

RULES OF LEAGUE AND CUP COMPETITIONS

Team Tennis West of Scotland

8u – 18u Junior Leagues

Refer to the TEAM TENNIS 2018 CAPTAIN'S GUIDE

General Rules for all Tennis West of Scotland competitions

New or amended Rules for 2018 are in bold type.



Qualification

1. The league and cup competitions shall be open to clubs and tennis venues affiliated to Tennis West of Scotland, a Company limited by guarantee. A club or venue becomes affiliated once it has signed and submitted an Affiliation Form and has paid its annual affiliation fee which is set at the Annual General Meeting of the Company.
2. A club or tennis venue wishing to compete shall enter competitions online by an entry date notified to clubs. An entry fee per team as determined at the Annual General Meeting shall be paid by a date set by the Company.
3. No club shall be eligible to compete while its annual fees remain unpaid.
4. All players who participate in competitions must have a British Tennis Membership number which links to the place to play they are competing for.
 - ***To become a British Tennis Member – 0208 487 7000 – and remember to ask to link your BT membership number to your club or clubs.***
5. The playing Season will be split into two Seasons-- the Spring/Summer Season will run from 1st March until 31st July and the Autumn /Winter Season will run from 1st August until 28th/29th February. No adult shall be allowed to play for more than one club in West of Scotland competitions during either of these seasons. An adult player may compete for a different club of which he or she is a member and to which his or her British Tennis Membership number is linked, in any league or cup competition only if that player's club has not entered any team into that competition.

6. A junior player may represent one club in junior league and cup competitions and another club in adult league and cup competitions, in the same season, so long as the player has his/her British Tennis membership number linked to both clubs. Junior players may play in up to two junior age groups in a calendar year.

FAQ A British Tennis Member's membership number may be linked to more than one club. A BTM can do this online by logging into the BTM's player profile at www.lta.org.uk or by contacting British Tennis Services at 0208 487 7000.

Arbitration

The LTA Code of Conduct will apply to all players who compete in West of Scotland league and cup competition matches

7. All questions of eligibility, qualification of competitors, or interpretation of rules shall be referred firstly to the League Organiser and, if required, to the appropriate Committee or Board, whose decision shall be final.
8. Any dispute arising between clubs shall be referred to the arbitration of the Competitions sub-committee or appropriate member of staff whose decision shall be final and binding on both clubs. Should either of the two clubs have a member on that sub-committee, such member(s) shall not participate in voting on the dispute or protest.
9. Complaints relating to a fixture should be in the hands of the League Organiser within 7 days of the date of the fixture.
10. The day to day organisation of the league and cup competitions shall be carried out by the League Organiser under the auspices of the Tennis West of Scotland Competitions sub-committee. The League Organiser shall have the power to decide on matters of interpretation of these regulations, to impose penalties including, but not limited to, the deduction of points and suspension for breaches of these Regulations; to suspend or modify any of these Regulations in appropriate circumstances. The League Organiser's decision on all matters is final.
11. The Board may delegate all or any of the powers given to them under these rules to a Sub-Committee appointed by them for the purpose.
12. The Board shall have power to alter or add to these rules as they may from time to time deem expedient, as well as to introduce other competitions and determine the structure and composition of divisions and sections.

Arrangement of Fixtures

13. All matches shall be arranged at a meeting of Team Captains, specially convened for the purpose, at which all competing clubs must be represented. The Board shall fix dates between which matches shall be played i.e. the competition period. Fixtures for the Premier and First Divisions of the main leagues, together with fixtures for the Spring League Competition, the 60 & Over League Competition and Team Tennis junior competitions, will be fixed by the League Organiser who will represent the Competitions sub-committee. Matches will be played outdoors unless both team captains agree that the match will be played on indoor courts.
14. The club on whose ground the match is played shall provide three approved balls per court and hospitality but, if the match is played on neutral ground, such expenses shall be divided between the competing clubs unless otherwise arranged.
15. The official ball for all West of Scotland events is the Dunlop Fort ball.
16. Clubs with fewer than three courts shall not be eligible to take part in the competitions unless they are prepared (if called on to do so by their opponents) to play their matches on their opponent's courts, always provided that the opponents have three courts available. The club on whose ground the match is played shall provide the balls and hospitality. This rule does not apply to clubs with two all-weather courts and floodlights.
17. All matches must be played on the date fixed either at the meeting of Team Captains or by the League Organiser unless the clubs agree to postpone on the day because of inclement weather. The home club must confirm match arrangements, by text or by telephone, at least three days before the match is due to be played.

