

Interclub 2007

This newsletter contains information about the format, times and other issues regarding all grades of interclub this year.

Open Box Challenge

The Open Box Challenge went extremely well last year and we would like to continue the competition this year. The box challenge is open to all abilities and players from division, veterans, masters, club players and juniors.

The aim of the Box Challenge is to provide meaningful competition and the format allows all players to find their level and they can expect quality matches.

Three separate Box Challenges will be run - one for singles, one for doubles, and one for mixed doubles.

Hopefully the separation of singles, doubles and mixed doubles into separate events will encourage masters to get more involved and enter doubles, while people only interested in singles will be satisfied too. Hopefully more juniors will also be involved.

Time

The Singles Box Challenge will be held in May, the Doubles Box Challenge will be held in June and the Mixed Doubles Challenge will be held in August. We will inform all members when the exact dates and times have been finalised.

Cost

Entry and fees must be in 1 week before the scheduled start of each competition. The fees are \$40 for a four week competition and \$30 for a three week competition.

Players will get a 20% discount for playing their second and third box challenge.

Players are required to supply their own shuttles, which must be of a quality approved by the WBA. A list of acceptable shuttles will be made available closer to the time.

Format

- For **doubles**, players are required to find their own partners. Both men and women will compete in the same competition, however, partners must either both be men or both women. No mixed gender partnerships permitted.
- **If a player is unavailable on any scheduled date it is the players' responsibility to find a replacement.**
- The facility can only cater to a limited number of entries so if entries have to be declined it will be done on a last in first out basis.
- Before starting, entered players (pairs) will be loosely ranked according to ability at the judgement of the WBA. The players (pairs) will then be divided up into groups of three with the top three players (pairs) competing on court one, going down to the three lowest ranked players (pairs) competing on court eight.

- Each player (pair) will play every other player (pair) on their court each week. (A vs. C, B vs. C, A vs. B).
- Matches will be best of 3 games to 21 points as per the new Rally point system.
- The player (pair) that wins the most matches, (or games/points on count back if wins are equal) moves to the above court the next week. The player (pair) that wins the least matches moves to the court below the next week. This will continue over the four weeks for doubles and over 3 weeks for singles.
- Pairs/players will get 20 points for winning a match and 15 points for winning the court. The player (pair) with the most points after four weeks/three weeks wins. This way, a player (pair) starting on court eight still has an opportunity to win the competition.
- Players are also earning points for their club in the race for the “Champion Club Trophy”.

B-Grade Interclub

The format of the competition is as follows:

Team composition;

Each team is to have:

- 2 men minimum, 3 men maximum
- 2 women minimum, 3 women maximum

Matches:

- 2 men’s singles 1 women’s singles
- 1 men’s doubles 1 women’s doubles
- 2 mixed doubles

Total games: 7

There will be a maximum of 16 teams in this competition. Clubs are asked to grade their own players. WBA reserves the right to re-grade any player. Players who are playing in Division 4 are eligible to play in this competition.

Players who are playing in Division 3 are not eligible to play in this competition.

Teams will be divided into 2 pools (e.g Pool A and Pool B) based on a draw and each pool will consist of 8 teams.

Teams will play against another team in the same pool in a round robin format every fortnight to determine their ranking followed by a cross-over semi playoff and a final.

All teams will play on the final day.

Cost and Shuttles

Cost per team is \$150

Dates & Times

- Played on Tuesdays, from 7 – 10.00pm.
 - Tuesday, 24th April (Pool A)
 - Tuesday, 1st May (Pool B)
 - Tuesday, 8th May (Pool A)
 - Tuesday, 15th May (Pool B)
 - Tuesday, 22nd May (Pool A)
 - Tuesday, 29th May (Pool B)
 - Tuesday, 5th June (Pool A)
 - Tuesday, 12th June (Pool B)
 - Tuesday, 19th June (Pool A)
 - Tuesday, 26th June (Pool B)
 - Tuesday, 3rd July (Pool A)
 - Tuesday, 10th July (Pool B)
 - Tuesday, 17th July (Pool A)
 - Tuesday, 24th July (Pool B)
 - Tuesday, 31st July (Playoff)
 - Tuesday, 7th August (Playoff)
 - Tuesday, 14th August (Final)

C-Grade and D-Grade

This year, C-Grade and D-Grade will be separate grades, but still played at the same time and with the same format.

