

## **SHIELD COMPETITIONS**

Teams in Division One will be entered in the Senior Shield, teams in Division Two will be entered in the Tigers Shield.

The draw for both competitions will be made in early January 2023 and advised to Team Captains.

No player shall play for more than one team during the Shield Competitions, unless agreed by the Committee. (The Senior Shield and Tigers Shield count as one competition for the purpose of this rule.)

A tie shall consist of nine matches, six singles and three doubles, each set being the best of five games. The result of the tie shall be decided by the number of matches won. The losing team may concede before all nine matches are played, but otherwise the tie shall be played out.

Prior to the start of the match, each captain shall complete a team selection form which indicates which player will play as number 1 etc. Once a captain has seen the opposing team's form, he cannot change the order of his/her team.

The order of play shall be: (home team player first): 2v1, 3v3, 1v2, 2&3v2&3, 3&1v3&1, 1&2v1&2, 2v3, 1v1 and 3v2.

If one team lacks a third player, the four matches he/she would have played shall be conceded to the other team.

If both teams lack a third player the tie will consist of five matches, four singles and one doubles. The order of play shall be: 2v1, 1v2, doubles, 2v2, 1v1

Failure to play any tie by the set date (unless a team concedes) may result in the home team being fined the standard fine.

Finals shall be played on a neutral table (unless the Committee and both team captains agree otherwise) and at the expense of the teams involved, under the direction of the Committee.