**PERMANENT TSB TEAM CHALLENGE**

**(previously known as “Interfirms”)**

**May 1st – May 20th 2017**

**Closing date for entries: Monday, April 24th @6pm**

*Our goal as a Committee and Club is to ensure all players enjoy the competition. The following are a set of guidelines to ensure this is made possible for all. Any other issues that arise will be dealt with by the Competitions Committee.*

**GUIDELINES FOR TEAMS**

1. Teams enter via entry sheet at Nenagh LTC or send text to 087-9075656.
2. Teams must ensure points equal or exceed the section they are competing in.
3. Each team consists of 2 Ladies and 2 Gentlemen. Previous years winners of any section must change at least one player to stay in the same section.
4. The competition will run on a round robin basis and each match will consist of a mens and a ladies doubles and two mixed doubles games.
5. Players can only play on ONE team.
6. Each team will play all other teams in their group.
7. Cost of Entry is €60 per team.
8. Teams should refer to the Munster Directory Grading when choosing players. Website: [www.munstertennis.ie](http://www.munstertennis.ie). Players who achieved points to move up a grade during Winter League 2016/17 must now enter at their new grade as stated by Munster Tennis.
9. Teams may place their unavailability on the entry sheet. The competitions committee will do their best to accommodate teams during the draw based on this.
10. The draws and times will be displayed in the clubhouse and on [www.nenaghltc.ie](http://www.nenaghltc.ie) and on the club Facebook page.
11. The highest male and female grade must play together in first mixed doubles in all sections.
12. If the same grade men or women exist on a team then it is up to the team to decide each mixed pair. This will be the mixed pair for the duration of the competition.
13. Please input your mixed pairings on the entry sheet.

**ROLE OF CAPTAIN**

1. Check the schedule of play each day and notify their players accordingly.
2. Captains must inform the competitions committee about the use of sub or a repeat sub (text to 087-9075656). Subs must be approved by the competitions committee (see section on substitutes).
3. Captains must ensure points equal or exceed the Section they are competing in.
4. *Where it is discovered that a team are under the points total in any section they will concede the points for the matches affected. A replacement must be found for the remaining matches. No further points deduction will take place if a substitute is found.*

**SCORING**

1. The first pair to reach 9 games wins the match. If a match is tied at 8-8 a normal tie break will be played to decide the outcome of the match.
2. An extra point will be awarded for reaching 9 games giving a maximum of 10 points per match.
3. Qualification rules for the play–offs will be decided once sections are formed.

**SUBSTITUTES**

1. It is the responsibility of the team to find a sub or subs for matches if required and then to confirm with the Competitions Committee.
2. A player must be replaced by a sub of similar or lower ability. The grading of the player will be taken into account by the Competitions Committee before a decision is made. If no grading is available it is at the discretion of the competitions committee.
3. No player from the same group may be used as a sub.
4. Substitutes must be approved in advance by the Competitions Committee. The final decision regarding use of a substitute rests with the Competitions Committee.
5. During the competition a 2 point deduction will occur if a substitute is used but a repeat deduction will not occur if the same sub is used again even if it is for the remainder of the competition.
6. If a player withdraws from a team before the first match and a replacement is found no deduction of points will occur.
7. If during a match (at least one point played) a player has to withdraw the matches concerning this individual are conceded to the opponents. No sub will be allowed once a match is in progress. The other matches will continue as normal.

***Competitions Committee:***David Hackett & Pauline Ryan (Club Captains), Agris Strods & Richelle Treacy

**Team Entry Points Guidelines**

**(Refer to Rule 8 – Guidelines for Teams)**

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| **Section 1** | **11 POINTS OR MORE****(Grade 1, 2, 3 & 4 only - Max One Grade 1 Player in this Section)** | **Examples:****Grade 1 Male + Grade 4 Male****Grade 3 Female + Grade 3 Female** |
| **Section 2**  | **17 POINTS OR MORE****(No grade 1,2 or 3 permitted in this section)** | **Examples:****Grade 4 Male + Grade 4 Male****Grade 4 Female + Grade 5 Female** |
| **Section 3** | **23 POINTS OR MORE** | **Examples:****Grade 6 Male + Grade 6 Male****Grade 5 Female + Grade 6 Female** |
| **Section 4**  | **BEGINNERS SECTION**  | **Sheet provided to place your name on.**  |