

Munster Branch Tennis Ireland

SUMMER SENIOR COMPETITION RULES 2010

- 1(a) The following rules shall cover team competitions organised annually by the Munster Branch of Tennis Ireland. Breach of these rules may result in a Fine, Suspension or Disqualification from the competitions.
- 1(b) ***The Competitions Committee shall have power to deal with any matter which may arise in connection with these competitions and which is not provided for in these rules. All protests must be sent in writing within 48 hours by registered post to both the Convenor of the Competitions committee and the opposing club and must be signed by two Officers of the club. While any dispute or protest affecting a club is under consideration, a member of that club may attend a meeting of the committee to put his/her case. Such person(s) must then leave the meeting while the committee considers its decision. The decision of the Committee having been given, any club may appeal such decision to the Officers of the Munster Branch providing that :***
- (i) The appeal is lodged with the Hon. Secretary of the Branch within 24 hours of the decision been given.***
- (ii) The appeal is sent by registered letter and is accompanied by a cheque for €50.00 made payable to the Munster Branch***
- Should the appeal be successful €50.00 will be returned 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.***
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- | COMPETITIONS | GRADE | |
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| Munster Cup | Premier & Grade 1 | 2 Men & 2 Ladies |
| Intermediate Cup | 2 | 2 Men & 2 Ladies |
| Carlsberg Cup | 3 | 2 Men & 2 Ladies |
| Men's Competition | 4 | 4 Men |
| Keane Cup Ladies' Competition | 4 | 4 Ladies |
| Grade 5 Summer Cup | 5 | 4 Ladies |
| Summer Cup Doubles | 5 | 2 Men & 2 Ladies |
| 6 Division Mixed | 6 | 2 Men & 2 Ladies |
| 6 Division Men's | 6 | 4 Men |
| 6 Division Ladies | 6 | 4 Ladies |
- 1(d) A Plate event will be organised for competitions where feasible.
A team who gives a walk-over disqualifies itself from entering a Plate.
- 1 (e) A competition will not be held if the entry is deemed to be too small.
2. Only Clubs and Bodies who have paid all Affiliation fees and Capitation fees for the previous year and Affiliation fees for the current year may enter. Competition entry fees must accompany entry form.
3. Entry fees shall be decided annually by the Munster Branch.
4. No person may play for more than one club during any one year with the exception of the WINTER LEAGUE AND MUNSTER CUP. Only players whose names are in the Munster Grading Directory may play with the exception of Juniors.
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 one and players may not play below that grade. Any additions to the Directory must be submitted in writing at least 7 days prior to a match.

5. All Juniors are eligible to play in the Munster Cup. Juniors who have never played on a Munster team are eligible to play in the Intermediate Cup. **Juniors over 16 on 31/12/2009 and not of current Munster Standard are eligible to play in the Carlsberg Cup (Grade 3). Clubs wishing to avail of this rule must submit a panel of Juniors that they wish to use for this competition with their entry form for the summer competitions. Such panels will be vetted by the competitions committee and a decision will be given before the competition starts as to the eligibility of the players submitted. No Juniors may be added to panels during the course of the competition. Juniors are not eligible to play in the Grade 4, 5 and 6 competitions.**
6. Substitutes can play any Grade above as often as their club requires and also play within their own Grade. No player may play below their own Grade.
Players may play in one final only on Finals' Day.
7. ALL JUNIORS MUST BE CLEARLY INDICATED ON RESULT SHEET.
8. **In competitions of multiple singles, the singles players shall play in order of merit. This order of merit shall be maintained throughout the competition. Substitutes must directly replace the absent player.** Doubles combinations may be decided on the day.
9. Prior to the commencement of each fixture, the Captains of the opposing team shall exchange a list of names of the members of their respective teams in order of merit in which the players will play in both singles and doubles. All members of both teams must be available to play within 30 minutes of the agreed time otherwise a walk-over may be claimed for the games of the absent player.
10. Perpetual Trophies shall remain the property of the Munster Branch and shall be held in Trust by the Winning Club for the Munster Branch of Tennis Ireland.
11. In all Knock-out competitions, 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.
 - (a) Home team means 'Home' club and not borrowed courts, except under exceptional circumstances and by mutual agreement.
 - (b) Home club must be in a position to provide basic Toilet facilities.
 - (c) Home club shall ensure that courts are up to standard i.e. Nets, Centre straps, well lined and surfaces free from obstacles. Any legitimate complaints will result in 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 opposition at least 5 days in advance of fixture. Messages left on Answering machines or text messages do not constitute 'contact'. If contact cannot be made with same, 'Home' team shall contact the Competitions Convenor immediately or any member of the Competitions Committee. Failure to do so may result in disqualification.
 - (g) If Home club cannot provide courts, the match reverts to visiting team courts.
 - (h) Clubs without lights must commence not later than 12 noon. All other matches to commence at 2 p.m. unless mutually agreed. No club may be asked to play before 11 a.m.
12. The Competitions Committee shall specify the dates by which matches must be played. Matches may be played before the specified date provided both clubs are in agreement to do so. A postponement of a match can only be granted by the Competitions Committee. Any team taking a postponement without permission will automatically be disqualified. Clubs are not obliged to change the specific date or time of fixture. However, having agreed to change time or date, then this becomes the official time and date of event. Clubs not fulfilling a fixture will be fined. The fine will be at least double the entry fee for the competition entered and will be set by the competitions committee. In competitions played on a league basis, Clubs not fulfilling a fixture will be disqualified. **ONLY THE PERSON NAMED ON THE CONTACT SHEET FOR EACH COMPETITION MAY ARRANGE AN ALTERNATIVE DATE BEFORE THE SPECIFIED DATE.**

