Middlesex Winter Vets 2019-2020 RULES

Regulations

By submitting an entry into Middlesex Winter Veterans League 2019-20 I agree that:

- I have considered my roles and responsibilities as team captain and I am fully committed to organising the team pre, during and post-matches this season.
- I have assessed the commitment of my venue and players in regard to matches, court time, travel, work/exams and financial cost throughout the season. We are committed to compete.
- I have read the 2019 Rules & LTA Fair Play values & agree to ensure the team will abide by them.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY LAWN TENNIS ASSOCIATION - VETERANS' LEAGUE RULES 2019/20

1. The competition will be held annually between October and April. Matches must be played by 30th March unless by the agreement of the league organiser / secretary.
2. The league will be organised into divisions, geographically where possible.
3. Teams will play one match against each of the other teams in their division.
4. Teams will comprise 2 men and 2 ladies eligible to represent the club as specified in the regulations for the Middlesex Cup Inter-Club Championships and meeting the age limits:
   Men and Ladies to be 45 years by 31st December 2018.
5. Where clubs enter more than one team, different players must be used in each. Where a Club has 2 teams in the same division, they should play each other by the end of November. A player who plays twice for a higher team may NOT play for a lower team during that season.
6. Matches will comprise 4 rubbers, being:
   1 Men's Doubles 1 Ladies' Doubles
   2 Mixed Doubles, the stronger pair must play as 1st couple.
7. Each rubber will comprise of 2 tie-break sets. Each set won will score two points, and match results will be determined by the total number of points won. It is important that all rubbers are played or a complete result cannot be achieved. Where a match is not played, the club conceding will score zero points, the club taking the walk-over will be awarded a proportionate number of points depending on their other results.
8. Matches must be played on 2 courts of similar surface, outdoors. Indoor or under lights or during the week, ONLY by agreement of both teams. Where a Club has 2 teams in the same division they must play each other before the end of November.
9. It is the responsibility of the home team to arrange the dates and times of matches. All arrangements must be made by 15th October. 50% of matches should be played before Christmas. A choice of three realistic dates must be offered by the home side, one of which must be accepted by the away team. Responsibility for making contact to arrange the match is not exclusive and away teams will be expected to take over the arrangements if the deadline is missed. All fixture dates MUST be entered into the LTA web site (http://lta.tournamentsoftware.com). Matches should not be postponed due to lack of players.
10. If a match is not completed due to adverse conditions, it should be re-arranged for another date. It should ONLY be re-commenced from the point at which play ceased if both clubs are fielding the same team. Captains may waive this rule, but only by mutual agreement. The relevant divisional secretary MUST be notified of re-arrangements.
11. Results are to be entered on the Tournament Software web site http://lta.tournamentsoftware.com/sport/tournament.aspx?id=3641465E-4E00-4C2A-8B8A-F41D03370109 by the winning captain within 2 days of the match being played, and confirmed on the web site by the losing captain within 7 days. In the case of a draw, the home captain must ensure the result has been entered. ALL players MUST be affiliated to British Tennis
12. The winner of each division will be the team which has achieved the highest total of points in the matches played. Where there is a tie, the percentage of games actually played and won, to the total number played will decide the league position.
13. The winner of Division 1 will be declared the champion club. Promotion and relegation will normally be the top and bottom of divisions, where there are two divisions below a single division, then, generally two teams will be relegated. Where new teams enter, their position will be decided by the Veterans' Tournament Committee. Clubs conceding more than one match are likely to be relegated.
14. At least 2 new sets of LTA approved balls must be provided by the home team.
15. The Competition Organiser’s decision on all matters is final.