Recording Match Scores

18. In all league and cup competitions, the winning team captain must record player details for both teams and the individual set scores for all rubbers played within 48 hours of the match being completed.
19. **Walkovers must not be entered online** by a team captain but the details e-mailed to the county office. The opposing team captain must be copied into any correspondence or the claim will be disregarded. If a walkover is awarded by the League Organiser then the League organizer will record the walkover online and award the appropriate penalty points to the team forfeiting the match.

20. If an 'unknown player' is selected, a comment must be added to the online match scorecard to provide the player's name and British Tennis membership number if known. It is the responsibility of the relevant team captain to determine the British Tennis membership number of any 'unknown player' and to ensure that the BT membership number is linked to the club which he or she has represented. This should be notified as soon as possible to the league organizer – either online or by email.
21. It is the responsibility of the losing team captain to check the inputted result and notify the county office by e-mail if there is a related query.
22. Team captains should be made aware that data cannot be edited after being submitted and confirmed. Any error must be notified to the league organiser – either online or by email - within 48 hours of the match being completed.
23. Final dates for the online submission of match scores will be published online and in the annual handbook. Once final league standings have been published by the county office, no amendments will be made to the standings unless an error has been made by the county office.
24. Team Captains are advised to check leagues and report problems to the county office, either by e-mail or by comment on the tournament software web site, throughout the period of competition.
Once final leagues have been published, unreported results are deemed to be unplayed.

Postponements and Cancellations

25. **In exceptional circumstances, and only if mutually agreed by the clubs concerned, the date of any match in Division 2 or below may be altered to a new date within the competition period set for that competition.** The home team captain must reschedule the match date online as soon as possible after agreement is made. Dates which are agreed at the meeting of team captains should only be changed in exceptional circumstances.
26. Any club intending to concede a match shall advise the League Organiser by email before the date agreed upon for playing and must copy in the opposing team captain.
27. In the cases of matches postponed on account of the weather or not concluded owing to an agreed time limit or interruption, the home Team Captain must offer three dates on which to conclude the match to the visiting Team Captain. This offer

must be made within three days after the original date of the match. In July, the away team may request that the dates which are offered be in different calendar weeks.

Such rescheduled matches shall be played as soon as possible. In the event of clubs not reaching agreement within seven days of the original date, notification of this failure to agree a date must be sent by the Secretary of the home club to the League Organiser whence a date for the fixture will be fixed by the appropriate Board.

In the Premier Division and Division 1 of the men's and women's leagues, postponed matches must be arranged to be concluded before the date of the last scheduled match. If the last scheduled match is postponed, it must be played one week after the date of the postponed match or before if mutually agreed by both captains. If the match is not played on this date, **neither team will be awarded points.**

Rules of Play

28. All midweek open and senior player league matches (except those being played during May, June and July) shall start not later than 6.30 p.m. unless mutually agreed by the clubs concerned or unless, owing to exceptional circumstances, the League Organiser shall have, in advance, approved a later start.

During May, June and July, such matches shall start not earlier than 7.00 p.m.

29. Teams and pairs within teams shall be played in order of playing strength, and captains, if requested, shall provide written copies of their teams in order of pairing prior to going on court.

Once an order of pairs in a team has been established in any one season, this order cannot be reversed.

Example

If Players A and B play together at second pair above Players C and D who play together at third pair then C+D as a pair can never in a future match that season play above A+B as a pair. C or D could partner another player and play above A+B as a pair. Similarly A or B could partner another player and play below C+D as a pair.

Any two players, playing up from a lower team and paired together, must be placed in order below any other pair containing a player nominated for the higher team

FAQ

A player who is playing up from a lower team, and partnering a nominated player of the higher team, can play at any position in the higher team. This does not apply to a player 'playing up' into a Premier League team when Rule 30 applies.

30. In the men's and women's Premier leagues, clubs must list not more than 10 nominated players in ranking order by a date notified annually to Club Main Contacts. At the start of each match, a team's doubles pairings will be nominated in accordance with the lowest cumulative total of the nominated positions of the players. A player who is nominated for a lower team will have a ranking of 10. Where the total is the same, the pairing with the highest rated player shall be nominated as the higher pair.

