**NMTTL Handicap Cup Group Competition Regulations for 2019/20**

**Please note that ALL ROUND 1 GROUP MATCH sets must be completed. You must not end the match at 5-0. All 9 sets must be completed.**

Both home and away team captains have a joint responsibility to ensure that the correct players come to the table for each set. If a mistake occurs and the wrong player(s) play, this set must be re-played in the correct order.

**Both** teams are responsible for checking **before** the start of the match to see that all handicaps listed on the scoresheet are **correct**. If an error in the handicaps is noticed AFTER a set, or the match has been completed, there will be no alterations accepted to a set or the score of the match.

Each match shall consist of 9 sets each being the best of 3 games. **Games will be played to** **21 points**. **There are no deuces, so it is possible for a game to be won 21-20.**

Each player receives 5 services or until the starting server has totalled 5 serves, for instance the server will deliver 2 serves where the score is 3-0 or 0-3.

All games, singles and doubles, are played starting with the difference between each player’s group handicaps, which can be found in the HANDICAP GRID.

If the 3rd game is required, players should change ends when the player(s) starting from 0, reaches 10 points.

***The result sheet must be completed in full and returned by the HOME CAPTAIN to the Handicap Cup Secretary, Harold Webb as soon as possible and by no later than 7 days after the match. If the result sheet is not received by that time, the away team will be awarded a walkover.***

The winner and runner up of each group will be decided on the total number of **MATCHES WON.** If teams are level in matches won, then the decision will be determined by **SETS** won. If a further calculation needs to be made then the number of GAMES/POINTS won will come into consideration and decided by the Handicap Cup Secretary.

***At the group stage of the Handicap Cup competition, a team can play any player registered in their club, providing the player has not previously played for another team in the competition. Once the player(s) has played for a team they will then be regarded as being registered for that team for the remainder of the Handicap Cup competition****.*

**All matches must be played during the designated week for the matches to be played. In the event of a match not being played the Handicap Cup Secretary will decide the outcome**.

Results from Round 1, the group stage, will be placed on the League web site and in the League Journal. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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