

WINTER LEAGUE 2026-27

Last date for results 6pm Sun 21st March 2027

PLEASE DO YOUR BEST TO PLAY REARRANGED MATCHES DURING THE SEASON ON THE OFF WEEKS, OTHERWISE FIXTURES CAN MOUNT UP AND THERE IS ONLY 4 FREE WEEKENDS AT THE END OF THE SCHEDULED DATES. Thanks

APPLICABLE TO BOTH MEN & LADIES LEAGUES

Players may play up twice in a higher team without becoming committed to the higher team. We hope this will help to get matches played.

Rule 10. A player may not play in a lower nominated team after having played ~~twice~~ **3 times** in higher teams.

Reminder of Rule 12

a player may not take part in two matches originally scheduled for the same date.

This applies to matches that are not played on the scheduled date and care should be taken when players are substituting/helping out. Team contacts should check with any substitutes if they have already played in a same original date match for another team. This becomes more important with the above change as a player may play up twice now. Reminder, can only play for 1 club in a season.

rule 4 **ALL** matches are 3 TIE BREAK SETS (at 6 all)

Please send a photo (or scan) of the signed result card to:

idltennisresults@yahoo.co.uk

PLEASE SEND IN ALL RESULTS ASAP, YOU ARE REMINDED OF THIS PART OF RULE 7.

Failure to do so (send in result) within 7 days of match being played will result in away team being awarded all 3 points.

Best option is to do this whilst still at match if possible, to save forgetting. Any player can send it the result, as long as it does get sent in promptly, also advise if a match is not played and reason why. Thanks!

Rules, playing schedule and score sheets are emailed out, which players will need to print for their use.

any problems, please email me on above address or for more urgent enquiries that requires a speedy response, please call/text 07941-196142 as the IDL email is not checked daily, and does not feed into my personal email inbox.

Thanks

Lisa Jacobs

League Administrator

2026/2027 WINTER LEAGUE FIXTURE LIST FOR ALL DIVISIONS Ladies & Mens (scheduled weekends, Sunday dates shown)

2025-26

H - A	H - A	H - A	H - A	H - A	H - A	H - A
OCT 4	OCT 11	OCT 25	NOV 1	NOV 15	NOV 22	DEC 6
1 v 2	8 v 1	1 v 4	6 v 1	1 v 5	7 v 1	1 v 3
3 v 4	2 v 3	3 v 6	4 v 7	3 v 7	5 v 3	7 v 5
5 v 6	4 v 5	5 v 8	2 v 5	6 v 2	2 v 8	4 v 2
7 v 8	6 v 7	7 v 2	8 v 3	8 v 4	4 v 6	6 v 8

2nd half REVERSE PLAYING ORDER

A - H	A - H	A - H	A - H	A - H	A - H	A - H
DEC 13	JAN 3	JAN 10	JAN 24	JAN 31	FEB 14	FEB 21

WINTER LEAGUE RULES

no results accepted after 6pm Sunday 21st March 2027 (2 week Christmas break given)

Please also note clarification regarding Rule 15 shown at the bottom of the page

1. A team to consist of 1 pair of Men's or Ladies doubles.
2. Teams formed into divisions as agreed by IDL committee at their Autumn meeting.
3. Each team to play each other teams in divisions twice, Home & Away as stipulated on fixture list.
4. **All matches to be the playing of 3 tie break sets** (tie break at 6-6 in all sets) with 1 point for each set won.
5. League positions based on points obtained, i.e sets won, tied positions on matches won. All promotions and relegations subject to requirements of league entries and division numbers.
6. All Men's matches to be played on date stipulated at 10.30am. In the event of inclement weather matches to be played or completed on 1st following free Sunday. Postponement is not permitted for any other reason. If home courts are unfit every endeavour must be made to play match elsewhere on that day. Ladies matches to be played on weekend stipulated at time mutually agreed. **Opponents to be informed by minimum of 6 days prior to fixture date if Saturday morning is unsuitable.** Home team has choice if there is disagreement.
7. Home team is responsible for sending result **preferred option** send an image/photo of the signed card emailed to idltennisresults@yahoo.co.uk. or card to Mrs L Jacobs, 21 The Fairways, Rushmere St Andrew, Ipswich IP4 5TN Failure to do so within 7 days of match being played will result in away team being awarded all 3 points. **Telephone results will not be accepted.** Enter the **original fixture date** on card. Requests for relaxation will not be granted.
8. If a match is not played on date stipulated for any reason apart from adverse weather full points will be awarded to aggrieved team only if a detailed claim is made by them.
9. Home team to provide **FOUR** 'Official' balls of good condition on which makers name is still visible. Home team to ensure opponents know venue for match.
10. A player may not play in a lower nominated team after having played **3 times** in higher teams.
11. No player may play for more than one club in a season.
12. Matches may be played before the fixture date by mutual arrangement **but a player may not take part in two matches originally scheduled for the same date.**
13. One substitute may be used to complete unfinished matches provided the player is of equal standard, accepted by the opponents and eligible under other rules.
14. Each team to pay an entry fee of £2.00.
15. Any team conceding 3 or more matches shall be withdrawn from the League.
16. A team may claim 1 set for every 15 minutes their opponents are late on court beyond the stipulated or agreed starting time.
17. Matches may be played on indoor courts only if all players agree.
18. The visiting team shall decide whether or not conditions are suitable for play so long as the home club deems the surface is playable. (In inclement weather players must go to the courts or telephone each other, allow at least half an hour for conditions to improve)

Clarification of Rule 15. Any team conceding 3 or more matches shall be withdrawn from the League.

This means that if the withdrawn team wishes to play next season, the Club must re enter that team and they will start in the bottom division. All league positions belong to the named **Club** and therefore it is advisable that any withdrawals or possible withdrawals by default should be referred as soon as a problem arises, by current players to their Club for consideration in order to prevent unwanted loss of Club league positions. This is to try to prevent unwanted changes/non commitment affecting divisions and reducing expected tennis to others.