Example 1

If the players nominated at positions 2 and 6 play as a pair, and the players nominated at positions 3 and 5 play as a pair then pair (2+6) would play above pair (3+5).

Example 2

If player 1 partners a player nominated for the club's second team (1+10) then this pair would play above a pair (5+6).

Any player participating in the last scheduled match in the Premier and Division 1/1 and Division 1/2 must have represented the club in that competition in that season or the previous season.

31. To avoid arguments, it is recommended that, prior to a match on courts without floodlights, the captains of each team should agree upon the time limit beyond which play will not be continued.
32. Should the match not be completed (at the expiry of the time limit or because of interruption due to inclement weather) the match shall be continued from the point at which it was stopped, on the same courts, and by the same players as soon thereafter as possible. If it is impossible for all the same players to play on the continuation, up to two substitutes shall be allowed in the same position as the players for whom they are substituting so that the team plays in the same order as the original selection. The rule only operates in the absence of mutual agreement between the clubs, i.e. they may agree to replay the whole match -in which case different teams may be selected.

The players who conclude the match are recorded online.

Rule 27 will apply in relation to arranging a date to complete the match.

33. If a player is not changed and ready to play 15 minutes after the time appointed for the commencement of the match, **the defaulting team shall lose the first set on the court concerned to love.** 45 minutes after the time appointed for the commencement of the match, if play has still not started **the second set is forfeited.** If a player is not changed and ready to play one hour and 15 minutes after the time appointed for the commencement of the match, **all three sets are forfeited on all courts.** No additional penalty is incurred. Where further rounds apply (e.g. in the Calcutta Cup, or where a league match is being played at a two-court club) this readiness rule shall operate from the start of each round. The captain of the non-defaulting team must intimate to the captain of the defaulting team before play starts on the court concerned that he/she is invoking this Rule.

34. If a team defaults or scratches more than once in a season, **all matches played by that team will be declared void, with consequent demotion. In such circumstances, a team in Division 3 or higher in the open and senior players' leagues will be demoted two divisions.**

Note that Team Tennis junior rules state that any team giving a walkover cannot participate further in that competition. However, the county office has the power to consider a team's position regarding a team walkover with extenuating circumstances, in which case a team receiving the walkover will win all rubbers 6-0, 6-0 and will receive 12 rubber points and a match win.

MEN'S & WOMEN'S SUMMER DOUBLES LEAGUES SENIOR PLAYERS' LEAGUES

The following rules are in addition to the preceding general rules.

35. In the Open Summer Doubles league and Senior Players' league, only one team may represent one club in the highest division of the competition.

36. Teams representing the clubs in each division or section will play each season against each other club in that particular division or section. In the Summer Doubles Premier Divisions, clubs will play each other team in their division both home and away. All matches shall be played under the tournament rules of the LTA, so far as these are applicable to and not inconsistent with the rules of this league.

MEN'S & WOMEN'S SUMMER DOUBLES LEAGUES

37. Teams must consist of six ladies, or six men, and each pair shall play three sets against the opposing corresponding pair, with a tie break operating at six games all in each set.

A team which attempts to play a match without the full complement of players **shall concede that match** however

Note: A club's lowest team in this competition may, one time in a season, consist of four players [instead of six] who will play at pairs 1 and 2. The team will concede three sets at pair 3 0-6 0-6 0-6. The team must advise the opposing team in advance when possible. If the team thereafter concedes a match in the same competition, Rule 34 will apply and the team will be withdrawn from the competition.

38. Clubs with more than one team in the leagues shall nominate, in writing, the players for all teams of that club by a date advised annually to Club Main Contacts. In the Summer Doubles leagues, at least six players must be nominated for each team. In the Spring League and Senior Players' leagues, at least four players must be nominated for each team.

If a nominated list is not received, the team players which represent the team in its first match will be deemed to be nominated.

Players in teams in the Men's and Women's Summer Doubles Premier League must be nominated in ranking order. (refer to Rule 30).

39. A nominated player may play up one team not more than twice in any league competition. This is allowed at any time in the competition.

A player may play up two or more teams once in any league competition but not on a date when a team or teams immediately higher than the player's nominated team has a scheduled fixture.

A nominated player is ineligible to play in any lower team at any time.

A player omitted from a team nomination list who subsequently plays for a team is deemed to be a nominated member of that team and will be subject to all relevant rules.

