



HORSENDEN CLUB

2020 TOURNAMENT

Welcome to the 2020 Tournament. Please read the information below and then add your name to the lists! We look forward to an exciting and enjoyable championship.

Adult Tournament

Entries to be in by: 5pm on Friday 3rd April

The Tournament ladders will be displayed in the clubhouse by: Sunday 12th April (they will also be emailed out to participants in advance & published on the club website)

Tournament matches begin: Monday 13th April

Championship final dates are:

Saturday September 12th – Adults

Sunday September 13th – Vets

1. You must be a paid-up member of the club for the 2020/21 year to enter.
2. We have ten categories available for 2020, plus a possible plate:

Singles	Doubles	Mixed Doubles
Ladies'	Ladies'	Mixed
Men's	Men's	Mixed Veterans
Men's Veterans	Ladies' Veterans	
	Men's Veterans	
	Men's Super-Veterans Shield	

3. To enter the Veterans Tournaments men must be over 45 and ladies over 40 on 1st January 2020.
4. To enter the Super Veterans Tournament men must be over 60 on 1st January 2020;
5. The Adult Tournament is open to all Intermediates and Adult members.
6. There is no limit to the number of categories that you can enter – however entrants must take into account the number of matches that they are committing to and the general rules of the Tournament, in particular the need to complete rounds in adequate time.
7. The top players will be seeded by the Tournament Organiser with the draw being made by the Tournament Organiser and Club Chairman. You will be **notified by email** of the fixtures for the first round.
8. All matches to be the best of three sets with a 7-point tie break to be played if the score gets to 6-6 on the first two sets and a Championship (10-point) tie break in the final set. If players choose to complete a deciding set by playing to two clear games they should decide this before the start of the match.
9. Juniors of a suitable standard may be eligible for inclusion in the adult tournament – this decision will be made by Tournament Organiser Carl Murray, so please contact Carl to discuss on 07841 745040.

If you want to enter a doubles or mixed doubles competition and don't have a partner, please add your name to the list, or contact the Tournament Organiser, Carl Murray and we will try to find one.

We also plan to run a Plate competition with the final taking place on Saturday 12th September along with the other finals. This is subject to there being enough participants to justify a Plate competition. The Plate competition will be made up of entrants that are knocked out in the 1st and/or 2nd rounds of the Tournament competition and a new draw will take place after completion of those early rounds. More details on the Plate competition will follow.

Junior Tournament

Entries to be in by: 5pm on Friday 4th September
Championship date: Sunday September 13th

1. There will be a separate junior Tournament with the following anticipated categories:

Singles	Doubles	Mixed
U18 Girls'	U18 Girls'	U18 Mixed
U18 Boy's	U18 Boy's	
U13 Boy's		U13
U13 Girls'		

2. The entire Tournament will take place on the same day with any qualification rounds followed directly by the finals later in the afternoon depending on the number of entrants.
3. All participants will need to be at the club for 12:30 for the qualification rounds.
4. Please check with your parents that you are available on September 13th before entering.
5. In order to enter the U13 tournament you must be under 13 on 1st January 2020. You can also enter the U18 tournament if you wish. This will enable you to play in the doubles with an older sibling.
6. In order to enter the U18 tournament you must be under 18 on 1st January 2020;
7. Please enter your name on the relevant list U13, U18 and the formats that you want to take part in i.e. singles, doubles or mixed doubles. If you have a preferred doubles partner, please enter this in the appropriate column.
8. All draws for the qualification rounds will be organised ready for the morning of the event and will be dependent on the number of entries for each category.

If you want to enter a doubles or mixed doubles competition and don't have a partner, please add your name to the list or contact the tournament organiser Carl Murray and we will try to find one.

General Rules:

Apart from the standard rules of tennis (which are available on the LTA website) that apply to every tournament the following local club tournament rules will also apply:

1. If a match is not completed within the time allowed for that match/round and, in the opinion of the organiser it unfairly prejudices another player or players in subsequent rounds, then the organisers and/or chairman will decide the outcome of the match that could not be completed and may award a bye to one of the players/teams. Consideration will be given to the party that has attempted to ensure the match took place, but the decision of the organisers and/or chairman will be final.
2. If a participant or participants is/are unable to play the final on the allotted day and at the allotted time then the match will be awarded to the opponent/s, unless in the sole opinion of the organisers and/or chairman there are extenuating circumstances, when they may choose to reschedule the match. Any such decision will be at the sole discretion of the organisers and/or chairman and their decision will be final.
3. The organisers and/or chairman having taken account of conditions and all relevant Health & Safety matters will decide if adverse weather should prevent a match taking place at its allotted time or if a match should be rescheduled and the date and time on which it should be played. Any such decision will be at the sole discretion of the organisers and/or chairman and their decision will be final.
4. The organisers and/or chairman at their sole discretion will decide on which court any match is to be played.
5. Any participant showing unacceptable behaviour, etiquette or consideration to a fellow player may be disqualified from the competition by the organisers and/or chairman; and
6. Any participant showing behaviour or etiquette unbecoming that of a member of Horsenden Lawn Tennis Club may be disqualified from the competition by the organisers and/or chairman.
7. No fee is charged by the club for entering the tournament.
8. Club balls are permitted to be used for tournament matches. New balls will be provided by the club for the finals. If members choose to play earlier rounds with new balls, they do so at their own cost.
9. If members choose to play their preliminary rounds when floodlights may be required tokens should be purchased in advance. Unused tokens will be refunded at the end of the tournament upon request.