

# Round Robin Rules 2018

## Round Robin explained

The aim of a Round Robin tournament is to facilitate club members of similar standards to play matches and gain confidence in their game.

Players are divided into groups of similar ability.

The number of groups is determined by the number of players participating. For example where 40 players sign up there will be 10 groups, each containing 4 players. Each player will play all other players in their assigned group.

Each round is completed over a 4 – 5 week timeframe. When Round 1 is completed i.e. when all members have played all other players in their group, the groups are realigned and 2nd round of play begins. This is done through promotion or relegation to another group depending on scores.

The Round Robin competitions will commence in January and complete towards the end of May 2018.

Draws will be available on line.

Results should be entered into the score sheet. Take a photo of the score sheet and the winning player(s) should send it to Laurent on completion of each match on **086 2540323** or via Whatsapp.

## Match Play

1. Each match comprises 2 sets
2. Each **set** is won by the person/pair that are 1<sup>st</sup> to win 6 games (no need to win by 2 games, so a score of 6-5 wins that set)
3. If the score in sets is 2–nil, the match is over. If the score is 1 set all, and one person/pair has more games won than the other person/pair, then the match is over.
4. If the score in sets is 1 all, with both sides having the same number of games won, then a tiebreak is played. (Player A wins 1st set 6/4 and Player B wins 2nd set 4/6 then both have 10 points so a normal tie-breaker is then played for the 1 extra point. 1<sup>st</sup> to win 7 points, must win by 2).

## Scoring System

1. Each game counts as one point
2. The tiebreak also counts as one point

## Walkovers

1. If awarded a walk-over(s) - write w/o on the score sheet Failure to do this will result in a no score. If you have conceded the walkover, write 0 in score.
2. Points for the first walk-over awarded will be the average of games won or a min. of 4 if no games played. In example below, Player E gave a walkover to Player B. Games won  $9+12+9=30$ ,  $30/3 = 10$ . Player E gets zero points.

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3. A 2nd or subsequent walk-over is also the average of games won but cannot exceed 8 points.

## End of Round Scores

1. Players will be relegated or promoted to other groups after each round is complete, depending on end of round scores.
2. If there is a tie, as in example below, the following rules will apply:
  - a. Players C, D and E all finished with a total of 27 points
  - b. Player D gave a walkover so they are relegated 1<sup>st</sup>
  - c. E lost to C in head-to-head so they are relegated 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - d. If a 3 way tie, and above reasons do not sort, then Player with least "set wins" relegated (C won 2 sets, D won 3 sets, E won 1 set)

Group 1			A	B	C	D	E	Total Games
John Jones	<b>A</b>	Set Results		6-3,3-6, W	6-1,6-1	4-6,5-6	6-2,4-6	
		Games Won		10	12	9	10	41
Rich Bowe	<b>B</b>	Set Results	3-6,6-3,L		6-4,6-4	3-6,6-4	W/O	
		Games Won	9		12	9	30/3= 10	40
George Fry	<b>C</b>	Set Results	1-6,1-6	4-6,4-6		6-0, 6-1	5-6,4-6	
		Games Won	2	8		12	9	31
Jim Steele	<b>D</b>	Set Results	6-4,6-5	6-3,4-6	0-6,1-6		5-6,4-6	
		Games Won	12	10	1		9	32
Joe Nolan	<b>E</b>	Set Results	2-6,6-4		6-5,6-4	6-5, 6-4		
		Games Won	8	0	12	12		32

## End of Year Scores

1. The Player or pairing with most no. of points wins the Round Robin
2. In the event of a tie, the player with most no. of matches played wins
3. In the event that persons are still tied, player with highest no. of sets won, wins the Round Robin

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## Other Details

1. Walk-overs are actively discouraged
2. Walk-overs must be agreed between the competitors
3. No walk-over result will be accepted after the results have been taken down
4. Walkovers are generally given if a player(s) cannot play a match due to injury or other personal reasons. Walkovers should be given in the following circumstances:
  - a match has been arranged but one of the parties doesn't turn up. In this case the player(s) who did turn up should be offered a walkover. They have the option to accept the offer or to defer the match.
  - If a match has been arranged but one of the parties can't play, the opposing player(s) should be offered a walkover. They have the option to accept or to defer the match to a later date.
  - If a walkover has been given prior to an extension, the receiver of the walkover has the option to play the match if asked or to retain the walkover.
  - Player(s) must suggest a date to play the match within 10 days of initial contact from another player/pair. Otherwise the player who made the initial contact has the right to ask for a walkover.
5. Tiebreak detail: in Doubles, each pairing may re-choose serving sequence as if it were a new set
6. Play by date specified. An extension of the scheduled RR completion dates will only be granted in exceptional circumstances and is at the sole discretion of the Captains Committee.
7. To be eligible to play in the Round Robin 2018, players must be 14 years of age as of 1st September 2017.
8. The competitors in all doubles events should submit one entry form with the names of the doubles pairing and the appropriate doubles entry fee
9. Entries must be submitted and the appropriate entry fee(s) paid via the Tennis Ireland Tournament Software [ti.tournamentsoftware.com](http://ti.tournamentsoftware.com).
10. The draw for the events will take place after the closing date. All RR draw sheets will be available online and accessed on [ti.tournamentsoftware.com](http://ti.tournamentsoftware.com).
11. Scores must be entered by date specified.
12. No points will be awarded for games left unplayed.
13. Prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each event



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## Failure to play matches

1. The onus is on each player to make contact early and arrange matches.
2. If a player is injured and unable to a text needs to be sent to Laurent.
3. Failure by a player unless injured to play any matches in any event in any month will result in that player being suspended from that RR event for the next month unless they have contacted the Captains and made them aware of the fact. That player will have to re-apply to join the RR in that event in the following month.

## Joining the Round Robin series after the initial entry period.

1. Should members wish to join the Round Robins after the 1st round, they may do so by completing registration online using the TI Tournament Software accessed on [ti.tournamentsoftware.com](http://ti.tournamentsoftware.com). and paying the related fee.
2. If players are unable to play in a particular month, they are requested as a courtesy to fellow players and to the organisers, to advise of their situation so that we maximise the number of 'active' players in each month and minimise walkovers. The organisers will remove players who have not played, unless they are contacted.
3. Doubles substitutions are at the discretion of the Captains and must be approved before any matches are played.

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