

**CENTRAL LEAGUE – TOURNAMENT
SEASON 2017-18**

**at Joola Morpeth Club, Morpeth Street, E2 0PS
on Sunday 29th April & Sunday 6th May 2018**

General rules and information – Rev.A (Rule 11 amended)

Please note there are a number of changes to previous issues

- 1 All players planning to enter the tournament must either, complete and return the entry forms attached, or at the least notify the Tournament secretary by email by the due date. **There will be no entry on the day for those not pre-registered.**
- 2 Players that do pre-register, but then do not attend without prior notification and a valid reason will be omitted from the following year's tournament.
- 3 Players entering must have played in a minimum 3 league matches by the date of the tournament. Club secretaries may apply for an exemption to this rule where special circumstances apply. The tournament committee's decision whether to admit a player is final.
- 4 Players should arrive at the Morpeth School venue in good time for the start of the Tournament at **10am**, to allow a prompt start to the group stages. All players **must** register at the entry desk as they arrive, and pay all entry fees due before commencing to play.
Please note that the Tournament committee reserve the right to scratch any entrant arriving **after 10.30am**.
- 5 All matches will be played in accordance with the CLTTL rules. Any disputes arising should be referred to the Tournament organizers, whose decision on any such matters will be final. Action will be taken by the Tournament organizers against any belligerent or abusive behaviour. The "house rules" for the venue will be given at the start of the day and must be observed.
- 6 There may be a waiting time at the early group stages, of 45 minutes to 1 hour. Early registration however remains essential.
- 7 Where players progress through to the latter stages of a number of events, it may become necessary for them to play their later matches consecutively, ie with a minimum rest time between matches.
- 8 Losing players will generally umpire the next game on that table, except in groups where this duty should be shared between the group players. Throughout the day, we ask that all competitors help with umpiring to avoid delays.
- 9 It may become necessary on the day for the Tournament organizers to identify a member from each club represented, to 'search out' their players who are being called onto the tables. Players are requested to make themselves available at all times and not to leave the venue, unless absolutely unavoidable, and in such

case, to notify an organizer. **Players who are not available when their match is called will be scratched from that competition.**

- 10 Some events will be seeded by the Tournament organizers, whose decisions are final. Seeding will be based on a system derived from the CLTTL averages.
11. Planned events on day 1 (Sunday 29th April):
 - Divisional competitions for each division. (See not below)
 - Subject to sufficient entries, each event will commence with a group stage.*
 - Super vets (Over 50's)
 - Under 21's
 - Ladies

Please note that when entering Divisional events, a player can only enter the event for the division in which he is registered.

Planned events on day 2 (Sunday 6th May):

- Open singles
- Event will commence with a group stage.*
- Consolation
- Open doubles

All events will proceed on a knock-out basis unless noted above.