

# **HOSPITAL CUP COMPETITION RULES**

- 1. Players should not enter the tournament if they are not available on Finals Day.**
- 2. Each match shall consist of three sets, the first two being tie-break sets and the third a long set.**
- 3. It is the responsibility of both players/pairs in the draw to contact their opponents to arrange their match. The top player/pair has the home advantage. If by the play by date this has not happened, one player/pair will be drawn from a hat by the tournament Secretary to proceed to the next round.**
- 4. Each participating club must nominate a contact for the competition (the Club Representative).**
- 5. It is the responsibility of the winning player or pair to notify their Club Representative of the result of their match within 48 hours of its completion and of both players or pairs to ensure that the result is entered on their own club master draw sheet, which should be displayed in their clubhouse. Club Representatives should notify the tournament secretary of all the results of their players soon after each play-by date.**
- 6. Players or pairs having difficulty in arranging matches for any reason should notify the tournament Secretary at least three days before the deadline of any relevant round.**
- 7. It is the responsibility of the home player/pair/club to supply NEW balls for the match.**
- 8. In any dispute, the decision of the tournament Committee shall be final.**

**IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE RULES, THE ESSEX SMALL CLUBS LEAGUE RULE REGARDING LARGER CLUBS WILL APPLY IN THAT LARGER CLUBS PARTICIPATING IN THE COMPETITION WHO ALSO COMPETE IN THE MAJOR COUNTY LEAGUES (i.e. ESSEX OR HERTS) MAY NOT INCLUDE THEIR 1<sup>ST</sup> OR 2<sup>ND</sup> TEAM PLAYERS IN THE COMPETITION.**