

SINGLES BOX LEAGUES

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How to Join

Bracknell Lawn Tennis Clubs Box Leagues are open to all peak time adult members and Junior with Senior Status members over the age of 16. Junior with Senior Status players under the age of 16 may also be considered, but subject to approval by the match and tournament committee.

Email: box@bracknelltennis.com

General Rules

- Matches are best of 3 sets (3 normal sets or 3rd set as a 'championship' tiebreak)
- Results are submitted using the PlayWaze system (via App or browser)
- Matches can be arranged using PlayWaze (once you login) – **if you forget your password – contact PlayWaze** (not the id above)
- You can message (using the App) other players in your box to arrange matches
- Nearer the time of the match, contact can also be made by phone or via our email list
- GOLDEN RULE: PLEASE TRY PLAY AS MANY AS YOU CAN – THAT SAID MOST PLAYERS DO NOT PLAY ALL MATCHES IN A CAMPAIGN (AND WE DO NOT POLICE THIS – WE'RE VOLUNTEERS 😊).

Scoring for Completed Matches

- Win a match – 5 points (2 points for a win, 1 point each set, 1 point for playing etc)
- Loss in 3 sets – 2 points
- Loss in 2 sets – 1 point
- Unfinished match – see scoring in bullet 1 above) – e.g.: 1-1 set all – 2 points each player.
- Legitimate Walkovers – 3 points (**only if inside 3 hours of proposed match start time and notification sent to box@bracknelltennis.com at the time of proposed match**).

League Position

- A Player's league position is determined by the total number of points (in a round). In the event two or more players are tied on the same number of points – position is determined by the PlayWaze calculator (sets/games difference). So – what you see in Playwaze table, is correct (Note: previously we had rules about H2H and other comparatives – we have now reverted to letting PlayWaze decide).

Walkovers

- These are only allowed at the Box League organisers' discretion; usually where a player pulls out of a match within **3 hours** of the start time or is a no-show (you need evidence, a witness).
- **NOTE: Definitely no walkovers are allowed inside the last 2 weeks** (except in circumstances under 'Scoring' section). Each case is reviewed. Players usually make every effort between themselves to re-arrange or show discretion if circumstances intervened and prevented a match starting, or there is a genuine mistake about the start date/time. You cannot claim a walkover in any other circumstance, such as no-response to a match invitation or where someone is unavailable for a period of time (eg vacation). A Members list with box league member's mobile number is available from the club secretary as a PDF / at clubhouse.
- If your opponent pulls out during a match (eg, at 1 set all or early in 3rd set, then retires), **then this IS NOT a walkover**; with the agreement of that other player, record the remaining set scores, from where you left off (in the example above, 6-0 in the 3rd set). The result should be a normal 2 or 3 set scoreline (from when the opponent retired).

Promotion / Relegation

- Generally, it's 'three up / three down' but see below– the Match secretary may use his/her discretion to promote a player or introduce a new player into a given box eg. if someone drops out of the leagues due to injury or leaves – and see section on 'League Position'.
 - Division 2 is generally the exception: it will have 3 promoted / 4 relegated (to div 3a/3b)
 - Div 3a, 3b will have 2 promoted from each, 2 down from each.
 - Div 4a, 4b, also 2 up / 2 down
 - Div 5a, 5b also 2 up, 2 down
 - Div 6 is 2 up.
- **PLEASE NOTE: Players playing 1 match only, or repeatedly doing so, may be relegated in lieu of players who have played more.** This is subject to the discretion of the Box league organisers, and any mitigating circumstances (like injury during a box campaign).

Box Leagues setup

- Generally, a 'campaign' runs over 8 - 9 week period – the last one in a year ends 1st April (ie start of a new membership year). Then promotions/relegations are resolved and the next 'round' is ideally posted to the board and online. The nominal size of an individual box table is 7 players – division 2 has 8. Sometimes due to dropouts, injuries – and gaps appearing in tables, we may have 8 or even 9 for a round until we are able to move leavers out.
- The Box League organisers do **their 'volunteer' best** to introduce new players to the Box leagues, that will be balanced for everyone. All factors are taken into consideration, but ultimately, it is at the Box Organiser's discretion. All queries box@bracknelltennis.com - Please only use this to contact Box league organisers. Please do not email Paul or Andy direct on their email – that's why we have this task email id – all queries are in one inbox.