

Match format for 3 court TT indoor junior challenges 2009/10

1. Total time available for a match is 2 hours on 3 courts. **Sundays from 18:00 – 20:00.** Note that David Lloyd's facilities close at 20:00 on Sundays, so please stop promptly at 20:00 and leave the premises by 20:15.
2. Generally, the rules are the same as the summer season but *all deuces are single point* and *each round is curtailed by a time limit*. The usual junior scorebook can be used, but please send results to the Winter League Secretary (see below).
3. A team *normally* consists of four players who were under 12, 14 or 16 years of age on the 1st January 2009, depending on the type of fixture. *Clubs should contact each other in advance and try to field fairly matched teams*. Players are ranked 1 - 4. Each team is accompanied by a non-playing adult captain.
4. Balls should be provided by the first team ("home" team) listed in the fixture list.
5. The captains should agree on which clock to use and set an alarm before starting each stage.
6. There are three stages: Warm up, First Round and Second Round.
 - **18:00 – 18:15 Warm up (15 minutes)** (*if both teams arrive before 18:00, and are able to warm up, then they can start when ready, but not before 18:00*)
 - **18:15 – 19:05 First Round (50 minutes)**
 - a) The "home" team decides: Either: 3&4 v 3&4, 1v1, 2v2; or, 1&2 v 1&2, 3v3, 4v4.
 - b) Two sets are played. Tie break at 6 games each. All deuces are single point. In doubles, the receivers can choose who will receive at deuce. In singles, if the score reaches one set all, then a champion's tie break (first to 10) is played.
 - **19:10 – 20:00 Second Round (50 minutes)**
 - c) The remaining singles and doubles matches. Rules as in 6.b apply.

At 5 minutes before the end of a round all players must agree to finish their current game. *Watch or phone alarms should be used to ensure this timing event is not missed.*
7. The second round can begin earlier if all first round sets are complete and both teams agree.
8. If a set has to be curtailed because of the time restriction, then provided at least 4 games have been played the winners are awarded the curtailed set.
9. As in (8) but if the games are equal then a final game should be played.
10. If fewer than 4 games have been played the set is void and neither side is allocated a point.

Scoring

11. The final score is the set score, with each set counting as one point. If a singles match goes to a deciding champion's tie break then the winning player receives 1.33 points and the loser 0.67 points.
12. If one team has a higher number of sets than the other they are considered to be the winners and are awarded two bonus points.
13. In the case of an equal number of sets then both sides are awarded one bonus point.
14. The scores should be recorded and signed by each team captain and sent to the League Secretary.

Cancellations

All cancellations should be notified as soon as possible to the opposing team and the League Secretary. No refunds are possible but an alternative date or different use of booked courts may be requested.

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