FAQ

a. *A player who is nominated for the club's third team 'plays up' for the club's second team in the first match of the season. Can the player play for the third team the following day?*

- *Yes, a player can 'play up' two times at any time during the competition period.*

- b. The same player 'plays up' a second time for the club's second team. Thereafter, the first team captain asks the player to 'play up' to the first team. Is this allowed?
- o Yes, the player can 'play up' to the first team once during the competition period. Note that the player cannot 'play up' to the first team on the same day that the second team has a scheduled match. (See Rule 39 para 2)

EXAMPLE 1

A nominated 4th team player is ineligible to play for the 1st team or 2nd team on the same date as the 3rd team has a fixture i.e. the 3rd team's strength cannot be maintained at the expense of the higher team.

Subject to the Board's discretion, in the above example, both the higher team and the 3rd team would forfeit their matches, losing any points won.

EXAMPLE 2

A nominated 4th team player has 'played up' into the 1st team on one occasion. Can he thereafter 'play up' into the 2nd team? No - however he can 'play up' into the 3rd team two more times.

- 40. In the Premier Leagues, a club must apply by email to add a player to the team nomination list at least 3 days before the player is due to play. The club must state in that email that the player is eligible to represent the club in that competition and that the player's British Tennis membership number is linked to the Club.**

In the Men's and Women's Summer Doubles Premier League, the League Organiser will decide the position of such a player in that team's ranking order.

If no decision has been made by the League Organiser prior to the match being played, the player is ineligible to play.

41.

Any sets (points) won by an ineligible player will be awarded to the opponents. Any sets (points) won by a pair or pairs below the pair containing the ineligible player will also be awarded to the opponents.

In addition, the team fielding the ineligible player will incur a penalty of 3 points.

42. The League Organiser has the discretion to reinstate an ineligible player upon application in writing by his / her club.
43. Championship playoff matches will be played between the Section winners of each Division which is split into more than one section. The date of these playoffs will be set in advance by the League Organiser and may only be changed or postponed with the agreement of the Competitions sub-committee. Round-robin playoff matches will be played by the section winners in any Division with more than two sections. Match dates will be scheduled and published at the start of the season.
44. The winners of the Premier Divisions will be the West of Scotland champions for that season.
45. The club with the highest number of points in a league shall be the champion club of the division or section. Should the points be equal, and the points difference be equal, then the team with the higher percentage of games won to games played shall be placed in the higher position. This will also determine the position of any two teams in a division with equal points.
In the event of all those being equal the championship will be shared.
46. In the Summer Doubles leagues, a team gaining a walkover will be credited with 9 points. In the Senior Players' leagues, a team gaining a walkover will be credited with 6 points.

Defaulting teams will receive the following penalty point deduction:-

- **Summer Doubles league 10 points per default**
- **Senior Players' league 7 points per default**

At the end of a competition period, both teams in any unplayed match will be deemed to have conceded that match and the above penalty will be incurred by both teams.

47. In exceptional circumstances, both team captains can agree to play three short sets to 4 with a tie-break being played at 4-4. Short set scores can be 'forced' online.
48. One point shall be awarded for each set won

MEN'S & WOMEN'S SENIOR PLAYERS' LEAGUES
MEN'S & WOMEN'S 60+ LEAGUES

49. Teams must consist of four ladies, or four men, and each pair shall play three sets against the opposing corresponding pair, with a tie break operating at six games all in each set.

A team which attempts to play a match without the full complement of players shall concede that match however

- A club's lowest team in this competition may, one time in a season, consist of two players [instead of four] who will play at pair 1. The team will concede three sets at second pair 0-6 0-6 0-6. The team must advise the opposing team in advance when possible. If the team thereafter concedes a match in the same competition, Rule 34 will apply and the team will be withdrawn from the competition.

50. One point shall be awarded for each set won

51. In the Senior Players' League, participating ladies should reach the age of 40 by 31st December in the year of the competition. Men should reach the age of 45 by that date.

52. In the 60+ league competition, participating players should reach the age of 60 by 31st December in the year of the competition.

SENIOR PLAYERS' SPRING KNOCKOUT COMPETITIONS

53. The Women's and the Men's competitions shall be open to all affiliated clubs. A club may enter one team in each competition.

