

# MLTC 2022 Handicap Tournament

- \* Each match is the first to 11 games, but you must win by 2 clear games.
- \* Deuce is played as normal, no sudden death.
- \* All matches to adhere to the Handicap Scoring Rules, see below for clarification.
- \* All matches to be played on the clay courts unless both parties agree otherwise.
- \* It is up to each pair/s of players to arrange their own matches.
- \* If you need contact numbers please let me know.
- \* All matches to be played by midnight on the dates shown above each round.  
Please email the results to [mltchandicap@outlook.com](mailto:mltchandicap@outlook.com)  
Or text to 07545 848 125
- \* **THERE WILL BE NO EXTENSIONS TO THE PLAY BY DATES !!!!!**
- \* If neither party submits a result then both player/s will forfeit the game.
- \* If there is a dispute then I will decide who goes through, if anyone.  
This will primarily be based on who has made themselves most available.
  
- \* The Entry Fee is £5  
This covers you for all three major tournaments this year, Vets, Handicap & Open.  
If you have not already paid then please give your £5 to a committee member or pay online to:

<b>HSBC Bank</b>
<b>Margate Lawn Tennis Club</b>
<b>Sort Code: 40-32-02</b>
<b>Acc No. 2153-9574</b>

- \* Please note a new club rule for this, and all future tournaments:  
**IF YOU DO NOT MAKE THE FINAL FOR ANY REASON THEN YOU WILL FORFEIT THE MATCH.**  
The Finals Date is Saturday 20th August  
If the finals cannot be played on this day for reasons such as bad weather they will be played on the following Sunday, 21st August.  
**YOU MUST BE AVAILABLE FOR BOTH DAYS IF YOU ARE IN THE FINALS OR YOU WILL FORFEIT.**  
**Good luck to all and I hope you all have a wonderful Tournament.**

## Handicaps

Each player, or pair, is given a Handicap which is theirs for the entirety of the tournament.  
(I do reserve the right to change a handicap if I have made a glaring error.)  
The Handicap descriptions are shown below.  
The Handicap for both parties comes into play.

<b>Rec 15</b>	Start each game on +15
<b>Rec 15/30</b>	Start games alternately on +15 and then +30
<b>SCR</b>	Start all games on zero
<b>Owe 15</b>	Start each game on -15
<b>Owe 15/30</b>	Start games alternately on -15 and then -30
<b>Owe 30</b>	Start each game on -30
<b>Owe 30/40</b>	Start games alternately on -30 and then -40
<b>Owe 40</b>	Start each game on -40
<b>Owe 40/50</b>	Start games alternately on -40 and then -50
<b>Owe 50</b>	Start each game on -50
<b>Owe 50/60</b>	Start games alternately on -50 and then -60

If both opponents are on the same side of scratch, ie both Owe or Rec then the Handicaps cancel each other out to an extent, ie if one is Owe 50 and one is Owe 15 then you will start at Owe 40 and scratch. You both will not be owing.  
Make sure you start each game on the correct side, ie if it is SCR vs Owe 15 then that is odd and you start on the left.

If players are on the opposite side of Scratch ie Rec 15 and Owe 30 then you start every game with first player on +15 and second player on -30.  
You do not cancel out in this instance.  
(This would be an odd number so you start on the left)

If you have an alternating Handicap ie Owe 30/40 then you start the first game at -30 and then -40 and then repeat.  
You always start the first game on the less punishing Handicap.

If one player is Owe 30 and one is Owe 30/40 then the first game is love all then the second is love vs -15 and alternate.  
So first game would start on the right and second game on the left.

If you are not sure then just ask :-)