- 13 The Captain of the Winning Team must return the Result within 48 hours, duly completed and signed by both Captains.
- 14 All draws to be made at least 10 days before first round matches are due to be played. Venues for finals will be decided by the Munster Branch.
- 15 All competitions will be the best of three tie-break sets.
- 16 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 inter-change of players or substitutes between teams.
17. **MUNSTER SENIOR CUP.**
Players below Premier/Grade 1 may play in this competition and then revert back to their own grade. **A team shall consist of 2 Men and 2 Ladies. Play will consist of 1 Men's singles, 1 Ladies' singles and 1 Mixed doubles followed by 1 Men's doubles, 1 Ladies' doubles.**
PLAYERS WITH DUAL MEMBERSHIP WHO HAVE PLAYED FOR ONE CLUB IN SUMMER COMPETITIONS IN 2009 MAY PLAY FOR ANOTHER CLUB IN THE MUNSTER CUP.
18. **INTERMEDIATE CUP Grade 2 MIXED.**
A team will consist of 2 Men & 2 Ladies. A match will consist of 1 Men's singles, 1 Ladies' singles, 1 Mixed doubles, 1 Men's doubles and 1 Ladies doubles.
19. **CARLSBERG CUP Grade 3.**
(a) **A team will consist of 2 Men & 2 Ladies**
(b) **A match will consist of 1 Men's doubles, 1 Ladies' doubles and 2 Mixed doubles.**
(c) In the event of a tie at 2 matches each, a doubles will be played between two pairs who have not played together, such pairings to be nominated by the team captain. This decider shall consist of one tie-break set.
20. **MENS COMPETITION Grade 4 - 4 MEN – NO JUNIORS**
(a) Doubles only will be played with each pair playing opposing pairs.
(b) In the event of a tie at 2 matches each, a doubles will be played between two pairs who have not played together, such pairings to be nominated by the team captain. This decider shall consist of one tie-break set.
21. **THE KEANE CUP Grade 4 - 4 LADIES – NO JUNIORS**
This competition will run exactly as the Men's Grade 4 competition.
22. **Grade 5 SUMMER CUP – NO JUNIORS
4 LADIES.**
(a) Doubles only will be played with each pair playing opposing pairs.
(b) Each match will be the best of 3 tie-break sets
(c) In the event of a tie at 2 matches each, a doubles will be played between two pairs who have not played together, such pairings to be nominated by the team captains. This decider shall consist of one tie-break set.
23. **SUMMER CUP DOUBLES Grade 5 – 2 MEN & 2 LADIES - NO JUNIORS.**
(a) A match will consist of 1 Men's doubles, 1 Ladies doubles and 2 Mixed doubles
(b) Each match will be the best of 3 tie-break sets.
(c) In the event of a tie, 1 Mixed doubles will be played between 2 pairs who have not already played together, such pairings to be nominated by the team captains. This decider will be one tie-break set.
24. **DIVISION 6 MIXED - 2 MEN & 2 LADIES - NO JUNIORS.**
(a) A match will consist of 1 Men's doubles, 1 Ladies' doubles and 2 Mixed doubles
(b) Each match will be the best of 3 tie-break sets.
(c) In the event of a tie, 1 mixed doubles will be played between 2 pairs who have not already played together, such pairings to be nominated by the team captains. This decider will be one tie-break set.

25. **DIVISION 6 MEN** - 4 MEN - NO JUNIORS.
(a) Doubles only will be played with each pair playing both opposing pairs.
(b) Each match will consist of 3 tie-break sets.
(c) In the event of a tie, one more doubles will be played between two pairs who have not already played together, such pairings to be nominated by the team captains. This decider will be 1 tie-break set.
26. **DIVISION 6 LADIES** - 4 LADIES - NO JUNIORS.
This competition will be run exactly as the 6 Men's competition.

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