



*Ladies Real Tennis Association*

**Rules Specific to the High/Low Ladies' Doubles Tournament**

1. Players enter as individuals and are paired "best handicap with worst handicap" throughout.
  2. Entry is limited to a maximum of 16 players.
  3. There will be a single round robin group ensuring all pairs play all other pairs and that all players get matches on both days of the tournament.
  4. Matches will be one first-to-six games set, played off handicap and starting at one-game-all if there is a full draw or time constraints exist.
  5. The top four pairs go through to a knock out, with 1st place playing 4th place and 2nd place playing 3rd place.
  6. Positions in the knock out group will be decided on:
    - (a) Matches won.
    - (b) If matches won are equal, it will be decided on which pair won the most number of games.
    - (c) If the number of games won is equal, it will be decided on which pair lost the least number of games.
    - (d) If still equal, it will be decided on the result of the match between the two equal pairs.
- If there is still a tie, the result will be decided by the toss of a coin - all tied pairs toss at the same time and the odd one out goes out.
7. Players must arrive AT LEAST half-an-hour before their match. We are playing to a VERY TIGHT SCHEDULE. Following the two minute knock-up time, for each two minutes a pair is kept waiting for their opponents on court (even if the match starts early and is within a quarter-of-an-hour of the scheduled time) a game shall be awarded to the waiting pair.
  8. Whilst the Round-robin matches themselves are not timed, knock-ups will be limited to two minutes. The timer for the knock-up will be started as the players in the previous match leave the court.
  9. Every effort will be made to ensure that handicaps are accurate and that matches are played using the correct handicap differences. However, it is the responsibility of players to check that these are right and to query them before a match begins as matches cannot be replayed once started.
  10. The Tournament Committee reserve the right to revise handicaps if necessary.
  11. The decisions of the Tournament Committee are final.