

CPLTC Internal Box Leagues

We are launching our brand-new box leagues this summer. This is an internal competition to enable all adult members of all levels to compete with their fellow CPLTC members and keep match fit for the whole year.

Categories of Box League

There are two categories of box leagues, both of which are unisex i.e. each league may be made up of a combination of male or female players depending on ability:

- Singles

- Doubles (either 2 male, 2 female or 1 male and 1 female pairings) You find your partner. If you don't have a partner, Marlon Billings or Lee Duncan will try to get one for you.

With the lack of any league tennis this season these box leagues are the perfect opportunity to improve your game ready for team matches when they return.

How it works

Every player(s) will be placed in a group of players based on their ability and will then compete against each other in their group over a defined period (TBC). Box league matches consist of playing **15 straight games** (normal tie break at 7-7).

1 point is awarded per game won and **2** bonus points for the overall win. So every game counts!

Provided sufficient matches have been played in each league, the top two players are then promoted to the higher group next season and the bottom two move down to the division below for the next season.

Ultimately, every player should end up in their own respective standard box league and have enjoyable matches.

Players should contact each other player in their division to arrange a match at a time that is suitable to both players.

Promotion / Relegation

To gain promotion a player must win the division or come second, and the 2 players who come last will drop a division. Position within the group is worked out using the criteria in the following order.

1 – Players in each division will be arranged in order of the number of points they have won.

2 – If 2 players finish with the same amount of points, the higher position will go to the player who won the head to head match between those 2 players (if played).

3 – If 3 or more players have the same amount of points, or if 2 players have tied but have not played each other, then the positions of these players will be decided by the most matches played. If this decides 1 or more of the players positions, but still leaves 2 players equal, the positions of those 2 players will go back to the head to head result.

4 – If there is still a tie, then the percentage of games won out of total games played in the round will be used.

When no matches have been played in a division, then no players will move up, and therefore no players will move down from the division above. If players will be moving up from the division below, then the players who will move down will be decided by looking back to their results in the previous round to establish the order in which they will be placed.

Players should play a minimum of two matches to be eligible for promotion, or to avoid relegation. If a player only plays one match, this may result in another player gaining a higher position over them. Playing no matches in a round may result in demotion to the next division below.

Occasionally adjustments to positions may be necessary due to players dropping out of the league, or new players entering. While players may be moved up a division due to these adjustments, every effort will be made to ensure that nobody is moved down. If a player is moved up in this way, it will normally be a player who has retained their place in the lower division who moves up, rather than one staying in the higher division when they have come in the bottom two.

To ensure that the players are put in the correct positions, it is essential that all players submit their results at the end of each match, giving details of the number of games won and the full scores of each match played. Without this information it is very difficult to ensure the correct players are promoted and

relegated. Please ensure your results are given in as soon as possible after the end of the round.

Submitting Results

Your results should be sent in an email to **cpltcboxleague@mail.com**

Please send them at the end of the match and give the full scores.

_____ **Name** _____ vs _____ **Name** _____

Score _____.

New players

New players entering the box league will usually be entered into the lowest division available, from where they can try to move up in the next round.

Players who are returning after having previously withdrawn from the league will usually be put into the division where they would have been in the round following their withdrawal, although if there is no place available in that division they will be put in the highest available division below that one.

Occasionally, depending on how many players are in each division, a new player may need to be placed in a higher division if it is necessary.

Walkovers

A player may claim a walkover if they are unable to arrange a match at any time during the round with another player, due to the opponent being unable to play. To be able to claim a walkover, the player must have offered at least 3 dates to play, and the opponent must have refused these dates, and not offered any alternative dates – if both players have suggested a date then no walkover can be claimed.

If two players arrange to play a match, and one fails to turn up on the arranged date, the other player should claim a default win (15 points but no bonus points).

When submitting results, please list any walkovers separately from results of matches played.

Other Information

This competition is free for all adult members of the Cranston Park Tennis Club.

Final decisions are at the discretion of Marlon Billings

Enjoy 😊