

Men's Walmer Invitation Tournament - 2020

Rules

1. The Tournament is restricted by invitation - all competitors must be members/temporary members of Walmer Lawn Tennis & Croquet Club ("the Club").
2. The Tournament commences on Tuesday 28th July, with the Finals scheduled for Saturday 1st August. If weather delays are experienced, the Finals may be extended to Sunday 2nd August.
3. Players must be available from 10:00 am until dusk for the duration of the Tournament.
4. Players not available for the semi-finals or finals will be defaulted.
5. All players are requested to report to the tournament office 15 minutes before they are due to play. It is possible, that players will be asked to go on court in advance of their scheduled time if the programme is ahead of schedule.
6. The starting times of matches are approximate and can be subject to a delay if earlier matches are extended or if there is inclement weather.
7. Subject to reasonable weather, both robin events, will have a SF and a final. If there are time constraints towards the end of the week, the SF events may be cancelled, with the group winners moving straight to a final.
8. **The knock up prior to play MUST BE restricted to 10 minutes.**
9. The first two sets of all Round Robin Matches will be tie breaks sets. In the event of a tie at one set all, the match will be decided by a championship tie break (first to 10, but two points ahead).
10. In the event of inclement weather, the Tournament Organiser reserves the right to shorten matches.
11. For the SF and Final, it is intended that matches will be the best of three tie-break sets.
12. Every effort will be made to allow a reasonable rest period between matches.
13. Times indicated on the daily match schedule are as accurate as they can be. Forward times on the draw (ie for the following days) are **estimates** and are likely to change, so please check the daily schedule. The daily schedule will be emailed to all players, is intended to be posted on the Club web site www.walmertennisclub.co.uk on a daily basis, will be posted on the Tournament Board at the Club and can be checked by phoning 07791 794707 or 01304 389155.
14. New balls will be provided for each match.
15. Courts 1 and 2 have been reserved will be used for the duration of the tournament. In the event of a schedule overrun, players may be asked to use other courts, rather than risking a run over to the following day. Social tennis for the members continues during the Tournament week. Kindly show courtesy to club players if they happen to be playing on an adjacent court.
16. Tennis Score Boards will be placed on Courts 1 and 2. For the better enjoyment of spectators, please keep the score boards updated as you change ends. To comply with Covid-19 regulations, only one player should take responsibility to update the score. The scoreboards will be sanitised after each match.
17. If players wish to practice on Courts other than 1 and 2, this is only permissible if the court has previously been booked online using the Club's online booking system.
18. All players are required to wear **recognised** tennis clothing, which is predominantly white, with white socks.
19. If grass tennis shoes are worn, they must conform to the Wimbledon Championships' standard (details released separately to all competitors by email). Heavily corrugated shoes are NOT permitted.
20. The Club takes the current Covid-19 crisis extremely seriously. All competitors are **expected to read, be conversant with and are deemed to be bound** by the Club's Covid-19 Regulations (released separately). Competitors **must** comply with the Regulations; a breach thereof may result in disciplinary action, including being defaulted from the Tournament.
21. In the event of a Covid-19 concern, the Tournament Referee, at his sole discretion, may cancel the Tournament.
22. The Tournament Organiser, in consultation with the Tournament Referee, has discretion to change the rules and structure of the tournament as he sees fit.
23. Hope you all enjoy the Event

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