

Huntingdon & Peterborough Tennis Association

DON BRACE CUP - 2019

1. Clubs can only enter the Don Brace Cup if they have a team entered into the Mixed League or teams entered into both the Men's and Ladies Leagues in the current season. Clubs meeting this criterion must now enter the Don Brace Cup competition on the league entry form. The entry fee is £10 per team. The competition is intended to run as a one team per club competition. Depending on entry numbers, second teams from clubs already taking part may be considered.
2. Each team will consist of two (2) mixed couples. Two tie-break sets will be played against **one** opposing couple, followed by a ladies rubber and a men's rubber.

ie: 1 v 1 Mixed Doubles
 2 v 2 Mixed Doubles
 Men's Doubles
 Ladies Doubles

Tie break to be played when score in any set reaches 6 – 6

Players can only play for one club in the Don Brace Cup, once they have played a match for a club they are committed to that club for the remaining rounds.

3. The team gaining the most sets will be the winner. If sets are equal then games count. If sets and games are equal then the **LADIES** will play a tie-break to decide the team that will go forward to the next round.
4. **Designated weekends have been set for each round of the competition. Matches must be played during this weekend unless both teams agree to play at an earlier date.**

1st Round matches to be played **over the weekend of 18th/19th May 2019.**

2nd Round matches to be played **over the weekend of 22nd/23rd June 2019.**

Semi-Finals of the competitions to be played **over the weekend of 3rd/4th August 2019.**

The Final will be played on the indoor courts at the City of Peterborough Tennis Club on **Sunday 13th October 2019 (2pm until 5pm).**

5. It is the responsibility of the **home** team to arrange the fixture in all rounds up to and including the semi-final round.
6. The home team in each round will be decided by a draw, the result of which will be indicated on the Tournament sheet by an (h). The away team will be indicated by an (a).
7. Unless detailed differently within these specific rules for the competition, the League Rules will apply. Any disputes should be initially resolved using the League Rules or failing this by contacting the Don Brace Cup Organiser (Kath Marshall) or the League Secretary.
8. It is in the interest of all clubs to play their matches as soon as possible to avoid cancellation at the end of the month due to wet weather.
9. If a fixture has been postponed once due to wet weather, and grass courts are involved, then it is the responsibility of the home team to have alternative hard courts available for the re-arranged match, should these be required.
10. Any fixture, which has not been played by the deadline set, will be decided by the toss of a coin or awarded to the away team if the home team has not made contact to arrange the fixture.
11. The **winning** team in each round shall notify the Don Brace Cup Organiser of the result. It is the responsibility of the home team in the 1st and 2nd rounds to contact the Don Brace Cup Organiser to establish who their opponents are if this is not indicated on the draw sheet. Failure to do so will result in automatic disqualification.
12. The home team will provide eight tennis balls for the match. Balls must be L.T.A. authorized. Balls will be provided for teams reaching the finals.