C-Grade will be for any players that are not quite at B-Grade level. Again Clubs are asked to grade their own players but WBA reserves the right to re-grade any player.

It is suggested that the top four teams from last season's C/D-Grade form the nucleus of C-Grade and we are hopeful that two new teams can be generated so we have 6 teams in the grade.

D-Grade will be a new grade on its own with the remaining teams from last season's C/D grade and we are asking for some new teams so we can expand this grade to 6 teams.

The competition will be round-robin format, plus a final. Final format may change depending on the number of teams entered.

Dates & Times;

- Played on Sundays fortnightly, from 6 - 8pm.
 - Sunday, 29th April
 - Sunday, 13th may
 - Sunday, 27th May
 - Sunday, 10th June
 - Sunday, 24th June
 - Sunday, 8th July
 - Sunday, 22nd July
 - Sunday, 5th August

Sunday, 19th August
Sunday, 2nd September (Playoff for final placing)

Format

| Like last year's competition each team has 4 players per night.

The team will consist of two men and two women.

Players are ranked by ability. Competition is doubles only with each member of the team combining with the other three members.

Matches will be the best of three games to 21 points, Rally point scoring.

Player 1 & Player 2 versus Player 1 & Player 2 (other team)

Player 3 & Player 4 versus Player 3 & Player 4 (other team)

Player 1 & Player 3 versus Player 1 & player 3 (other team)

Player 2 & Player 4 versus Player 2 & player 4 (other team)

Player 2 & Player 3 versus Player 2 & player 3 (other team)

Player 1 & Player 4 versus Player 1 & player 4 (other team)

Total: 6 matches

Cost and Shuttles

Cost per team is \$200 and shuttles are provided

Champion Club Trophy

This year we are creating an Overall Interclub Prize (Champion Club Trophy). Points will be awarded to clubs for all teams entered and the placings they achieve. We are acknowledging participation and performance.

Players competing in the Open Box Challenge series will have the results from their performances credited back to their club. Should players belong to more than one club, they can nominate which club their points should go to before the start of the competition.

The formula is as follows:

Participation Points – 4 points awarded to every club entering a team in a WBA Interclub competition. i.e B Grade Interclub, C/D Grade Interclub

2 points awarded to every club for each doubles combination entered into a doubles box challenge event. (1 point for each person's club if from different clubs)

1 point awarded to every club for members entered into a Singles Box Challenge Event.

Achievement points

The winner of an interclub competition is awarded 5 points for their club.

The winners of a doubles box challenge are awarded 5 points between the 2 players for their club (if the doubles pairings are from two different clubs they split the total points on offer).

The winner of a single box challenge earns 5 points for their club.

The second place team in an interclub competition is awarded 4 points for their club.

Second place pair in a doubles box challenge is awarded 4 points between the 2 players for their club (if the doubles pairings are from two different clubs they split the total points on offer).

| The second place in a singles box challenge earns 4 points for their club.

The third place team in an interclub competition is awarded 3 points for their club.

Third place pair in a doubles box challenge is awarded 3 points between the 2 players for their club (if the doubles pairings are from two different clubs they split the total points on offer).

| The third place in a singles box challenge earns 3 points for their club.

The fourth place team in an interclub competition is awarded 2 points for their club.

Fourth place pair in a doubles box challenge is awarded 2 points between the 2 players for their club (if the doubles pairings are from two different clubs they split the total points on offer).

| The fourth place in a singles box challenge earns 2 points for their club.

The fifth place team in an interclub competition is awarded 2 points for their club.

Fifth place pair in a doubles box challenge is awarded 2 points between the 2 players for their club (if the doubles pairings are from two different clubs they split the total points on offer).

The fifth place in a singles box challenge earns 2 points for their club.

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Entries for B, C/D grade Interclub are due by Friday, 20th April.

Regards,

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