UBTC Tennis Club Competition 2025 – Rules

1. All participants must be **available to play semi-finals between Monday 22 September and Wednesday, 01 October 2025 and on Finals Day – Saturday 4 October 2025**
2. **For the Men's Singles and Men's Doubles we will be changing the format to a knockout competition this year. For both competitions there will be an initial preliminary round (seeded), after which the competition will be split into a main competition and a separate "Plate" competition for the first-round losers. This will continue as a knockout format through to the final's day. This applies to both the men's singles and doubles. This is subject to having a minimum number of entrants to run this.**
3. **For the other competitions, the Ladies Singles, Ladies Doubles & Mixed Doubles this will continue in the box league format. All box league matches will be played by end of day of Friday 19 September 2025**
4. Box league matches will be arranged on a **mutually agreeable date by 17 August 2025**. If a box league match has not been played by **30 August 2025**, **AND** a date has not already been agreed to play by **19 September 2025**-then the following rules will be invoked:
    a. The **organising player(s)** will contact their opponent(s) and offer 3 dates prior to **19 September** – of which one weekday and one on a weekend.
    b. The opponents must accept one of the 3 dates offered.
    c. Failure to accept one of the 3 dates offered will result in the opponents being withdrawn from the competition in its entirety and all scores deleted.
    d. It is therefore imperative for participants to organise their matches at an early point considering holidays etc in order to arrange mutually agreeable dates.
5. For the purpose of invoking Rule 4, an **organising player**(s) will be indicated in the box league for each match and will be determined by how the names are drawn, and then entered sequentially into the box league. (E,g Player/Team A will be the organising player(s) for their match with B; Player/Team B will be organising player(s) for their matches with C, etc)
6. There will be a handicap for the Mixed Doubles Competition for each entrant who is a first team player, (or who would be considered a first team player).
7. Matches will be played best of 3 sets with a championship tie break for the third set. The scoring will be recorded as 1 point for a win, 0 for the losing player(s)

8. The winner of each box league will be the player(s) with the most wins. If there is a 2 player tie, the winner of the match between them is the overall winner.
9. In the event of a participant being injured or ill, and unable to play all their box league matches by the due dates no substitutes will be permitted, and will result in the participants (and partner) being withdrawn from the competition in its entirety and all scores deleted.
10. For the Men's Singles & Doubles competitions, all rounds will have a date by which the tie must be played. If no effort is made to play the tie by the designated date **both players/pairs will be eliminated**. If one player/pair can demonstrate they have made efforts to have the tie completed by the designated date, they will proceed through to the next round. It is therefore imperative that all players make every effort to play their match by the designated date.
11. Participants agree to their names and telephone numbers being made available on a list inside the Clubhouse for the duration of the competition, for the purposes of arranging matches.