

# Winter League 2018

Winter League is an Individual Based Competition

Starts 24<sup>th</sup> July and Finishes 25<sup>th</sup> September. No Winter League on 5<sup>th</sup> September. All stars/ Drop-in League will run on this date.

Players are split into Grades of 8 players. The four top-ranked players will start in A1 Grade and players ranked 5-8 will start in A2 grade. Players ranked 9-16 similarly play in Grade B and so on.

Each player plays 2 singles matches and 1 doubles match each night

Singles Matches are all **best of 7 games**. Doubles are best of 5 games.

Winter League is split into 3 blocks. Each block runs for 3 weeks. The 3<sup>rd</sup> block is the Championship Block.

Players are initially ranked using the Manawatu Ratings List as a guide.

The player ranked #1 will team up with player ranked #8 in each grade, player #2 with #7, #3 with #6, and #4 with #5 in each block. Players play with their team mate for 3 weeks. Over that time, they play against all other players except their team mate.

Players score 2 points for winning a singles match and 1 point for winning a doubles match.

Each player will also have a standing for each 3 week block based on the results of matches against players in their grade. After each 3-week block, players are re-ranked based on the final standings in their grade.

The bottom players in grades A, B and C at the end of each block are relegated to the grade below, and the top player in grades B, C and D are promoted to the grade above. They will fill the top and bottom rankings in their new grade, respectively.

A player's individual points tally will also continue to build over the 9 weeks for the overall standing which will determine the overall winner of the 2018 Winter League.

If players miss week in a 3-week block, they can still gain some points. Players who miss 1 week in a 3 week block will gain half their weekly average score from the 2 weeks they did play.

Example – Player A plays Round 1 and Round 3 in a 3 week block and scores 3 points in round 1 and 3 points in round 3 for a total of 6 points. Player A will be awarded half of 3 for missing round 2, so 1.5 points and will score a total of 7.5 points for the 3-week block.

Players who miss two weeks in a 3-week block get the same compensation points for the 1<sup>st</sup> week they missed, but gain no points for the second missed week.

Example – Player A plays only Round 2 and scores 4 points. Player A will only be awarded an additional 2 points for one round they missed for a total of 6. They will be awarded no additional points.

Reserves – If a player is unavailable, then a reserve will be found to fill that spot for the week. If a player plays as a reserve, the result will count towards the overall points scored for that player but will not accumulate points in the block standings.

The winner of the 2018 Winter League will be awarded to the player with the most points in the overall standings after 9 weeks. Trophies will also be awarded to each Grade Winner in Block 3. A trophy will also be awarded to the player with the highest rating gain over the league period.

In the event of a tie in points in a three week block, the result between the players will break the tie first. If the players happen to be in the same team or didn't play each other, then it will come down to sets for and against. A 1 game-play off will be used as the last resort if games for and against are the same and will take place at the beginning of the next block.

In the event of a tie in the overall standings after 9 weeks, the player's singles win/loss record will be used first. If that is still identical, then games for and against will be used.