



Tennis Box Leagues Rules

We run competitive all-year-round box leagues for both singles (adults and juniors) and doubles (adults only) and which is a great way to play more tennis and meet other members.

We use the LTA competitions portal for our tennis leagues: <https://competitions.lta.org.uk/>. To participate you need to become an LTA Advantage Member if you are not one already, and with your LTA membership affiliated to this Club. For help with this see [here](#).

Also, you will need to ensure that your contact details are searchable both within MMM and the LTA website. See instructions in appendix.

Club social play takes priority over box matches so busy club nights (e.g. Tuesday evenings) are not good times to play a match! 2 hours is usually comfortably enough time to play a match (including a 10 minute knock up).

All applicants must be paid-up playing members of the Tennis section of the Club. We promise to get you in for the next round providing the league isn't at maximum capacity. Juniors from Year 9 upwards (13+) are permitted to enter the adult leagues.

Singles and Doubles Box Leagues

Any queries, e.g. requests to join or leave the Boxes, should be directed to the appropriate Organiser:

Dan White: TennisSinglesLeague@bltsrc.co.uk, or

Bobby Mercandino: TennisDoublesLeague@bltsrc.co.uk

Below is a summary – for comprehensive details and rules see [here](#).

Joining the box league

If you are interested in joining the league, please email your name (plus parent name for a junior) and suggested approximate box entry level to the appropriate organiser above. We suggest you ask your coach (if you are having coaching), or find out by playing other members during club nights etc.

Note: for the Doubles League, you need to find a partner and apply to enter as a pair.

Viewing the box league - <https://competitions.lta.org.uk/> then scroll right down to the 'My Box Leagues' section.

Playing your matches

The match format is a 'Two Short Sets' format:

Play two sets up to 5 games. If you reach 4-4 play a Standard Tie-break (i.e., first to get a 2-point lead and with at least 7 points and post this set's score as 5-4). Then if you reach one set all: play a Super Tie-break game which acts as a final set (first to get a 2-point lead and with at least 10 points).

Recording your match result

After the match, if you won, you are responsible for posting the full match score on the system. You do this online via the LTA Competitions website at <https://competitions.lta.org.uk/>

If you were the losing player, please try and find the time to visit the box leagues web page sometime soon afterwards to verify that the correct score has been posted! If it's wrong, let us know and we can correct it.

Your standing (ranking) in your box at the end of the round is based on your total points from each of your results computed as follows – for each: **Win: 14 points, Loss: 6, Walkover claim: 11.**

Leaving the box league

It is not possible to be removed from the League while a round is in progress - if you are going to be unable to play your remaining fixtures, then for each one, please award a Walkover for your opponent.

You do this as follows - on the score page under 'My upcoming matches' click somewhere in the score boxes for the match concerned, and a blue heading '+STATUS' will appear. Click on that and then fill in the Status panel that displays, correctly identifying which of you - labelled 'Player 1' and 'Player 2' - is the 'Winner' of the Walkover outcome. Then click the SAVE button on the Status panel and then SAVE again on the score page.

Then please also notify the Organiser that you want to leave the League.

Junior Box League

The Junior Tennis Singles League is mixed gender and open to all junior playing tennis members aged 10-18.

Rules

Matches will be played **first to 10 games**. If the score reaches **9–9**, a **Championship Tie-Break (first to 10 points)** will decide the winner.

Players should then enter the final match score. For example:

- A 10–4 win means the winner receives **10 points** and the loser **4 points**.
- A 10–9 win means the winner receives **10 points** and the loser **9 points**.

League positions will be determined by the total number of points accumulated across all matches during the playing round.

Walkovers

If a walkover is to be awarded, the player claiming the walkover should post the score as an 8-0 win against the player conceding it.

Entering scores

Players and parents should enter scores themselves through the LTA system: [LTA - Tennis for Britain](#).

If you have any questions about the rules or entering scores, please contact Olly Culwick on 07956944899 or email juniortennissinglesleague@bltsrc.co.uk.

Appendix

Searching & contacting members to arrange games

VIA LTA:

Log in: <https://competitions.lta.org.uk/> and go to the home page.

Then scroll down to 'My Box Leagues' and click on the correct Box League.

It will list your matches in the box. Every player's name is an active link so click on an opponents' name and view their profile which includes contact details.

Via MMM:

To contact other members:

- Log onto MMM: [ManageMyMatch](#).
- Click on the down arrow on BLTSRC at the top right-hand side of the screen and select 'About BLTSRC' (this is the main dashboard).
- Then click on the green 'Member List' button (see screenshot below).
- Use the search box at the top to go straight to the member in question.

From here you can contact members in 2 ways:

1. If a member has allowed their contact details to be shared, their name will show as a link to their email address and the blue 'phone' icon will show their phone number.
2. To private message another member *within* the MMM system, click on the speech bubble icon to the left of the member's name. You will be able to get in touch with all members this way. Members should receive an email prompt to look in MMM for the message.

To make your contact details appear on the list (STRONGLY RECOMMENDED!):

- Log onto MMM: [ManageMyMatch](#).
- Click on the down arrow on BLTSRC at the top right-hand side of the screen and select 'About BLTSRC' (this is the main dashboard).
- Then tick the 'Share contact details with other club members' box. See screenshot below.

The screenshot shows the 'Club details' page for BLTSRC. The 'Membership details' section at the top has a green 'Member list' button circled in yellow. Below it, there is a checkbox labeled 'Share contact details with other club members' which is also circled in yellow. The 'Club details' section on the left contains fields for Club name (BLTSRC), Address (Lower Kings Rd, Berkhamsted), and Phone number (01442 863393). The 'Club officials' section on the right lists the Club Chair (John Shaw), Administrator (Vicky Pudney), and another Administrator (Susannah Crowther). At the bottom, there is a 'Distance and time' section showing 0 minutes and 0 miles, and a 'Danger area' section with an 'Unlink' button.