



MIDDLESEX COUNTY LAWN TENNIS ASSOCIATION

MIDWEEK DAYTIME LEAGUE 2022

1. This Inaugural league will be held annually between May and September and two events will be offered: Open and 55 & over.

All rounds will be given play by dates.

Matches are expected to be played Monday to Friday with a start time between 10.00am and 2.00 pm, (set by the home team) unless by mutual agreement of both teams.

2. The league will be organised into divisions, geographically where possible. For 2022, we would need a commitment of a minimum of 5 teams in a local area, in the same event to go ahead.

Players

4. Teams will comprise 2 men and 2 ladies eligible to represent the club as specified in the regulations for the Middlesex Inter-Club Championships and

Open Event: Players can be any age.

Seniors 55&Over: Players to be 55 years by 31st December 2022

ALL players MUST be affiliated to the LTA and hold a LTA number.

5. Where clubs enter more than one team, different players must be used in each.

A player who plays twice for a higher team may NOT play for a lower team during that season.

Match Format

6. Matches will comprise of 4 rubbers, being:

1 Men's Doubles

1 Ladies' Doubles

2 Mixed Doubles, the stronger pair must play as 1st couple.

7. Each rubber will comprise of 2 tie-break sets. Advantage at deuce.

Each set won will score two points, and match results will be determined by the total number of points won.

It is important that all rubbers are played, or a complete result cannot be achieved.

Where a match is not played, the club conceding will score zero points, the club taking the walk-over will be awarded a proportionate number of points.

Courts

8. Matches must be played on 2 courts of similar surface, outdoors or indoors.

Scheduling Matches

9. It is the responsibility of the home team to arrange and offer the date/time for their matches.

All arrangements must be made by 1st May,

A choice of three realistic dates must be offered by the home side, one of which must be accepted by the away team.

Matches may be played at weekends, ONLY by agreement of both teams.

Responsibility for making contact to arrange the match is NOT exclusive and away teams will be expected to take over the arrangements if the deadline is missed.

All fixture dates MUST be entered into the LTA web site (<https://competitions.lta.org.uk/sport/tournament.aspx?id=ACF4DAE7-8382-4C35-82DF-77476FDBDD7C>)

Matches should not be postponed due to lack of players.

Match Arrangements

10. At least 2 new sets of LTA approved balls must be provided by the home team.

11. Hospitality – Afternoon tea to be offered post-match.

Incomplete Matches

12. If a match is not completed due to adverse conditions, it should be re-arranged for another date.

It should ONLY be re-commenced from the point at which play ceased if both clubs are fielding the same team.

Match Results

13. Results are to be entered on the Tournament Software web site (<https://competitions.lta.org.uk/sport/tournament.aspx?id=ACF4DAE7-8382-4C35-82DF-77476FDBDD7C>) by the winning captain within 2 days of the match being played, and confirmed on the web site by the losing captain within 7 days.
In the case of a draw, the home captain must ensure the result has been entered.

Divisional Standings

13. The winner of each division will be the team which has achieved the highest total of points in the matches played.

Where there is a tie, the percentage of games actually played and won to the total number played will decide the league position.

14. The winner of Division 1 will be declared the champion club.

Promotion and relegation will normally be the top and bottom of divisions, where there are two divisions below a single division, then, generally two teams will be relegated.



Where new teams enter, their position will be decided by the Middlesex Tennis Competitions Advisory Group.

Teams conceding more than one match are likely to be relegated.

15. The Competition Organiser's decision on all matters is final.