

**KENT SQUASH &
RACKETBALL ASSOCIATION**



KENT LADIES SQUASH LEAGUE RULES

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1 TEAM PLAYERS

Teams shall consist of five members from each club, which is in membership of the England Squash & Racketball. No member may play for more than one club in the Kent Ladies League in any one season. At least six players must be nominated for each team at the start of each season and play in a fixed order of merit, position six and below being that of reserve. A list of nominations must be sent to the League Secretary before the commencement of the first tie. Only new players to a club can be added when appropriate to the nominations.

A Club may only change the composition of its team at the half-way stage, from those previously listed for the second half of the season.

2. ELIGIBILITY

No player may play in more ties than are scheduled for each team in a division e.g. 9 team leagues 16 ties; 8 team leagues 14 ties etc. All teams must play in order of merit.

3. TIES/MATCHES/GAMES

Ties shall consist of five matches, each match the best of five games.

4. FIXTURES AND START TIMES

(a) Ties must be played on the dates quoted in the fixture list commencing at 1930 hours unless agreed otherwise by the captains of the clubs involved. If, without reasonable explanation, a team has not at least two members present and ready to play by 2000 hours, it shall be scratched, and similarly, any member not present by 2030 hours, whether or not required to play at that time, shall concede a walk-over. If the number one player fails to show, the opposition shall be awarded the tie.

(b) If the home team cannot fulfil the fixtures on its own courts on the date laid down in the fixture list, and the away team cannot agree to play on an alternative date, the home team must be prepared to forfeit its home fixture and play the tie on the opposition's courts and meet all the expenses.

(c) If the away team cancels at less than one week's notice, it must be prepared to forfeit the tie and meet all the expenses incurred by the home team. Likewise, if the home team cancels at a late date, it must also forfeit the tie.

(d) The Secretary must be notified of any re-arranged ties in writing. Failure to do so will result in 0 points for both teams.

5. RULES OF PLAY

Rules of play shall be those laid down by the *World Squash Federation 2009* and the balls shall be new ESRA standard, as selected by the home club.

6. LEAGUE SYSTEM

(a) The competition shall be played on the system (1 v 1, 2 v 2, etc.) as a league, split into divisions. At the end of each season the bottom two teams in each division shall be relegated and the top two teams shall be promoted.

However, the Committee shall reserve the right to make any adjustments necessary in order to facilitate the organisation of the league.

(b) Vacancies caused by any club ceasing to compete, and consequent vacancies if any, shall be filled at the discretion of the committee, provided the promotions gained under Rule 5 are not disturbed.

7. MEALS

It is recommended that a good quality meal be provided by the home team and adequate refreshments (at least two drinks) should be provided.

8. LEAGUE POINTS

One point shall be scored as a result of each individual game and, in addition, a further five points shall accrue to a winning side. If a team has been given a walkover **15 points** only will be awarded. The result of the competition shall be decided on the total points scored, but in the event of a draw between two or more clubs, the order of precedence shall be decided by the percentage of the individual games won to the individual games played, during the season.

9. REFEREES AND MARKERS

Markers are essential. At least three home team members must be available for marking, using away players only when absolutely necessary. When referees are required, they should be taken from the opposing team to that of the marker. At least one member of each team should have attended a recent official referee and marking course.

10. LEAGUE RESULTS

The HOME club only shall send in the results of each tie showing the names of all the players and the details of each contest. Results **MUST** be sent within one week of the match. Failure to do so may result in the away team being awarded maximum points.

11. DISPUTES

All disputes shall be submitted, in writing, to the *Women's Priory League Committee*, whose decision shall be final.

12. ENTRY FEES

An entry fee of £15 per season shall be paid by each participating team and sent to the Secretary before the start of the season. The closing date for entries must be strictly adhered to.