

MUNSTER BRANCH of TENNIS IRELAND

SENIOR SUMMER CUP RULES 2021

1 RULES

- 1.1 The following rules shall apply to the Senior Summer Cup Competitions 2021 organised by the Munster Branch of Tennis Ireland. Any breach of these rules may result in a fine, suspension or disqualification from the competition.
- 1.2 All matches shall be governed by the Rules of Tennis as published by the International Tennis Federation
- 1.3 The conduct of players and spectators shall be governed by the Codes of Conduct for Players and Spectators approved by Tennis Ireland. A copy of each of these documents should be available at the venue.
- 1.4 Common courtesy is expected of all clubs towards visiting teams.
- 1.5 The Competitions Committee shall have power to deal with any matter which may arise in connection with this competition and which is not provided for in these rules.
- 1.6 These Competitions shall be subject to the Tennis Ireland Complaints Objections and Disciplinary Rules and Procedures with the exception of CI3.3.1(a) of Part 2 (The Procedures) which shall be amended to read "Submitted in writing by Registered Post to the Administrator of Munster Branch of Tennis Ireland" and CI3.3.1(b) which shall be amended to read "48 hours" instead of "30 minutes". Note that these changes have been agreed with Tennis Ireland.
- 1.7 The failure of the teams, the Competitions Committee or the Munster Branch of Tennis Ireland to identify a breach of these rules shall not of itself negate the breach. Any breach discovered at any time will result in a sanction to be decided by the Competitions Committee including but not limited to disqualification from the competition.
- 1.8 The "Home" team will be required to have a copy of these Rules together with copies of the current Rules of Tennis as published by International Tennis Federation and the Tennis Ireland Complaints Objections and Disciplinary Rules and Procedures available at the venue.
- 1.9 In doubles matches where all attempts to get a Munster Branch approved official to umpire the match have failed the receiver's partner may call a foot fault where the server is in flagrant breach of Rule 18 (b) of the ITF Rules of Tennis 2013. Before any such foot-fault is called in a match the receiver's partner must, in the hearing of all four players, warn the server that he/she has been in breach of Rule 18 (b) and that the receiver's partner will call a foot-fault for all subsequent breaches for the remainder of the match. Where necessary this verbal warning must be issued to any server who breaches the rule prior to a foot fault being called against them. The receiver's partner must be standing between the service line and the net when calling a foot fault under Rule 18(b). The procedure for calling foot-faults under Rule 18(a) Rule 18(c) and 18(d) shall remain as per the ITF Duties & Procedures for Officials 2013.

2 COMPETITIONS.

- 2.1** In the event that the entry in any of the events is deemed by the Competitions Committee to be too small to use the knockout format described herein the format may be changed or the event cancelled. The decision of the Competitions Committee in this regard shall be final. Specific rules attaching to any changed format will be issued with the details of the draw for that event.
- 2.2** Subject to Rule 2.1 all events in this competition shall be run on a knock-out draw basis.
- 2.3** All draws to be made at least 10 days before first round fixtures are due to be played. Venues for finals will be decided by the Munster Branch.
- 2.4** A match shall be the best of 3 tiebreak sets.
- 2.5** The top team drawn shall have choice of venue in the first Round. In the second and later Rounds the team who did not have choice in the previous Round shall have choice. A Bye or Walk-over counts as having choice of venue. Where both or neither had choice in the previous Round, the top team shall have choice.
- 2.6** A player must be a member of a club for at least 3 months prior to a fixture.
- 2.7** At all stages of the competition all matches in a fixture must be completed.
- 2.8** Each team will be awarded one point for each match won in a fixture. The team with the highest number of points will go forward to the next round.
- 2.9** In those events that have an even number of matches and both teams have the same number of points at the end of the four (4) matches a doubles decider will be played. The decider will consist of one (1) tie-break set to be played between a pairing from each team made up of two players who have not already played together in the fixture. These pairs are to be nominated by each team captain immediately prior to the decider being played.

ITN 3/4/Premier/Grade 1 Munster Senior Cup

- 2.10** This event is 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 commences provided they are included in the current Munster Branch Players' Directory (MBPD) and the National Player Database (NPD) at ITN 3/4/Grade 1 or above. It is also open to junior players who comply with Rule 3.8 of these rules.
- 2.11** Each team shall consist of two (2) men and two (2) ladies.

