



Inter - Club Doubles Tennis Tournament 2022

To be played in Ten (10) Divisions

Five Regular, One Women's & Four Senior Divisions 35+, 45+, 55+, & 65+

01. Preliminary rounds will be worked out from 15th January 2022 and thereafter every weekend and Mercantile Holidays. Women's event will be played on Fridays. All preliminary rounds will be played 2 tie break sets with advantage. If it one set all a super tie break of 10 points will be played to decide the match. (There will be No 3rd Set).
02. Entries will be restricted to clubs who are affiliates of the SLTA. Captain of the club request to submit the entry online via – www.sltennis.lk > Register > Inter Club
03. Entries will close on 10th January 2022.
04. The draw will take place on 12th January at SLTA at 06.00 p.m.
05. A Club can enter a maximum of ten (10) players per team. If more than ten are entered, only the first ten will be considered. (Only 8 trophies will be awarded to a team)
06. Only members registered for the year 2022 are eligible to represent the club. A player shall not represent more than one club in the Regular Division. However, a player may represent one club in a REGULAR DIVISION and another club in the WOMEN'S or the SENIOR DIVISION. Violation of this rule will lead to disqualification of both clubs no matter what stage the tournament is.
07. Category –Ranked players as at end of 31st December 2021.
(Please refer SLTA website for Rankings)
 - a. First 10 in Men's Ranking
 - b. First 10 in Women's Ranking
 - c. Davis Cup / Fed Cup Team Players
 - d. First 10 in Boys / Girls under 12 / 14/ 16 / 18

The above category of players (a / b & c) must play in Division One in the Regular event and in case of women, Division One of the Women's Event. They can be nominated without any restriction to Division One

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Apart of the above the following will apply.

- a. Division 1 2 Men's ranking players in 31st December 2021.
- b. Division 2 2 Players from under 18 rankings in 31st December 2021.
- c. Division 3 2 Players either U/18 or any other junior category
31st December 2021.
- d. Division 4 & 5 It's mandatory to have 2 ranked players from any junior
category in 2021 as at end of December.

- Each competition at least one ranked player must play the tie.
- Junior players could be given the temporary membership form the club to play the tournament for Division 4 & 5.
- It is mandatory ATP / WTA / ITF Pro points holders play Division 1

08. The winning teams of 2021, shall be promoted to a higher division. No club shall nominate four (4) or more players of a winning team of 2021 in to a team of the same division or a lower division. If any club is found to have violated this rule it will lead to a disqualification of the entire team irrespective of which stage the tournament is.
09. Postponement of matches will be not permitted under any circumstances.
(Refer to the tournament format rule No: 4 / 5 / 6 under Tournament Format)
10. A team finishing last in a particular division will be demoted.
11. A club may request a particular Division. However, this will be subject to the approval of the SLTA in consultation with the Referee. The Referee has the authority to promote or demote any team based on past performance of players and Rankings etc...
12. All teams entered with their respective Divisions will be displayed at the SLTA Notice Board 48 hours prior to the 'Draw'. Any objections / representations should be made in writing to the Chairman, Tournament and Matches, 24 hours before the draw. SLTA E-mail: sltennis@sltnet.lk, Tel: 5334062
13. In the senior events, all players will have to be over the specified age limit by 31.12.2021.
14. Points will be awarded as per –

1 st Double	7 points
2 nd Double	5 points
3 rd Double	3 points

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Tournament Format

01. The following details will be sent to the Captains:
Divisions, Groups, Team Numbers, Tie Numbers
 - a. Team Nominations, Dates, and Venues of preliminary rounds
 - b. Specimen nomination form and Results sheet (Please make copies for your use)
02. The details of quarterfinals and semi finals, which are to be played in the respective clubs, will be sent to you after the completion of the preliminary rounds. The finals will be played at the SLTA courts. The dates and times will be notified later.
03. Ties should be played at the respective clubs according to the schedule. No postponements are allowed under any circumstances, but matches could be worked off earlier by mutual consent. If such arrangements do not materialize the original date will stand. The SLTA should be informed of any such change in writing in due time.
04. In the event of unfinished ties, due to valid reasons, the visiting team has the choice of venue for the continuation of the unplayed matches. How ever any continuation of the unfinished matches (in progress) shall be at the same venue.
05. In the event of rain, the tie must be played before the following Wednesday. If the tie remains un played due to bad weather, such ties will be given alternate dates by the referee of the tournament, if it has an effect on the outcome of the result in the group, please consult the Referee immediately and his decision will be final.
06. Postponement of matches will only be allowed due to bad weather or Bad light, players going abroad or falling sick or any other reasons is not an excuse for postponement of matches.

