**LEEDS TENNIS LEAGUE**

# VETERANS’ DOUBLES LEAGUE RULES

## PURPOSE

1. To encourage exercise and competitive tennis for those who are **50 years old and over** and able to

 play mid-week during the day when it is off-peak usage at clubs.

## CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

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1. A player, he or she, must be:
	1. At least 50 years old at the start of a Season ( two Seasons in a year, Summer – 1st May to 16st October; and Winter - 1st November to 16th April); and
	2. A paid up and current member of a tennis club that is affiliated to the Leeds Tennis League.
2. Play must happen only on a weekday in the day time, between 10.00am and 5.00pm.

## CONDITIONS

1. A doubles team can be drawn from a pool of either minimum two or maximum three players, all of whom must be notified to the Veterans League Co-ordinator prior to the start of play of a new set of matches. (Three players permitted so as to allow for such situations as one player absent due to holidays or injuries.)
2. Teams can be all men or all women or mixed.
3. One team will be the designated ‘home’ team, who will book and pay for the courts.
4. The designated ‘away’ team must provide a tube of new tennis balls of a recognised tournament make such as Head, Wilson, Slazenger / Dunlop – Nearly new tennis balls are not permissible.
5. Play is expected to be outside, unless both pairs agree to play inside .
6. The League may be divided into two divisions if the number of teams entering makes it expedient.

## MATCH DATES AND TIMES

1. It will be the responsibility of the home team captain for that match to take the initiative and to

 email or phone the away team captain to suggest 3 alternative dates with times only on a

 weekday in the day time, between 10.00am and 5.00pm.

1. The away team captain should then respond within 72 hours to the home team captain so that

the date and time can be fixed.

1. Once the date and time are fixed then it can only change by mutual consent of both the team

 captains.

1. A team will automatically default a set if they arrive more than 20 minutes after the scheduled time.

## MATCH FORMAT

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14. Each match will be two tie-break sets, normal rules. If at the conclusion it is one set all, a Championship Tie Break will be played, with the winner being the first to 10 and two clear points. Tie break to continue if a 10-10 situation until one team moves two points clear.

## POINTS AWARDED FOR EACH MATCH

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15. Points will be awarded as follows:

1. A Win: 4 points
2. A Draw: 2 points, providing there’s a need to stop because of bad weather and at least first set is played and second set has 7 or more games played but there is no two game advantage. Similarly, if into the Championship Tie Break and weather stops play then a draw if no team is two points up
3. A Loss: 1 point
4. Game not arranged and not played – No points
5. Game arranged and one team did not show - deduct 1 penalty point to the ‘no show’ team

## RECORDING AND SUBMITTING MATCH SCORES

16. To begin with, we will use a process of emailing of results by teams to the Vets League

 Coordinator who in turn will record the results and update a spreadsheet for each table.

1. So, for each match played:
	1. Match scores must be recorded on a scorecard and signed off after the match by the

Winning and Losing captains. The scorecard should be retained by the Winning captain.

* 1. The Winning team captain must then *within 48 hours of playing the match,* email the scores to the Veteran Doubles League Section Co-Ordinator , Hillary West, at email address hillarymwest@gmail.com
	2. The Winning team captain should copy the Losing team captain in on his email to the Vets League Co-ordinator.
	3. The Losing captain should then *within 48 hours of receiving the email,* do a ‘reply all’ to the Vets League Co-ordinator and the Winning Captain to confirm or otherwise the result.
	4. Any discrepancies on scores will be followed-up by the Vets Section Co-ordinator.

## BAD WEATHER

1. Only if it is really bad ‘inclement’ weather on the day should the match be called off, or

 if during play then play stopped. Both captains should talk this through with each other

 and then reach agreement.

## GOOD CONDUCT THROUGHOUT AND FAIR PLAY

1. Throughout the process of arranging a match and then playing it, captains and players

 will conduct themselves in a polite and friendly manner.

1. During the match itself, the League expects all players to behave well, avoid the use of

 bad language and undertake ‘fair play’. If in any doubt of what this means, then all

 players should go to the League’s website [www.leedstennis.org.uk](http://www.leedstennis.org.uk/)  and read the Fair

 Play Charter.

## DISPUTES

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1. If any disputes should arise between team captains or teams, then they should be

 reported in the first instance to the Vets Doubles League co-ordinator who will try to

 sort the matter out with those concerned. If this proves not possible, the section league

 Co-ordinator will refer this to the Chairman and Secretary of the League and their ruling

 will be final.

 **APPLICATIONS**

1. Please complete the Application Form below sign and date the Declaration.

Send the form before the start of that season to Hillary West, 50 Fink Hill, Horsforth

 Leeds, LS8 4DH or hillarymwest@gmail.com. Phone no. 07739 457438.

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# APPLICATION FORM TO PLAY VETERANS DOUBLES IN THE LEEDS TENNIS LEAGUE

 ***Please answer all questions***

1. Captain’s Name
2. Your contact details
	1. Email address
	2. Phone number
3. Which is your Club where you are a current paid-up member?
4. Will this Club’s courts be used as your ‘Home’ club?
5. Name of Player 2:
6. Name of Player 3( if applicable):

***Read the following declaration and then sign and date where indicated:***

1. I have read the ‘Rules and how it will work' as set out above of the Leeds Tennis League’s Veterans Doubles League Competition and agree to abide by them and to conduct myself in a polite and friendly manner at all times when playing this competition including abiding by the League’s Fair Play Charter.

1. I agree to my details being held by the Leeds Tennis League Co-ordinator and on the Vets

 League section of the Leeds Tennis League website for the purpose of running this Vets Doubles

 League.

Signed: ……………………………………….........................

Dated: ………………………………………..........................