- 2.12** Each fixture in this competition will consist of the following matches - 1 men's singles, 1 ladies' singles and 1 mixed doubles in that order, followed by 1 mens' and 1 ladies' doubles.

ITN 3/4 Premier/Grade 1 Ladies Doubles

2.12.1 This event is 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 commences provided they are included in the current Munster Branch Players' Directory (MBPD) and the National Player database (NPD) at ITN 3/4 Grade 1 or above. It is also open to junior players who complete with Rule 3.8 of these rules.

2.12.2 Each team shall consist of four (4) ladies.

2.12.3 Each fixture in this competition will consist of the following matches – 4 ladies doubles (the two pairings on each team will play each of the two pairings on the other team).

ITN 3/4 Premier/Grade 1 Mens Doubles

2.12.4 This event is 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 commences provided they are included in the current Munster Branch Players' Directory (MBPD) and the National Player database (NPD) at ITN 3/4 Grade 1 or above. It is also open to junior players who complete with Rule 3.8 of these rules.

2.12.5 Each team shall consist of four (4) men.

2.12.6 Each fixture in this competition will consist of the following matches – 4 mens doubles (the two pairings on each team will play each of the two pairings on the other team).

ITN5/Grade 2 Intermediate Cup

- 2.13** This event is 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 commences provided they are included in the current Munster Branch Players' Directory (MBPD) and the National Player Database (NPD) at ITN5/Grade 2 or lower. It is also open to junior players who comply with Rule 3.9 of these rules.

- 2.14** Each team shall consist of two (2) men and two (2) ladies.

- 2.15** Each fixture in this competition will consist of the following matches - 1 men's singles, 1 ladies' singles and 1 mixed doubles in that order, followed by 1 mens' and 1 ladies' doubles.

ITN 5 Grade 2 Ladies Doubles

2.15.1 This event is 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 commences provided they are included in the current Muster Branch Players' Directory (MBPD) and the National Player database (NPD) at ITN 5 Grade 2 or lower.

2.15.2 Each team shall consist of four (4) ladies.

2.15.3 Each fixture in this competition will consist of the following matches – 4 ladies doubles (the two pairings on each team will play each of the two pairings on the other team).

ITN 5 Grade 2 Mens Doubles

2.15.4 This event is 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 commences provided they are included in the current Muster Branch Players' Directory (MBPD) and the National Player database (NPD) at ITN 5 Grade 2 or lower.

2.15.5 Each team shall consist of four (4) men.

2.15.6 Each fixture in this competition will consist of the following matches – 4 mens doubles (the two pairings on each team will play each of the two pairings on the other team).

ITN 6/Grade 3 Carlsberg Cup

- 2.16** This event is 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 commences provided they are included in the current Munster Branch Players' Directory (MBPD) and the National Player Database (NPD) at Grade 3/ITN 6 or lower.

- 2.17** Each team shall consist of two (2) men and two (2) ladies.

- 2.18** Each fixture in this competition will consist of the following matches - 1 men's doubles, 1 ladies' doubles and 2 mixed doubles in that order.

ITN 6/Grade 3 Mens Doubles

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2.19 This event is open to all male players who are over 18 years on December 31st in the year immediately preceding the year in which the competitions covered by these rules commences provided they are included in the current Munster Branch Players' Directory (MBPD) and the NPD at Grade 3/ITN 6 or lower.

2.20 Each team shall consist of four (4) men.

2.21 Each fixture in this competition will consist of the following matches - 4 men's doubles, (the two pairings on each team will play each of the two pairings on the other team).

ITN 6/Grade 3 Ladies Doubles

2.22 This event is open to all female players who are over 18 years on December 31st in the year immediately preceding the year in which the competitions covered by these rules commences provided they are included in the current Munster Branch Players' Directory (MBPD) and the National Player Database (NPD) at Grade 3 /ITN 6 or lower.

2.23 Each team shall consist of four (4) women.

2.24 Each fixture in this competition will consist of the following matches - 4 ladies doubles, (the two pairings on each team will play each of the two pairings on the other team).

ITN 7/Grade 4 Mens Doubles

2.25 This event is open to all male players who are over 18 years on December 31st in the year immediately preceding the year in which the competitions covered by these rules commences provided they are included in the current Munster Branch Players' Directory (MBPD) and the NPD at Grade 4/ITN 7 or lower.