All matches have to be played on scheduled dates. No postponements will be permitted. Regular events will be played on Saturday and Senior / Women's events will be played on Sunday.
07. The authorized official of each team shall be responsible for all correspondence etc.. regarding the tournament. If the authorized official is not available, the authorized official should nominate a member of the team on his / her behalf.
08. Nominations of team for each tie should be from registered players. No player can play for more than one team in Division 1 to 5. However, men could play in one Regular Division and another in the Veteran's Division and the ladies could play in

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any two of the following events (a) Women's event (b) A Regular Event (c) A Senior Event. Violation of this rule will lead to disqualification of both clubs no matter what stage the tournament is.

09. The matches should commence at 3.30 p.m. where (2) two courts are available for the tie. If one court is available, play should commence at 2.30 p.m. Any change should be notified in writing to the visitors by the home team with a copy to the SLTA and the Referee at least FIVE (5) days before the commencement of the tie, Only 15 minutes grace will be given for the players to be present at the venue. The teams can claim a walk over if the players from the opposite side are not available for the matches after the lapse of 15 minutes grace time.

All such cases have to be reported to the Referee immediately and a letter should be sent to the referee with a copy to SLTA.

10. The nomination form should be exchanged before the commencement of the matches. The match number 1 and 2 Doubles should be played first and the third doubles after one match is over. If one walkover has to be given it should be for the third doubles. A team, which gives two walkovers in a tie, could be deemed to have withdrawn from the tournament and the points obtained by the other teams in the previous ties against this team will not stand.

At the end of the days play the result sheet should be countersigned by both officials and forwarded to the SLTA the latest by the following Wednesday 05.00 p.m. The results could also be handed over to the security post at the SLTA office, addressed to the, Chairman, Tournament and Matches Committee.

11. If no communication is received by the due date, it will be presumed that the tie was not played and points will not be awarded to either side.
12. All preliminarily rounds will be played 2 tie break sets with advantage. If it one set all a super tie break of 10 points will be played to decide the match. (There will be No 3rd Set).
13. All Round – Robin matches will be decided on the points scored by the teams. The finals will be played by the teams obtaining the highest points.
14. The overall championships will be decided on the following points system
- Winning a Championship will get 5 (five) points
 - Runner up will get 3 (three) points.
15. In the event of two teams obtaining the same number of points, the tie will resolve by taking into consideration the result of the previous match between the two teams. In the event of three teams obtaining the same number of points, the

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number of matches won would be taken into consideration. Thereafter sets won, and sets lost, games won and games lost, will be considered for a decision.

16. In view of the large numbers of entries, some clubs may have to accommodate multiple ties a day. Your cooperation is solicited in this situation.
17. Any complaints should be made in writing to the Referee with a copy to the Chairman, Tournament and Matches Committee and the Sri Lanka Tennis Association within two days of the incident.
18. Challenge shields and eight medals will be presented to the winning teams. The runner up will also be presented with replicas (eight numbers only)
19. The matches will commence on the week end of 15th January 2022. The final date for completion of preliminary round matches is end of 13th March 2022. Finals will be played at SLTA and Referee will inform the dates to the team Captains.
20. Any matches not completed by the 'dead line' will be treated as null and void and no points will be awarded to any team and the points obtained by teams will be cancelled.
(Subject to clause no 6 at the tournament format)
21. Any matter not provided in the above rules will be decided by the Referee and the Tournament and Matches Committee and its decision will be final.
22. Those clubs who have not given the full name of the players in the entry form submitted earlier should indicate the full name in the nomination form at the time of exchanging the teams.

The SLTA invites all Captains or their Representatives for the Captains meeting on 12th January 2021 at 06.00 p.m., at SLTA. It is imperative that the Captains / Authorized Officer are present at this meeting so that matters pertaining to the tournament would be discussed and finalized.

Suresh Subramaniam
Chairman, Tournament & Matches

We shall be thankful if any mistakes or short comings are brought to the notice of the SLTA early.

The Tournament Referee - TBC

ONLY PLAYERS WHO REGISTERED AT SLTA WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO PLAY.

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