

Plymstock Tennis Club Summer Competition Rules and Regulations

The format has been revised to ensure fairness and excitement for all players. Below are the rules and regulations for this year's tournament.

Qualification Stage

1. **Group Formation:**
 - We'll have two groups, evenly distributing the number of players.
 - The top seeds: determined by the committee, will be evenly distributed across these groups.
 - Every player within a group will play against each other once.
2. **Match Scoring System (FAST4):**
 - FAST4 is designed to speed up tennis matches while maintaining competitiveness.
 - Key features:
 - First to 4 games wins a set.
 - A maximum of two sets per match, allowing for the possibility of a draw.
 - Tie-break at 3 games all, played to 7 points with a 2-point lead required.
 - At deuce, the next point wins the game, always served and received from the right side of the court.
 - The total number of games won determines the score.
3. **Qualification Period:**
 - Matches will take place from 15th June - 30th July.
 - Players should organize matches among themselves.
 - It is suggested that you give your opponent's 3 dates you are available for to increase availability.
 - FAST4 format allows for multiple matches for the same day. It is encouraged that you try to arrange multiple matches on the same day.
4. **Availability and Walkovers:**
 - If a player consistently lacks availability, a 4-0, 4-0 walkover will be awarded to the available player.
 - If both players are uncooperative, the matchup will be voided.
 - Failure to show up for an agreed match results in a 4-0, 4-0 walkover for the present player.

Knockout Stages

1. **Top Half Qualification:**
 - After the qualification period, points will be tallied.
 - The top half of each group will advance to the knockout stages.
2. **Quarterfinals, Semifinal:**
 - Matches to be played by 31st August.
 - Matches will follow the normal tennis scoring system:
 - Best of 3 sets.
 - Standard tennis scoring rules apply (please refer to the official tennis guidelines).
3. **Final Match:**
 - The final will take place on Saturday 7th September, if weather delays, we can delay to the following day Sunday 8th September. (Please ensure you are available for both these dates).