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**Connacht Singles Championship 2017**

**Connacht Branch Mission Statement**

**More players,**

**Better Players,**

**Better structures**

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**Club entry form**

* Entries to be submitted before December 15th to

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| **Player Name** | **Mobile Number** | **Entry fee** | **Please tick if on waiting list** |
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| **Total fee attached:\_\_\_\_\_x €60** | **€** |  |
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| **No fee to be submitted for waiting list until confirmation of entry by tournament coordinator****Please make cheques payable to Connacht branch-tennis Ireland** |

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# RULES

# Organising committee:

Tournament coordinator - Benoit Lusson (Claremorris tennis club) 0860753700

Facilities coordinator - Brendan Murphy (Castlebar tennis club)

Ranking officer - Garrett Barry (Regional development officer)

# Events

* This league will be a MIXED SINGLES Event
* It is open to Men, Ladies and Connacht Squad Juniors over 16 (from 1st of January 2017) all combined in the 2 events B and A levels
* The tournament organisers reserve the right to allow younger juniors to enter if they deem them to be at the appropriate level
* This event will be limited to a maximum of 64 players in Connacht
* Each club will be allocated a number of participating places. (See 2-format)
* Entry fee is **60 euro per player** (covers court rental, lights and balls for 4 & up to 6 matches per player)

# Format

* This event will consist of **2 draws of 32 players (A and B Draw), but may change slightly based on the actual number of entries**
* **8 pool** of 4 players in each draw will dispute a **round robin followed by an elimination event**
* The winner of each pool will go into an elimination event from Quarter final to final and the winner will be the A draw winner.
* The 2nd, 3rd and 4th of each pool will ALSO go into their own elimination events from Quarter final to final
* Winners and runner up of EACH elimination will be eligible for prizes (if 64 players enter, 16 players will get prizes)
* **Each game will be best for 3 sets. (with normal tie break in each set)**
* The tournament committee will distribute the players in each section based on standard and recent results in competitions
* Seeding will apply to the top 8 players in each draw and will be placed in separate pools
* Players will be ranked on entry and distributed into A and B draws accordingly.
* Initial allocations of places is based on club size and will be as follows:
* Any unused places will be redistributed based on club demand (waiting list system)
* Places have been distributed initially based on current estimated interest and participation in competitions, however this is likely to change based on interest form the clubs ☺.
* 12-Galway
* 12-Castlebar
* 12-Sligo
* 6- Ballina
* 6- Claremorris
* 4- Loughrea
* 4-Ballaghadereen
* 3-Manorhamilton
* 3-Westport
* 2-Maree

# Draw

* Entries to be submitted before December 15th
* Ranking and Draw will take place by January 1st

# Schedule of Play

* Each fixture will be played in The CASTLEBAR DOME on Saturdays and/or Sundays from 4pm to 7pm

Dates: play will be **4pm or 5:30pm** on Saturdays or Sundays

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| Round | A Draw | B Draw |
| Round robin 1st round | January 7th & 8th | January 14th & 15th |
| Round robin 2nd round | January 21st & 22nd | January 28th & 29th |
| Round robin 3rd round | February 4th & 5th | February 11th & 12th |
| Elimination QF | February 19th | February 26th |
| SF & Finals  | March 11th or 12th, all day | March 11th or 12th, all day |

* In the event of unavailability, Players will have the opportunity to schedule their own match in an agreed venue subject to request and approval by the Tournament Secretary. This will be done at player’s own costs

# Prize eligibility

* The following prizes will be awarded if full entry of 64 players is achieved.
* Prize money will be distributed to up to 16 players (if 64 enter) –
* **Winner top prize €200,**
* **Runner-up €150 in both A & B draws.**
* Up to 6 other eliminations winners €100 and Runner up €60

# Communications

* The Schedule will be published on tournament software
* The onus is on players to visit the website regularly to keep track of schedule and results
* All results shall be recorded on match sheets after each game and texted to Benoit 0860753700
* Failure to record or text results may result in no points awarded

# Financials

* Each club MUST submit players entries with appropriate fee BEFORE December 15th
* Failure to do so on time may result in entries being allocated to other clubs
* It is up to clubs to charge their players as they wish to

# Tennis Etiquette Guidelines

1. No profanities, yelling or screaming at any time while on court.
2. Cell phones must not be used on court.
3. No food, drinks (other than water and sports drinks) or chewing gum on courts.
4. Show respect to all players at all times.
5. Please keep the courts clean by picking up all balls and throwing away any trash.
6. If you need to cross a court that is occupied to access yours, please only cross in between points.
7. Do not retrieve a ball from another court while their point in still in progress. Please wait until they finish their point.
8. If you are around the tennis courts but not playing, please keep noises to an appropriate level and respect members who are playing.
9. Before starting play, ensure the court is free from hazards (extra balls, cans or other debris).
10. Have fun! The entire objective of playing tennis, aside from being good aerobic exercise, is to have fun. You can follow these rules of etiquette and still have a good time on the courts – the players on adjacent courts will appreciate it.