**Louth Lawn Tennis Club Tournament Rules**

This is a **fun** tournament for any ability or person that wants to take part. The qualifying is designed for you to play with a variety of people on a social basis. It is at your own discretion if you wish to participate in the quarter final onwards stage if you don’t want to please tell the tournament organiser.

**If you want to take part:**

If you wish to take part once emailed out by the club email address, please respond to lltccomps@gmail.com

**Line calls and umpiring:**

There are no umpires. All undecidable line calls are played again at all stages. There will be scores in the later rounds and at qualifying.

**Dates:**

Qualifying dates are set by the tournament organiser. With consideration to give all members a fair chance to be able to participate. E:G: mid week events as well as weekends.

Quarter finalists will be given a minimum of a two weeks’ deadline to complete the matches by. If you are unable to participate the next seeded play in the list takes their place.

Semi Finals and Finals weekend dates are none moveable unless due to weather or any pandemic. Mixed doubles takes place on the Friday evening, With doubles on Saturday and singles on Sunday

Tennis Semi Finals and Finals will take place towards the start of September with Boules at the end of July.

**Qualifying events:**

Events are run as mixed gender or male or female only events. Each games won at any of these events are added to your tally for qualifying for the latter stages.

Tennis has a maximum of 12 on a first come first served basis. Balls are provided by the club. It is played in an American style random format where you will change partners after every four games where each player will serve for a game. If the game goes to deuce it receiver’s choice, the receives dictate which side the servers serves too and is a one off point to decide the game. Every game won counts as a point towards your tally in your rankings total.

**After qualifying:**

Depending on numbers dictates if individual or all events will go to quarter finals or straight to semi finals or finals. You need exact numbers to run each stage.

**Quarter finals onwards:**

Singles requires:8

Doubles requires: 16

Mixed requires: 16 (8 Women & 8 men)

All quarter finals will be organised by the individuals involved. The higher seeded players must contact the lower seeded player or players, to play the match before the set deadline. The higher seeds must give the lower seed players a variety of different days, dates and times to fulfil the match. These must consider peoples working patterns, For example if some one works 8-6 evening and weekend options must be included.

All should be done to avoid the inability to play the fixture. If no date can be arranged the higher seed progresses to the next round. (In tennis the higher seed player or players provides a new tube of

balls.) If you are unable to participate then everyone below moves up a seed to let the next player in the list takes take part. (The tournament organiser must be made aware by a set date.) All matches are best of three sets including normal tie breaks if required.

**Quarter finals draws look like**:

Singles Doubles Mixed doubles

QA: 1ST V 8TH QA:1ST & 16th V 8TH & 9TH QA: W8 & M1 V W1 & M8

QB: 2ND V 7TH QB:2ND & 15TH V 7TH & 10TH QB: W7 & M2 V W2 & M7

QC: 3RD V 6TH QC:3RD & 14TH V 6TH & 11TH QC: W6 & M3 V W3 & M6

QD: 4TH V 5TH QD:4TH & 13TH V 5TH & 12TH QD: W5 & M4 V W4 & M5

**Semi Finals onwards:**

Singles requires:4

Doubles requires: 8

Mixed requires: 8 (4 Women & 4 men)

Balls will be provided by the club (in tennis) except quarter finals. See Dates sections for match timings. Any reigning champion left in their competition gets choice of court. The highest seeds get choice at call toss. All matches are best of three sets including normal tie breaks if required.

**If quarters where played:**

Winners of the set quarters would play each other.

**Singles, Doubles and Mixed:**

QA V QD

QB V QC

If no quarters where played:

The semi final draw would look as follows:

Singles: Doubles: Mixed:

1ST V 4TH 1st & 8th V 4TH & 5TH W4 & M1 V W1 & M4

2ND V 3RD 2ND & 7TH V 3RD & 6TH W3 & M2 V W2 & M3

**Finals:**

Winners play each other of the previous matches. All matches are best of three sets including normal tie breaks if required.