2.26 Each team shall consist of four (4) men.

2.27 Each fixture in this competition will consist of the following matches - 4 men's doubles, (the two pairings on each team will play each of the two pairings on the other team).

ITN 7/Grade 4 Ladies Doubles (Keane Cup)

2.28 This event is open to all female players who are over 18 years on December 31st in the year immediately preceding the year in which the competitions covered by these rules commences provided they are included in the current Munster Branch Players' Directory (MBPD) and the National Player Database (NPD) at Grade 4 /ITN 7 or lower.

2.29 Each team shall consist of four (4) women.

2.30 Each fixture in this competition will consist of the following matches - 4 ladies doubles, (the two pairings on each team will play each of the two pairings on the other team).

ITN 7/Grade 4 Mixed Doubles

- 2.30.1** This event is 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 commences provided they are included in the current Munster Branch Players' Directory (MBPD) and the National Player Database (NPD) at Grade 4/ITN 7 or lower.
- 2.30.2** Each team shall consist of two (2) men and two (2) ladies.
- 2.30.3** Each fixture in this competition will consist of the following matches - 1 men's doubles, 1 ladies' doubles and 2 mixed doubles in that order.

ITN 8/Grade 5 Ladies Doubles

- 2.31** This event is open to all female players who are over 18 years on December 31st in the year immediately preceding the year in which the competitions covered by these rules commences provided they are included in the current Munster Branch Players' Directory (MBPD) and the National Player Database (NPD) at Grade 5/ITN 8 or lower.
- 2.32** Each team shall consist of four (4) women.
- 2.33** Each fixture in this competition will consist of the following matches - 4 ladies doubles, (the two pairings on each team will play each of the two pairings on the other team).

ITN 8/Grade 5 Mens Doubles

- 2.33.1** This event is open to all male players who are over 18 years on December 31st in the year immediately preceding the year in which the competitions covered by these rules commences provided they are included in the current Munster Branch Players' Directory (MBPD) and the National Player Database (NPD) at Grade 5/ITN 8 or lower.
- 2.33.2** Each team shall consist of four (4) men.
- 2.33.3** Each fixture in this competition will consist of the following matches – 4 mens doubles, (the two pairings on each team will play each of the two pairings on the other team).

ITN 8/Grade 5 Mixed Doubles

- 2.34** This event is 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 commences provided they are included in the current Munster Branch Players' Directory (MBPD) and the National Player Database (NPD) at Grade 5/ITN 8 or lower.
- 2.35** Each team shall consist of two (2) men and two (2) ladies.
- 2.36** Each fixture in this competition will consist of the following matches - 1 men's doubles, 1 ladies' doubles and 2 mixed doubles in that order.

ITN 9/Grade 6 Mixed Doubles

- 2.37** This event is 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 commences provided they are included in the current Munster Branch Players' Directory (MBPD) and the National Player Database (NPD) at Grade 6/ITN 9 or lower.
- 2.38** Each team shall consist of two (2) men and two (2) ladies.
- 2.39** Each fixture in this competition will consist of the following matches - 1 men's doubles, 1 ladies' doubles and 2 mixed doubles in that order.

ITN 9/Grade 6 Mens Doubles

- 2.40** This event is open to all male players who are over 18 years on December 31st in the year immediately preceding the year in which the competitions covered by these rules commences provided they are included in the current Munster Branch Players' Directory (MBPD) and the National Player Database (NPD) at Grade 6/ITN 9 or lower.
- 2.41** Each team shall consist of four (4) men.
- 2.42** Each fixture in this competition will consist of the following matches - 4 men's doubles, (the two pairings on each team will play each of the two pairings on the other team).

ITN 9/Grade 6 Ladies Doubles

- 2.43** This event is open to all female players who are over 18 years on December 31st in the year immediately preceding the year in which the competitions covered by these rules commences provided they are included in the current Munster Branch Players' Directory (MBPD) and the National Player Database at Grade 6/ITN 9 or lower
- 2.44** Each team shall consist of four (4) women.
- 2.45** Each fixture in this competition will consist of the following matches - 4 ladies doubles, (the two pairings on each team will play each of the two pairings on the other team).

