

SOUTH TIPPERARY LEAGUE RULES 2017

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The League Committee has the right to override any of the following rules if they deem it necessary to do so.

A club may enter as many teams as it desires. Affiliation fee is €30 per club plus €10 per adult player Junior €5 per player.

Each team shall consist of 4 players. (2 men and 2 women) Score sheets must be filled out before the start of each game showing the position of each player. This position can change for each match. The draw will be sent to all Secretaries as soon as possible. The onus is on the secretary to give the draw to captains. **All matches to be played on or before the dates given. Points will be deducted if this is not adhered to.**

The panel submitted will be taken as the named team and not more than 2 substitutes can be used for any one match. Players and substitutes must only be selected from the team/panel submitted with entry forms.

Team members can sub up to a higher division. This is limited to two occasions. If one subs up for more than two occasions then they must stay in that division. Under no circumstances may a player from a higher division sub down to a lower division. Cross subbing is not allowed. Any player either a sub or a member of a team cannot cross sub. i.e. They cannot sub from Team A in Div. 2 and then again for Team B in Div 2. If they are knocked out of the competition in the final stages, they still cannot sub. If this is found to be the case then the team will automatically be disqualified.

No subbing can occur on a night's play. The four players at the commencement of play are the only ones eligible to play the match. If through injury on the night, a player is unable to finish their game, or commence a subsequent match, then they must concede that game. If due to bad weather or failing light, etc. during the course of a night's play, or even before the match commences, a postponement or deferment is requested by one team, it can only be granted if both captains agree. Failing agreement the match continues. It is intended that common sense prevails and that nobody be asked to play in dangerous conditions. If a game is deferred or partly deferred the captain should make sure that all their players are available as no substitution is allowed once play has commenced 24 hours notice must be given for a cancellation of a match. A match can only be canceled with 24 hours notice to the opposing team. The onus is on the home captain to make contact for the all matches.

Score sheets will be supplied to all teams. **One Score sheet to be filled in for each match, and sent to the Secretary within 24 hours of match.** Both captains must sign it. If a sub is used this is to be noted on the score sheet. Points will be deducted if score sheet is not submitted on time. Onus is on **home** team to submit sheet Also scores must be sent by text 087 2613166 on the night. Onus on home captain to do this.

If club courts are not available on a night, then the home team will have to give away home advantage, and play on the away teams courts. If the away team have a game on the same night, then the original away team will have the choice of night.

Good quality tennis balls must be used in all matches. The "Home" team shall supply the tennis balls. It is recommended that the home team supply teams free of charge to the visiting teams.

Any objections which a team or club may have in relation to the league or its running, should be submitted to the League secretary within 48 hours of the objection being raised.

LADIES 4 A will consist of four ladies of that standard. .

LADIES 4 B Social Players

Each player can only play in one division but you may sub up twice as per rule.

WINNERS OF UNDER 16 will be asked to play in division 1, but consideration will be given to players being allowed to play on a lower division, provided they go before the grading committee. The onus is on each club secretary to ensure that each captain is familiar with the Rules as ignorance is no excuse.

All finals to be played on different nights.

Finals to be on neutral venue and surface where possible.

All finals to be the best of two tie breaker sets with the exception of ladies 4.

We would ask club with light to facilitate us with the finals.

A member of the League Committee shall attend the finals as a neutral observer.

No player may play in the League for more than one club during the league campaign. No player shall be allowed represent a club unless he/she is a member.

The committee has the right to look for proof of their membership.

A player may only play in one final

A player may only play in the Junior or Adult League, but not in both.

A Junior cannot sub up to the Senior League.

All players in the Ladies 4 B must be over 25 years.

Same rules as for Seniors plus the following:

JUNIOR LEAGUE RULES.

This tournament will run on 10th and 17th June.

U. 12 A U. 14 A U. 16 A Born before 31/12/ of that year.

Entry fee is €5 per player

Each team shall consist of 4 players 2 boys and 2 girls.

