

Annual Bourne Club Padel Championships 2022

RULES AND INFORMATION

In addition to playing in accordance with the Tournament rules outlined below, players must also adhere to the LTA's code of conduct.

General

1. The Tournament will run from Monday 9th May to Saturday 10th September 2022.
2. Each event will have one main draw, with a plate draw for those who lose in their first round matches.
3. All members are welcome to enter.
4. With the exception of Finals Day, competitors must supply their own balls for matches.
 - a. Balls should be new or in good condition at the start of the match.
 - b. A minimum of three (3) balls of the same brand and type which are a recognised Padel ball.
 - c. Balls that become dead or are lost during a match may be replaced with a ball of similar condition.
 - d. Balls may be changed during the Finals at the discretion of the Umpire.
5. The Tournament Organiser's contact email is: tennischair@bourne-club.co.uk

Entries

6. The Tournament is open to all members of The Bourne Club who pay a full adult, young adult or coach subscription throughout the tournament. In addition, junior members born on or before 01/01/2006 are welcome to enter. Off Peak members may enter but if matches are played during peak times a guest fee should be paid on each occasion.
7. Entries to the 100 draw must have a combined age of 100 or more by the start date (9th May)
8. Entries are to be made using the Tournament entry form, which needs to be completed and submitted online.
9. Entries close on Thursday 5th May at 12 noon and the draw will be published on Monday 9th May. Late entries will not be accepted. The Organiser reserves the right to deduct payment from the individual's pre-payment account should an entry be submitted without payment after the closing date.
10. Cost of entry is £4 for one event, £7 for two, £10 for three or £12 for all four. Payment must be made by transfer to the Club's Padel Tournament pre-payment account No. 6694. Simply log in to your own profile and transfer the relevant amount required to cover the cost of your entry.

Match Scheduling

11. All players are responsible for contacting their opponents and the match should be arranged by mutual consent. If you have difficulty arranging a match please contact the Tournament Organiser.
12. All Semi-Finals matches will be scheduled and played over the week commencing 5th September by the Tournament Organiser.
13. All matches should be played by the published play-by dates. Please do not enter if you are away for any significant period of time during the tournament or if you are not reasonably available at a variety of times.
14. If players cannot play by the deadline the Tournament Organiser should be informed. The Tournament Organiser may grant an extension or disqualify the players.
15. The aim is to complete the draw to the semi final stage prior to the school holidays (22nd July).

Draws

16. Payers may withdraw from events before the draw is published, they will receive a full refund.
17. Once the draw has been published there will be no changing of partners permitted. Players may only withdraw or retire. There will be no refunds for players that withdraw, retire, or are disqualified.
18. Immediately after the match has been completed the winning player or partnership should write their results on the Tournament draw in the Club house or email to the Tournament Organiser.

Court bookings

19. The cost of court time is to be paid for by the four players.
20. To book a court for Tournament matches more than 2 weeks in advance, competitors are to contact the Tournament Organiser who can arrange this.
21. You should book enough court time to complete a best of three set match which is 90 mins - 2 hours (see match format).
22. The Tournament Organiser may also reserve some courts in advance for tournament matches. Competitors that want to use pre-booked tournament court time are to contact the Tournament Organiser. Any unused courts will be released 7 days in advance, except in the last 2 weeks when they may be released at short notice.

Match format

23. Format:
 - a. Best of two tie-break sets, with a Championship Tiebreak for the decider if required.
 - b. To speed up the games, players can decide to play sudden death deuce but this must be agreed at the start of the match.
 - c. Semi final matches and final matches may have a change in format which will be at the discretion of the Tournament Organiser and player involved.
24. The Tournament Organiser reserves the right to change the format if the tournament is behind schedule.

Officiating

25. The Tournament Organiser's decision is final.
26. The Tournament Organiser reserves the right to disqualify competitors that do not adhere to the tournament rules.