3 ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1** Only Clubs and Bodies who are Members of Tennis Ireland may enter this competition. Any club entering the competition must have paid all Affiliation fees, Player Capitation fees and Tournament Capitation fees (where applicable) in respect of all years up to December 31st of the year immediately preceding the year in which this competition commences. Any club entering this competition must have paid all Affiliation fees in respect of the current year.
- 3.2** Eligible players as per rules 2.10, 2.13, 2.16, 2.19, 2.22, 2.25, 2.28, 2.31, 2.34 and 2.37 may play in this competition for any one club of which they are a member. In the event that a player is listed in two different grades in the MBPD or the NPD his/her grade for the purposes of this competition shall be deemed to be the higher grade.
- 3.3** If a club wishes to use a player who is not listed in the current Munster Branch Players' Directory they may do so provided an application to register the player is received by the Munster Branch Administrator at least 7 days prior to the fixture in which it is intended to use the unlisted player. *(Refer to the Munster Branch Player Directory Rules for details of making an application to register a player)*
- 3.4** Players must be registered on the National Player Database (NPD) and must have their unique Tennis Ireland PIN No.

3.5 Players may only play for one club in this competition.

3.6 Players may play in one final only on finals' day.

3.7 A Club entering more than one team in an event shall treat each team as if from a different club. There can be no inter change of players or substitutes between teams in the same event.

3.8 A team can comprise of a panel of players (no more than 10 players on a panel). The panel must be named prior to commencement of the league.

3.9 Players on a panel may only substitute on one other team of a higher grade and not more than 3 times in total.

3.10 A player not on a team may sub on a team in their own grade or above not more than 3 times in total.

Players who are over 16 years on the date of the fixture are eligible to play in the **Munster Senior Cup (Grade 1/ITN 4)** competition. **Note only one male and one female junior can play on the team in any given fixture.**

3.9 Players who are 16 years of age or over on the date of the fixture are eligible to play in the **Intermediate Cup (Grade 2/ITN 5)** competition provided they have never played on a Junior provincial team. **Note only one male and one female junior can play on the team in any given fixture.**

3.10 No player may play below his/her own grade/ITN

3.11 Players, team captains and club captains are responsible for checking players grades before entering the competition.

3.12 All reference to grades/ITN's are to grades/ITN's as they appear in the MBPD and the NPD.

3.13 Any team which uses a player who is not eligible to play under the rules of this competition shall forfeit all matches won in which the ineligible player took part. The ineligible player shall be prohibited from taking part in any of the events at any grade in this competition in the year in which the offence occurred.

4 ENTRIES.

- 4.1 The Competitions Committee reserves the right to refuse to accept an entry to any of the events in this competition. Any entries not accepted by the Competitions Committee will have their entry fee refunded.
- 4.2 In the case of Clubs entering more than one team in any event please note that only the "First Choice" team as per the entry form is guaranteed a place. The inclusion of any of the other teams entered by the club in the same event is at the discretion of the Competitions Committee.
- 4.3 Entries should be submitted to the Administrator of the Munster Branch of Tennis Ireland no later than **2nd July 2021**
- 4.4 The entry fees shall be **60 euro per team.**
- 4.5 A club which intends to use eligible junior players in any of the events in which juniors are allowed to play must submit the names and dates of birth of all intended players with their entry. The Competitions Committee will review the submitted list and notify the entrant if any of the junior players on this list has not been approved to play. The use of a junior player without such approval shall render the club liable to disqualification.
- 4.6 Copies of the submitted player panels referred to in Rule 4.5 will be provided to all of the entrants on request.
- 4.7 Entries will not be accepted unless the full appropriate entry fee is submitted with the entry.

