day
  - a. The date of Finals Days will be published each year at the AGM
  - b. The Tournament Secretary will set the schedule for the day once all semi-finals are complete, taking into account players appearing in multiple finals if necessary
  - c. All members are encouraged to come along on the day to participate in the social event and to watch the finals in progress