



CORK REGIONAL LEAGUE RULES 2024

The following rules shall cover team competitions in the Cork Regional League organised by the Munster Branch of Tennis Ireland. Breach of these rules may result in a fine, suspension or disqualification from the Competitions.

Only Clubs from Cork City and County may enter these competitions.

1. Only clubs and bodies who have paid all Affiliation Fees and Capitation Fees for the previous year may enter. Competition entry fees must accompany entry forms.
2. **All events are open to all players who are over 18 years on December 31st in the year immediately preceding the year in which the competitions covered by these rules.**
3. Entry Fees shall be decided annually by the Munster Branch.

4. Competitions	Munster Grades	
“A” Division	1, 2, 3	3 Men and 3 Ladies
“B” Division	4, 5, 6	3 Men and 3 Ladies

5. A person may only play for one club during the competition. Only players whose names are in the Munster Players Directory may play. Any additions to the Directory must be submitted via email to admin@munstertennis.ie at least 7 days prior to a match.

Where a player has dual membership of clubs and may be graded differently by each club, the higher grade will be considered to be the correct grade and players may not play below that grade.

No Premier Players are allowed play in the Cork Regional League.

6. (a) Home team means home club and not borrowed courts, except in exceptional circumstances and by mutual agreement. Two courts are the minimum requirement to maintain home advantage.
(b) Home club must be in a position to provide basic toilet facilities.
(c) Home club must ensure that courts are up to standard i.e. nets, centre straps, well lined and free from obstacles. Any legitimate complaints will result in the loss of home advantage for future matches.
(d) Home team to provide new tournament standard balls.
(e) Home team shall have choice of order of play.
(f) Home team must contact the opposition at least five days in advance of the fixture. Text messages, voice mail or messages left on answering machines do not constitute contact. If contact cannot be made with the opposition, the home team shall immediately contact

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either the Competitions Convenor or the Administrator of Munster Tennis. Failure to do so may result in disqualification.

(g) If the home club cannot provide courts, the match reverts to the visiting team courts.

7. The Competitions' Committee shall specify the dates by which matches are to be played. Matches may be played before the specified date provided both clubs are in agreement to do so. This mutually agreed change of date to be confirmed by email to the Administrator of Munster Tennis admin@munstertennis.ie. However, clubs having agreed to change the date and time, then this date and time becomes the official time and date of the match. Only the persons named on the Contact Sheet for each competition may arrange an alternative date before the specified date. Where clubs cannot agree then all matches must be played at 8pm on the final date specified by the Competitions' Committee of the Munster Branch of Tennis Ireland.
8. The Competition will be run on a league basis with a single round in each section. Each section will have four teams, if possible, and each team will have at least one home fixture. The winners of each section shall then enter a knockout competition to decide the overall winner. The draw and format of this shall be similar to all other Munster knockout competitions. Clubs may enter more than one team in each division. However only the first team nominated shall have automatic entry to the competition. The Competitions' Committee may enter second teams to the competition to ensure each section has four teams. These second teams will be drawn by lot from all second teams entered. Any club entering a second team and that second team not being accepted into the competition shall have the entry fees for that team only refunded. Where possible this competition will be run so as to not interfere with Open Tournaments being held in the area.
9. A club entering more than one team in the same competition shall treat each team as if they were drawn from different clubs i.e. there shall be no interchange of players or substitutes between teams.
10. "A" Division
Mixed Doubles – 3 Men and 3 Ladies - Munster Grades 1, 2, 3.
 - (a) Each team will consist of 3 mixed doubles pairings as follows:-
 - No. 1 mixed doubles pairing from Grade 1 or lower
 - No. 2 mixed pairing, neither of which is of a higher grade than Grade 2
 - No. 3 mixed pairing, neither of which is of a higher grade than Grade 3
 - (b) The No. 1 mixed pairing of one team will play the No. 1 pairing of the opposition
The No. 2 mixed pairing of one team will play the No. 2 pairing of the opposition
The No. 3 mixed pairing of one team will play the No. 3 pairing of the opposition
 - (c) Each game will consist of three tie break sets

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- (d) A point will be awarded for each match won (e.g. 3-0, 2-1). A team who gives a walkover will automatically be disqualified and all previous scores will be null and void.
- (e) The team with most points shall be declared winner of the section.
- (f) Where there is a tie at the completion of a section, the winner shall be decided based on the result between the tied teams.

11. "B" Division

Mixed Doubles – 3 Men and 3 Ladies - Munster Grades 4, 5, 6.

- (g) Each team will consist of 3 mixed doubles pairings as follows:-
 - No 1 mixed doubles neither of which is of a higher grade than Grade 4
 - No 2 mixed pairing, neither of which is of a higher grade than Grade 5
 - No 3 mixed pairing, neither of which is of a higher grade than Grade 6
- (h) The No. 1 mixed pairing of one team will play the No. 1 pairing of the opposition
The No. 2 mixed pairing of one team will play the No. 2 pairing of the opposition
The No. 3 mixed pairing of one team will play the No. 3 pairing of the opposition
- (i) Each game will consist of three tie break sets
- (j) A point will be awarded for each match won (e.g. 3-0, 2-1). A team who gives a walkover will automatically be disqualified and all previous scores will be null and void.
- (k) The team with most points shall be declared winner of the section.
- (l) Where there is a tie at the completion of a section, the winner shall be decided based on the result between the tied teams.

The Competitions Committee shall have absolute power to deal with any matter which may arise in connection with these competitions and which is not provided for in these rules.

- (i) All appeals must be sent within 48 hours by email to the Administrator of Munster Tennis admin@munstertennis.ie with the appropriate fee of €50.00
- (ii) On receipt of the appeal Munster Tennis will acknowledge receipt of the club's appeal and provide the necessary bank account details for lodgement of €50 fee. On receipt of the appropriate fee Munster Tennis Competitions Committee shall consider the club's appeal and notify the club of decision by email.
- (iii) Any club may appeal the decision of Munster Tennis Competitions Committee. This appeal is to be lodged within 48 hours of Munster Tennis Competitions Committee's decision to the Administrator of Munster Tennis admin@munstertennis.ie. Should the club lodging the appeal be different from the club lodging the initial appeal, an additional €50 fee applies to this club and lodged to the appropriate Munster Tennis bank account as advised in acknowledgement of appeal.

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- (iv) An Independent Committee of Munster Tennis officers/committee members will be convened to consider the club's appeal and their decision communicated to the club lodging the appeal within 48 hours.
- (v) Should the appeal be successful the fee of €50 will be refunded to the club making the appeal.

The decision of the officers on any such matter or in the interpretation of any rule shall be final and binding on all parties.

No further communication will be entered into by Munster Tennis following this final decision.