54. In the 40 age group competition, participating players should reach the age of 40 by 31st December in the year of the competition; in the 55 age group competition, participating players should reach the age of 55 by 31st December in the year of the competition.

55. Teams must consist of two couples played in order of strength. Each couple will play a best of three sets match against the equivalent couple of the other team. Tie-breaks will operate at 6 games all in all sets.

56. Matches will be played on dates set by the League Organiser. Matches which are postponed because of the weather should be arranged on a mutually agreeable day during the following week and before the date set for the next round.
57. The team winning more sets will progress. If sets won are equal then games won will decide. In the event of a tie, the result of the match between the two first couples will decide the tie.
58. The match score must be entered online within 48 hours of the match being concluded.
59. A team which gives a walkover to its opponents in its first match is not eligible to participate in the Consolation Event.

JUNIOR 18 & UNDER CLYDESDALE CUP

The senior league rules operate wherever applicable, or where not superseded by the following:-

60. A player is eligible if he / she has not attained the age of 18 years by 31st December of the previous year for this competition. Each team shall consist of 3 mixed doubles pairs playing in order of playing strength.
61. The team winning a majority of the nine sets shall be the winner.

CLYDESDALE CUP COMPETITION

62. The Competition shall be open to all affiliated clubs. If the entry is sufficient, the draw shall be made in two divisions on the basis of team divisions in the Summer Doubles leagues.
63. Each team shall consist of 3 mixed couples. The captain of each team shall place his / her pairs in order of playing strength which shall then be placed against the equivalent pairs of the opposing team.
64. Each pair shall play three sets against the opposing corresponding pair with the tie break operating at six games all in each set.
65. The competition shall be on a knock out basis with the team winning the majority of sets progressing. The dates of the various rounds shall be decided by the League Organiser.

SENIOR CALCUTTA CUP COMPETITION

66. The competition shall be open to men's teams from affiliated clubs in Divisions 1, 2 and 3 of the Men's Summer Doubles league competition.
- 67. Only players eligible to represent teams in that season's competition may participate. Any player nominated for a lower team may play at any stage of the competition irrespective of the number of times that player may have 'played up' that season in league competitions.**
68. Each team shall consist of 4 players and each fixture shall consist of 3 singles matches (to be played first unless mutually agreed otherwise by both team captains) and 4 doubles - seven matches in all. Each match shall be determined by the best of three tie-break sets with a match tie-break, first to 10 points and winning by 2 clear points, being played at one set all. **The order of play in the singles in each round of the competition shall be determined by the team captain** and in the doubles by draw to decide whether the level doubles or the reverse doubles are played first.
69. The team winning a majority of the seven matches shall be the winner.
70. The final shall be played on the grounds of Hamilton Lawn Tennis Club if requested by that club.
71. In each round of the Calcutta Cup, the home team captain must offer at least two dates to the away team at least one week before the first date offered. In the event of failure to agree a date, the match will be played on the 'play by' date with a 1.00 pm start time. The date and time of the final will be decided annually by the League Organiser.

JUNIOR CALCUTTA CUP COMPETITION

The above Rules 66-71 apply to the Junior Calcutta Cup. In addition

72. The competition shall be open to men's teams from affiliated clubs in Division 4 and lower of the Men's Summer Doubles league competition.
73. The same team cannot enter both the Senior Calcutta Cup and Junior Calcutta Cup competitions.

WINTER KNOCK OUT INTER-CLUB SHIELD

74. Teams will consist of two men and two women. A match will consist of four rubbers: men's doubles, ladies doubles and two mixed doubles. Rubbers will be the best of 3 sets, with a tie-break in the first two and a championship match tie break (first to 10 points and winning by 2 clear points) played if one set all. Substitutes are not allowed. The men's and women's doubles will be played first followed by two mixed doubles rubbers.
75. Clubs may enter only one team for the knock out competition.
76. The result of a match is decided by rubbers won. Where rubbers are equal, sets are counted and the team with the most sets is the winner. Where sets are equal, games are counted, and the team with the higher games percentage is the winner. Games percentage is counted by dividing the number of games won by the total number of games played. If games are equal, the result of the match between the first pairs will decide.
- Note that a championship tie-break counts as 1 set and/or 1 game and is recorded online as 0-1 or 1-0.
77. If a match is interrupted by inclement weather, the match may be resumed at the score where stopped provided the teams remain the same and the match is resumed on the courts where started. If any new team members are introduced, the match must be replayed from the beginning.

