

2024 TOURNAMENT RULES

1. Eligibility

- Entry is open to all tennis members (including off-peak and country) who have paid their subscriptions.
- Off-peak members will be required to pay a supplementary £5.00 charge each time a match is played during peak hours.
- For age group events, age refers to age as at **31 December 2024**.
- For 50 and over events players must have been born in 1974 or earlier.
- For Youths/Juniors, please refer to the chart below.
- In doubles events, both players must meet relevant eligibility and, where applicable, age requirements.

2. Youths/Juniors

These event are all Mixed Singles - players can enter 2 age groups.

Age Group	For players born in
9 & Under (Orange ball)	2015 or 2016
10 & Under (Green ball)	2014 or 2015
12 & Under	2012-2014
14 & Under	2010-2012
18 & Under	2006 - 2010

Juniors will be notified of the scoring system once entries are in.

3. Play By Dates

- Please note each round's play by date on the draw and make every effort to get matches played by the stated date. If you cannot do this, please contact the event organiser **before** the play by date.
- If play by dates are not met, players may be withdrawn or a coin toss made to determine the result, at the discretion of the referee.

4. Tournament Rules

- This is a Seeded knock-out tournament, best of 3 tie break sets. Tie breaks to 7 or 2 ahead after 6-6. Doubles: best of 3 with championship tie break decider.
- All court bookings should be made according to the Club rules as displayed on the Club website. Normal court booking rules apply to tournament matches. No priority to tournament matches.
- Players should complete matches within the published round dates.

- If a player is unable to play the next round, the player should concede the match if they get to match point.
- Players who reach the semi-finals must concede if they get to match point but will not be available for the finals day.
- Players must provide their own balls except for the finals weekend.
- Players enter their results on the Tournament page of the website and on the paper copy of the draw in the clubhouse as soon as possible after the match has been completed. If players have any problems doing this, they should contact the Event Organisers on **tournaments@sheenitsc.co.uk**.
- Players should contact the Event Organisers on **tournaments@sheenitsc.co.uk** with any queries or concerns regarding scheduling or results. If a match cannot be played within the draw date, the Event Organisers may grant an extension if the circumstances causing the delay are reasonable, and if it does not inconvenience the opposition in the next round unduly. Extensions can only be sanctioned by the Event Organisers. If the match is still not played the Event Organisers and Tournament Referee will decide the result.
- Any questions or disputes that arise must be referred to the Event Organisers. If necessary the Tournament Referee will be asked for a decision on the matter and their decision will be final.
- It will be up to the players to agree which court surface they will play their match on. In the event of a disagreement on which court surface to play on, players, or the Tournament Referee, will flip a coin to decide.
- Players will be automatically withdrawn from the competition if their membership lapses or they fail to pay their subscriptions at any point during the tournament.

Event Organisers: Johnny Hayes, Sofia Justiniano Muro, Paul Boffa

Tournament Referees: Mary-Pat Rose, Paul Boffa