

Surbiton CC – AC Winter Competition Rules 2019/20

1. Weather permitting, the competition takes place every Monday, starting when the lawns become available after the autumn maintenance and finishing at the end of March.
2. Games will be handicapped 14 point association, with a 1 hr 30 min time limit and the competition will be open to all members with an association handicap of 9 or greater when they first play. Members should record the results of their games on their handicap cards as usual. A member whose handicap subsequently falls below 9 continues to be eligible (playing off their new handicap). Results will be published on the SCC website.
3. Normally games will start at 11 am, with second games arranged from around 1 pm. In February or March, third games are generally possible.
4. Members are free to play as little or as often as they wish, simply turning up in good time to start at either 11am or 1 pm. To win the competition however, they will need to complete a minimum number of games before the final day - probably about one-sixth of the total games played; this will be confirmed late in the season.
5. All games will be arranged by the organiser who will, as far as possible, provide everyone with an even spread of opponents.
6. The final will be played on the last Monday of the competition and will be contested by the four players who, being available to play, have at that stage the highest win percentage (games won/games played) and who have played the minimum number of games at that point. Six games will be played, if necessary, on the day: 1st v 4th, 2nd v 3rd; 1st v 2nd, 3rd v 4th; 1st v 3rd, 2nd v 4th. Those not in the top four will still get a game on that day, but this will not count towards the competition.
7. The Winter Competition will be won by whichever of these players wins the final day's event. If two or more players have each won two of these games - or if no play is possible on the last Monday (30 March) - the winner will be the player highest placed over the winter as a whole.

In the event of inclement weather (for example, if the lawns are frozen or waterlogged), an email will be sent by 9.00am on Mondays to those who have previously attended; so please check before you leave home if you have any distance to travel.

In addition to the Competition, we are keen to see players new to AC who might feel apprehensive about, or not ready for, competition play. Every effort will be made to fit in some coached play, outside the Competition, especially during the morning. Don't be shy if you fit into this category!

If you want to come along on a Monday otherwise, to practice or to play a pre-arranged game rather than compete for the trophy please appreciate that lawn space may be a problem on the busiest days; competition games take precedence.

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