

Winter League 2023

Individual Based Competition – Tuesday Night's

Matches will start between 6:15-7 pm each night. Finish time will range between 8 & 9:30 pm.

Starts Tuesday 18th July and Finishes Tuesday 19th September. One week break on 29th August with Drop in League taking place on this night. Due to Secondary School Nationals

Runs for 9 weeks – Must commit for the full 9 weeks! Cost is \$70 per player

Entries close at 8 pm on Saturday 15th July.

Players are split into Grades of 8 or 12 players depending on entries. In a grade which has 8 players, players will play two singles and one doubles match each night. Singles matches will be best of 7 games and doubles best of five. If a grade has 12 players, players will play three singles and two doubles each night. Singles matches will be the best of five games and doubles best of three.

Winter League is split into three blocks. Each block runs for three weeks. The 3rd block is the Championship block.

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

In an 8 player grade, the player ranked 1 will team with the player ranked 8, player 2 with 7, 3 with 6 and 4 with 5 during block 1. In a 12 player grade, the player ranked 1 will team with the players ranked 8 & 9, 2 with 7 & 10, 3 with 6 & 11 and 4 with 5 and 12.

Players score points for each match they win.

Players will score 6 points for winning a best of 7 singles match, 4 points for winning a best of five singles match, 4 points for winning a best of five doubles match and 2 points for winning a best of three doubles match.

After each three week block, players are then re ranked based on the final standings 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 in the next block.

Each player will also have an individual standing for each three week block against players in their grade.

Players can only miss a maximum of one week per three week block and still score points. Players who miss one week in a three week block will gain half their weekly average score from the two weeks they did play.

Example – Player A plays Round 1 and Round 3 in a three week block and scores 10 points in round 1 and 6 points in round 3 for a total of 16 points. Player A will be awarded half of 8 for missing round 2 so 4 points and will score a total of 20 points for the three week block.

Players who miss two weeks in a three week block are entitled to the same condition as above off the one week they played.

Example – Player A plays only Round 2 and scores 12 points. Player A will only be awarded an additional 6 points for one round they missed for a total of 18 points. They will be awarded no additional points.

Reserves – If a player is unavailable, then a reserve may 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 their points will be added to the overall standings. In a case where there is no reserve, the affected matches will be modified so each player still plays at least the required number of matches on the night.

The winner of the 2023 Winter League will be awarded to the player who gains the most points from either block 1, 2 or 3. To determine this result, players will start with their highest points tally from one block. Players will then receive up to 2 additional points based on their games for/against record in that block. After this, players will earn two bonus points if they gain promotion to a higher grade and manage to stay in that grade. Players will lose one point if relegated back to a lower grade.

For example, a player finishes a block with 48 points and a 24/0 games record. That will give a final total of 50 points. If that player gains promotion and manages to stay up in that grade, they will receive 2 further points to finish with 52. If they get relegated back down, they will score 1 additional point and finish with 51. A 2nd grade promotion would gain a further 2 points!

Trophies will be awarded to each Grade Winner in Block 3. A most improved trophy will also be awarded to the player with the highest rating gain over the league period.

In the rare 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 games for and against. A one game playoff 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 very unlikely 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. If they are still tied, then the title will be shared.