Matches will consist of 1 boys doubles, 1 girls doubles, 2 mixed..

A Senior contact name must be given for all junior teams.

All matches in each division will be played on the Saturday.

U. 12 will be held in Cashel on Saturday 10th June

U. 14 will be held in Cashel on Sunday 17th June.

U. 16 to be confirmed if there is enough interest .

Matches will be as follows. Men's doubles, Ladies Doubles, and two mixed doubles. Or Ladies Doubles .

All Matches to commence at 7.30.m. If matches have not started by 7.45 p.m. you will have to concede two games, unless alternative times have been arranged between the two captains. If no arrangements have been made for a change of match time or venue then the team who looks for the change will lose their match and be ruled out of the competition. All matches will be two tie breaker sets.

KNOCKSTAGES

In the knockout stages if matches are equal on sets you play one tie breaker set to decide the winner. 1st and 2nd lady play together, and no 3 and 4 play together, then No. 1 and 3 play 1 and 3 and 2 and 4 play 2 and 4 (supermixed is where two people play mixed who did not play together before.)

3rd Div 4 Ladies Same rules as above.

LADIES 4 section will play the first to 9 games. Tie breaker at 8 games all Each game will be counted. In the knockout stages if you are equal on games then a superdoubles to be played. This is the first to 6 (Tiebreaker at six games all to decide the winner.) Tie breaker is the first to 7 winning by two.

There is a possibility of a Ladies 3 team (consisting of four ladies only They will play 2 tie breaker sets) same rules apply in the knockout stages.

LADIES 4 to consist of four players from div 4 (no div 3 players allowed) or lower.

All winners must move to the next level.

In the knockout stages if people cannot play by the appointed date, and if agreement is given by the opposing team the game can be played provided it is played before the date for the final. If this is not agreeable then the team that cannot play on the original date will have to give a walkover.

Where we have only one section and four teams are coming out of the section The following applies. If teams are equal on sets, we count the games, if they are equal on games, they the team who won in the night the two teams played will be deemed the winner. If they are still equal then we would have to play one supermixed game to decide the winner. This to be played in a neutral venue to be decided,

The following grading applies.

**Grade 1 in Munster = 1 point
Grade 2 in Munster = 2 ponts
Grade 3 in Munster = 3points
Grade 4 in Munster = 4 points**

Your premier team must have 10 or more points in order to compete. For Example you can have 3 grade three players and one grade one player or two grade three and two grade two players etc. If clubs are in breach of this rule their team will be eliminated from the competition.

1st Division = Grade 4 players or lower

2nd Division = Grade 5 players or lower

3rd Division = Grade 6 players

Ladies 4 A = Grade 6 ladies

Ladies 4 B = Beginners only.

The grading committee would ask the selectors to play people in the proper positions i.e. they may be a grade 6 Munster player but you know that they should be grade 5 but have not being graded up, so please play players according to their ability. This applies to non graded players as well.

All grading is at the discretion of the Grading Committee

We would ask all home captains to phone the opposition before each match. In the absence of the team captain another person on the team should be designated to contact opposition.

Teams shall arrange between themselves to have an umpire for all games. If no umpire is appointed in any particular match the players should confirm the score in that match at each change of ends.

Teams shall be awarded on the number of matches won i.e. a team winning 3 matches to 1 will get a score of 6 - 2 1 point for each set and games counted for Ladies 4.

In the event of their being an option of playing surfaces, HOME team shall decide the surface to be played on.

Premier Matches time to be decided between teams.

Ladies 4 B on Monday nights, 1st Division on Tuesday nights, and third div ladies Second Division on Wednesday night, Third Division on Thursday nights, and Ladies 4 A Friday nights. If a club has two or more teams in any one division they may have to play on one court only, This is up to the home captain to arrange this for the opposing team.

In the case of an objection before a match, or even before a night's play commences, The objection should be written out and signed by both team Captains. The match(es) should then be played. The league committee will decide on the appropriate action to take. The objecting team captain must forward the written objects to the League secretary immediately