

FTC Championships 2021: Rules and Information



Rule 1: Have fun!

Rule 2: Abide by ALL club and LTA regulations (**Note** any specific Covid-19 restrictions)

Entries and Draw: All entries should be submitted by eMail (s@steviewright.me.uk) or by Text (07767 331258) by Sunday 9th May. There are 5(five) competitions, Men's and Ladies Singles and Doubles and Mixed Doubles.

There will also be a plate competition for 1st round runners-up in Men's singles and, possibly, Ladies singles.

All draws will be simple knockout except Ladies singles where a box league will be used if there are insufficient entries.

If any draw contains more than 32 entries, an additional knockout round will be applied.

The draw will be made as soon as possible after 9th May and all entrants will be informed by eMail.

In doubles Round 1, if one of a pair is unavailable contact the organizers who will try to provide a substitute.

Deadlines: Match completion deadlines are as follows:

- Round 1 Sunday 20th June
- Round 2 Sunday 18th July
- Round 3 Sunday 15th August
- Round 4 (Semi) Sunday 12th September
- **Finals** **Saturday 18th September**

Players are encouraged to play matches early to avoid last minute congestion and deadlines should be met by all players who have agreed to take part in the tournament.

Forfeits: If deadlines cannot be met, players or pairs who have made themselves most available will go through. If players are unable to decide who should progress, contact the tournament organizers (see below) who will either agree to a reasonable delay or determine who will forfeit the match.

If, on reaching a semi-final, a player or pair is unavailable for the Final, they should withdraw **before** that semi-final and the player/pair that they beat in the previous round will take their place. This is to ensure (hopefully) that no one will reach a Final via a bye in the semi-final.

Booking: Championships matches can be played at any time that there is court availability including Tennis Tuesdays, Friendly Fridays, Match Sat/Sundays and Social Sundays. Please note that DOUBLES will always takes precedence over SINGLES. So on Social Sunday mornings, Social Doubles would outrank Tournament Singles!

Captain: Each match has an assigned captain. This is always the top name in the draw. The Captain's responsibilities include: contacting their opponent; scheduling the match; booking the court; and posting the results to the Tournament Organizer. Courts for all matches should be booked before playing to avoid clashes with coaching and other matches, thus providing certainty that the match will be played as planned. Bookings should be for 2 hours and should be booked using Clubspark.

Rules: All matches will be best of 3 full, tiebreak sets. However, in any competition, **if all players agree**, the 3rd set can be played in a match tiebreak format (10 point tiebreak instead of a 3rd set).

Tennis Balls: You should provide your own tennis balls for matches. The club will provide balls for the finals.

Post-Match Actions: After each match, the score should be sent to Steve Wright s@steviewright.me.uk (text 07767 331258). You can also write the score on the Club notice board. The online scoreboard will be updated by Steve at least weekly and copies placed on the Club notice board. If no results have been submitted by the particular deadline, then the winner will be determined by coin toss unless a forfeit has been recorded.

Contact info: Contact details for all players can be found at:

http://www.faringdontennis.org.uk/Joining_the_Club/Members_Area/All_Members/all_members.html

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