

## The Park Tennis Club Championships 2024 – Players' Guide



## PTC Club Championships 2024

Welcome to this year's Club Championships. We have had a record number of entrants this year which has led to expanded main draws in some events and the need for additional rounds in others! As such we are looking forward to another fantastic Club Championships and hope you are too.

Please do read this Players' Guide, it is not long and contains the rules for the Championships and all the practical details you need to know about Court Bookings (including the identifying matches as Club Championships matches on Court Reserve), reporting results and dealing with injuries. This year's Players' Guide has also been updated to cover queries which arose last year.

We trust this clearly sets out the rules for the Championships and hope it answers any questions you may have. If, however, after reading this Guide you still have any questions please email [info@parktennis.co.uk](mailto:info@parktennis.co.uk) marked for the attention of Pete/Rachel and we will get back to you.

Good luck to everyone. Let's play!

## Reigning Champions

For those who don't know or are new to the club, these are our reigning Champions with some looking to defend their titles and some moving up to play Main Draw as opposed to Division 1.

- Ladies main draw: Adele Topham
- Ladies division 1: Sarah Power
- Men's main draw: David Burdon
- Men's division 1: Peter Worrall
- Ladies main draw doubles: Sarah Bannister and Claire Naylor
- Ladies division 1 doubles: Klara and Mireia
- Men's main draw doubles: Roger Harrison and David Burdon
- Men's division 1: Pete Worrall and James Smith
- Mixed main draw doubles: Greg Blackamore and Abi May
- Mixed division 1 doubles: Andy Moriarity and Sarah Power
- Legends men's singles: Granville Berry
- Legends men's doubles: Granville Berry and Andy Bell
- Legends Mixed doubles: Andy Bell and Sharon Scaniglia

## **Club Championship categories**

This year's Club Championships will see players take to the courts to battle it out in the following competitions:

### **Singles**

- Ladies
- Men

### **Doubles**

- Ladies
- Men's
- Mixed
- Legends doubles
- Legends mixed doubles

### Information on the draw

1. Each category (both main draw and division 1) is played in knock out format.
2. The dates for completion of each round of each category are specific to that category of competition. Please check the draw sheet for round completion dates.
3. An updated Draw sheet shall be issued fortnightly.
4. The following players from the Division 1 competition draws shall earn a place in the

#### Main Draw of the same competition

Competition	Players advancing to the Main Draw
Ladies division 1 singles	The four semi-finalists
Men's division 1 singles	The eight quarter-finalists
Ladies division 1 doubles	The four semi-finals pairs
Men's division 1 doubles	The four semi-final pairs
Mixed division 1 doubles	The eight quarter-final pairs

5. The Club is block booking Courts 4 and 5 between 6pm and 9pm in the week of September 9th to provide court time for any outstanding semi-finals to be played. It is not a requirement that these matches be played at this time, but courts will be reserved to assist players with a backlog of matches. If you need court time that week please email [info@parktennis.co.uk](mailto:info@parktennis.co.uk) FAO Pete/Rachel to request a slot and your availability. We will get back to you with options.

## Championship Rules

### General rules

1. To enter you must be a full member of the Club for the duration of your participation in the Championships.
2. You may only enter the Legends competitions if you are at least 60 years of age on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2023.
3. If you enter a Doubles competition and during the course of the Championships (after having played at least one match) either you or your partner is injured and unable to play any further matches, your pairing is eliminated. The non-injured player is not permitted to continue in the Championships with another partner. Should this occur please email [info@parktennis.co.uk](mailto:info@parktennis.co.uk) FAO Pete/Rachel as soon as possible to let us know.
4. If you enter one of the Doubles competitions and you or your partner is injured and unable to play before you play your first match, the non-injured player may find an alternative partner provided that player is not playing in that category with another partner and/or has not already been eliminated from that category as part of another pairing.
5. The Club will add the £5 tournament fee to all players' Court Reserve account. You will be notified when this has been done.

### Match Rules

1. Players are reminded that all matches are to be played in the right spirit. Do bring your competitive side and go for the win but we expect all players to display good sportsman/sportsperson like behaviour. Any concerns should be reported to the Club's

Match Secretary. Warnings may be issued to anyone who does not observe this requirement and any further action which may be required includes removal from the Championships.

2. Players are responsible for providing their own balls for matches. The Club only provides balls for Finals Day matches. Players should provide new or nearly new balls for matches.
3. Players should be prepared to be available to play Finals on Finals Day which this year, is September 14<sup>th</sup>. Finals will not be played on any other date.
4. For all matches, excluding Finals Day matches, it is the responsibility of the players to arrange a date and time for matches to be played and to book court time. We recommend booking either a 90 minute or 2 hour slot.
5. When booking courts on Court Reserve, please list the reservation type not as doubles or singles but as "CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP" this allows the Tournament Committee to check that all matches and rounds are on schedule.
6. Players should aim to play all matches by the relevant completion date for each round (see relevant draw sheets).
7. Where players cannot play a match before the relevant completion date for that round it must be played within the next 5 days. If players cannot agree a date within such extended timeframe, please emails [info@parktennis.co.uk](mailto:info@parktennis.co.uk) FAO Pete/Rachel. *It is important that this schedule is adhered otherwise the Main Draw cannot get under way on time.*
8. All matches shall be played as the best of 3 sets.

9. If a match enters a 3<sup>rd</sup> set the 3<sup>rd</sup> set shall be played as a 10 point match tie break set.
10. Players are responsible for calling their own lines.
11. The winner/winning pairing in each match shall be responsible for submitting the match result.
12. Match results should be submitted to the following email address  
[info@parktennis.co.uk](mailto:info@parktennis.co.uk) FAO Pete as soon as possible.