5 FIXTURES

- 5.1 Fixtures shall be played at 2.00pm (or at 12.00 noon in the case of clubs covered by rule 5.12) on the date specified by the Competitions Committee as shown on the draw sheets. Fixtures may be played before the specified date provided both clubs are in agreement to do so. Clubs are not obliged to agree to any request from the opposing team to change the date of the fixture specified by the Competitions Committee. However, having agreed to change either the time or date, then this becomes the official time and date of the fixture. Only the nominated contact as listed on the official contact list or an alternative contact as per Rule 5.2 may arrange an alternative date in advance of the date specified for the fixture by the Competitions Committee. Details of any agreed changes to the date and/or time of any fixture is to be notified to the Administrator of Munster Branch by the team requesting the change a minimum of 3 days before the new date of the fixture.
- 5.2 Arrangements in regard to fixtures are to be made by the person listed by the club as the contact in the official entry form. An alternative contact can be substituted by notifying the Administrator of the Munster Branch and each of the official contacts of the teams in the event a minimum of 7 days before the commencement of the competition.
- 5.3 A postponement of a fixture can only be granted by the Competitions Committee. The Competitions Committee may permit a postponement in very exceptional circumstances. Any Club taking a postponement without permission may be disqualified from the Competition.
- 5.4 All members of a team must be available for play at the agreed commencement time. In the event of a player being more than 15 minutes later than the agreed time, such player shall forfeit the first of his/her matches to the opposing team. In the event of a player being more than 30 minutes later than the agreed time, such player shall forfeit both of his/her matches to the opposing team.

- 5.5** Teams may decide their composition on the day of the fixture. The Captain of each team will provide to the captain of the opposing team a team sheet showing players names, grade/ITN, each player's TI PIN No. and the nominated players and the doubles pairings of the first round of matches in the fixture. The team sheets shall be exchanged immediately prior to the commencement of the fixture. The doubles pairings for the second round of matches may be confirmed after the first round of matches have been played. However, completion of this section of the sheets and exchanging of sheets shall again be as set out above.
- 5.6** The Club represented by a team which gives a walk-over will be liable to a fine to be decided by the Competitions Committee.
- 5.7** The 'Home' venue means the courts in which the club which is represented by the team is based and not borrowed courts, except under exceptional circumstances and by mutual agreement between the two teams and with the approval of the Competitions Committee.
- 5.8** In the event that the Home club cannot provide **courts** for their "Home" fixture as per the official draw the fixture reverts to the "Away" teams courts.
- 5.9** The Home club shall have basic toilet and shower facilities available at the venue. Any legitimate complaints in regard to facilities will result in loss of 'Home' advantage for future matches. **Clubs without such facilities may enter the competition but all of their matches must be played at the clubs against whom they are drawn.**
- 5.10** The Home Club shall ensure that courts are up to standard i.e. Nets, Centre-Strap, well lined and surfaces free from obstacles. Any legitimate complaints will result in loss of 'Home' advantage for future matches.
- 5.11** The Home team shall provide new balls which must conform to Appendix 1 of the Rules of Tennis
- 5.12** The full fixture result shall be returned to the Munster Branch office by the winning team captain within 48 hours of the completion of the fixture. Failure to comply with this rule will result in a sanction being imposed by the Competitions Committee on the team responsible for returning the result and/or the club which it represents.
- 5.13** All juniors must be clearly indicated on the Result Sheet
- 5.14** Where a club fails to field a team for a fixture, and therefore gives a walkover, that team is scratched from the event. Individual players from any team that have gained grading points against the scratched team in previous fixtures will keep their grading points.
- 5.15** The normal Tennis Ireland rules apply regarding continuous play, length of breaks etc and also in regard to injuries.
- 5.16** If a player gets injured in the first match of a fixture and doesn't complete the first match, they then have to give a walkover in the second match.
- 5.17** The second matches for each fixture must commence within 30 minutes of the first matches finishing, except at the Finals.
- 5.18** Super doubles must commence within 15 minutes of the final match finishing, except at Finals.
- 5.19** Any team playing a fixture without the full complement of players (must have a minimum of 3 players) must inform the opposition in advance (minimum of 3 hours before the fixture) to avoid players having to travel/attend unnecessarily, any team not informing their opposition will be fined and disqualified.

6 TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

6.1 Competitions Committee 2021:

Competitions Committee Convenor: Frank O’Keeffe (Nenagh LTC) 086 1932977.
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Administrator: **Triona Buckley – Phone: 087 706 1230:** Mon – Fri 9.00am to 5pm

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7 GENERAL

- 7.1** Perpetual Trophies shall be presented to the winners in some events. These trophies remain the property of the Munster Branch and shall be held in trust by the winning Club for the Munster Branch of Tennis Ireland. Failure to return a trophy in good condition will render a club liable for costs to repair or replace the trophy.