

Winter League 2017

Individual Based Competition

Up to 36 players

Runs for 9 weeks

Players are split into Grades of 8 or 12 players depending on entries. If a grade has 12 players, there will be 2 levels with 6 players in each. E.g. If B Grade has 12 players, the top 6 ranked players will start in B1 Grade and players ranked 7-12 will start in B2 grade.

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

Competition is split into 3 blocks. Each block runs for 3 weeks

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

In an 8 player grade, the player ranked 1 will team with player 8 in each grade, player 2 with 7, 3 with 6 and 4 with 5 during block 1. If a 12 player grade, the player ranked 1 will team with 6, 2 with 5 and 3 with 4 in top section and 7 with 12, 8 with 9 and 10 with 11 in bottom section.

Players play with their team mate for 3 weeks.

Players score points for each match they win.

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

After each 3 week block, players are re ranked based on their final standing in their grade.

Based on 4 grades, the bottom player in grades A, B and C at the end of each block is relegated to the lower grade and the top player in grades B, C and D are promoted to the grade above. They will fill the top or bottom ranking in their new grade.

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

Each player will also have a standing for each 3 week block against players in their grade

Players can only miss a maximum of 1 week per 3 week block and still score 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 three week block are entitled to the same condition as above off the 1 week they played.

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 a reserve, the result will count towards points scored for the player! The reserve will not accumulate points in the block standings but there points will be added to the overall standings.

The winner of the 2017 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. In a 12 player grade, a trophy will be awarded to the winner of the top 6 only. 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, then it will come down to sets for and against. A 1 game play off will be 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.