

# Davenport LTC Singles Box League

## 1. **General**

The leagues will run over a period of several weeks and may change from month to month.

## 2. **Arranging Matches**

Each Singles Box consists of four players. It is the responsibility of all players in the Box to arrange matches. Each player will play one match against each opponent in their Box.

Although the Box format means matches are best played with all players gathered at the same time, players can choose to play matches separately.

## 3. **Scoring**

Each singles match will consist of 2 "short" sets, playing 5 games (rather than the usual 6), with a standard tie break at 4 – 4 (first to 7 or with 2 point lead thereafter). If you reach one set all, play a 'Championship Tie-break' game in lieu of a deciding set, with first to 10 with 2 point lead thereafter.

The winner of a completed match scores 10.

The losing player scores the total number of games they won. [Example - if you won 5-3, 1-5, 1-0 you would post that as 10-8]. If you don't finish, total the number of games you each had before abandoning.

Enter scores appropriately on the Singles Box League sheet in the Clubhouse.

Box totals should only be calculated after all players have completed their matches.

## 4. **Starting**

At the start of the Box League season, the organiser/committee will allocate players to a Box, normally seeding players by perceived ability.

New players wishing to join the leagues should add their name below the Box Leagues. When a player enters the League after the first round of Boxes, they will be seeded, and play in fourth position in a suitable Box, usually one Box below the where the committee assesses the player's seeding. Other players will be moved (down) to accommodate the new entrant, except winners from the previous round, who will be promoted at the expense of another player(s).

## 5. **Promotion and Relegation**

Promotion and relegation will be determined by the number of points each player wins in the sets played.

The player(s) with the highest number of points will be promoted. If there is a tie for the highest points total then the player ranked **lower** in that league with equal points will be promoted.

The player(s) with the lowest number of points within each league will be relegated. If there is a tie for the lowest points total then the player ranked **higher** in that league with the lowest number of points will be relegated.

In the event that a Box is not completed in the given time period, the player(s) promoted from the Box below will by-pass the non-completed Box, while the demoted player(s) from the Box above will move into the non-completed Box. The lower ranked player(s) will be demoted from the non-completed Box.

Due to players joining and leaving the leagues throughout the season, the Committee reserves the right to override the above in reconstituting the leagues.

## 6. **Availability**

If a player is injured or unavailable to complete their match it is their responsibility to let other players know and to obtain a reserve from another league to play instead of them. If a reserve plays then their score will not count towards promotion. The player not competing will be automatically relegated. With the use of reserves it is hoped all matches should be completed within the time limits set.

## 7. **Other**

Floodlight tokens are available from behind the bar (one token costs £0.50 = 30 minutes).

New balls can be purchased from behind the bar (one tin costs £4 = three balls).

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