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Croydon League Play

Format

- All league matches are 3 v 3.
- The Match is composed of 9 singles matches and 1 doubles - each player plays each other singles in the order of the Captain's choice and then the doubles is played.
- Each of the 10 games are best of 5 sets up to 11 and each is worth 1 point for a win and so there are 10 points available in each match played.
- Each team takes it in turn to score with the home side starting.
- The game will start with a warm up between the players the length of which will be determined by the players up to a maximum of 2 minutes at which time the person umpiring the game will "hide the ball" at their home end and the opponent will choose which hand the ball is in - if correct they will have the choice of starting to serve or giving the serve away to their opponent.

Etiquette

- Shirts/ tops must not be white.
- Shorts are preferable but track suit bottoms or similar are acceptable.
- Shoes must have non marking soles and be sensible for playing sport in.
- There are different customs in different venues and so be careful not to assume that what we allow at SPGC will be the same everywhere, for instance we do not make a fuss if players move about while games are being played as this will be the situation in a tournament but at other smaller venues they do not like it.
- For your own safety do **not** jump over barriers either to retrieve a ball or to move about.
- If a ball goes on to an adjacent court during a match wait for the players on that court to either call a let or for a natural break to occur before recovering the ball they will generally return the ball to you.
- If a ball comes into the court you are playing on from an adjacent court raise your hand and call let and then return the ball to the court from which it came.
- You are at liberty to inspect your opponents bat before play begins to determine what bat and rubbers they are using if you so wish.
- The Umpire's decision is final even if you think they are incorrect, if there is a disputed call generally decisions are made collectively and if all agree a let point will be called and the point replayed if appropriate, however the Umpire's decision is final and must be respected.

- If you gain a point via a net chord or an edge it is generally good form to say 'sorry' to your opponent.

General points

- If in doubt ask your Captain for guidance or I will generally be on hand at home games to give advice.
- Legal serves must be used in all league games and if anyone is in doubt we have a set of the laws of the game at hand to remind players what is and is not a legal serve.