WINTER LEAGUE COMPETITIONS

The following rules are in addition to the general competition rules.

78. This competition is run as separate leagues whose matches are played on a set day of the week. Clubs entering the evening leagues should have three floodlight all-weather courts available. Clubs may enter up to two teams in the leagues playing on each day of the week.
- Matches may be played indoors however notice of this, by text or by telephone, must be given to the away team captain at least one week prior to the date of the match otherwise the away team may claim home advantage but must play on the scheduled match date.
79. Matches shall be played on the dates fixed, unless teams agree to postpone on the day because of bad weather. Postponed matches will be played on the same day of the week one week later, failing which on the first date suitable to both clubs.

80. Teams must consist of 3 ladies and 3 men, and each match consists of one ladies doubles, one men's doubles and one mixed doubles - each of three sets with tie breaks in each set if needed.

81. Abbreviated sets may be played if both team captains agree before the start of the match or at any point during the match.

82. One point shall be awarded for each set won in all winter competitions.



SPRING LEAGUE COMPETITION

The Summer Doubles league rules operate wherever applicable, or where not superseded by the following:-

83. An affiliated club may enter up to 2 women's and 2 men's teams. **Additional teams may be entered if a club has access to six courts to play two home matches on the same day.**

84. Separate women's and men's leagues will operate, divided into divisions and sections as deemed necessary.

85. Each team shall consist of a minimum of 4 and a maximum of 6 players. Each player must have a current British Tennis Membership number linked to the club that he/she is representing and a rating.
British Tennis Membership and a rating may be obtained by contacting British Tennis Services at **0208 487 7000**

86. Fixtures will be played on Saturdays or Sundays, determined by the home team captain, starting at 10.00 a.m. on the weekend dates fixed by the Board and issued before the start of the competition. In the event of a fixture being incomplete or unable to start because of bad weather, the match will start at 10.00 a.m. on the following day; or, if both clubs agree, at 6.30 p.m. on an evening before the next scheduled round of fixtures in this competition.

Each match will have two rounds of play.

87. The home team must either have 3 courts available for the duration of the match or 4 courts available for the singles round and 2 courts for the doubles round. The home team captain will confirm the number of courts to be used when confirming the match in advance. If only 3 courts are available then the #1 and #2 singles will be played in the first round together with a doubles rubber. The second round of rubbers will comprise the #3 and #4 singles rubbers together with the other doubles rubber.

88. Clubs with more than one team in a competition must nominate players for all teams by a date set by the League Organiser. Rule 38 also applies to this competition.

A team shall consist of a minimum of 4 and a maximum of 6 players. 4 players shall play one singles rubber each and the 5th and/or 6th player(s) may be selected for one doubles rubber only. Additional players must be available to play one hour after the start time of the match (Refer Rule 33)

89. Fixtures will consist of 6 rubbers – 4 singles and 2 doubles - each the best of 3 tie-break sets with a deciding match tie-break (first to 10 points and winning by 2 clear points) at one set all.

- **The order of play in the singles in each match shall be determined by the team captain. Once an order is established, the same order must be maintained throughout that season's competition.**

Doubles pairing must be stated before the start of the match and will be determined by the team captain. Once an order of pairs is established, that order must be maintained throughout that season's competition.

If a player nominated for a lower team 'plays up' then that player must play singles below any player nominated for the higher team. If two players 'play up' and are paired together in doubles then that pair must play below any pair which contains any player nominated for the higher team.

90. If clubs have a women's and a men's team home match on the same day, the men's fixture should start at 10.00 a.m. and the women's tie will start at 12.30 p.m.

91. Scoring

(a) 1 point will be awarded for each rubber won in a fixture. In the event of total points gained being equal, the match result will be a draw.

(b) A team will receive 2 match points on the league table for a match win. If the result is a draw, each team will receive 1 match point.

(c) A team gaining a walkover will be credited with 2 match points, 6 rubbers and 12 sets.

(d) **A team which concedes a match will receive a penalty of 3 match points**

(e) The final standings in each division shall be determined by the following:

1. The team with the greatest number of match points.
2. If match points are equal, the team with the greatest number of rubber points.
3. If only two teams are level on match points and rubber points; their head to head result.
4. If more than 2 teams are level, the round robin rule in the LTA Competition regulations will determine the league standings.