

Archdale Rules

1. The organising committee, subject to the number of participating teams, will decide the number of groups.
2. Each match will be the best of 9 sets, each set being the best of 3 games. Each game will be up to 21 points and no more. If a game is tied at 20 points the next point wins. Change service every 5 points.
3. In an event of a tie on the number of winning sets at the top of each division the result of the match between the 2 tied teams will determine the top team.
4. The organising committee will determine the handicaps on the basis of the latest available individual averages. New players handicap will be determined by the organising committee based on an assessment of the individual player, this may be reviewed at the discretion of the organising committee. There will be no right of appeal by individual players regarding his/her own handicap.
5. In a set where both players have a plus handicap, each game will commence by subtracting one handicap from the other to create a points start for one player.(E.g. Player A – plus 10, player B – plus 5, then Player A commences each game with a 5 points start}. Where minus handicaps are involved please see table below for the number of serves to start of the game.

	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
-4	3	2	1	5	4	3	2	1	5	4	3	2	1	5	4	3	2	1	5	4
-3	2	1	5	4	3	2	1	5	4	3	2	1	5	4	3	2	1	5	4	3
-2	1	5	4	3	2	1	5	4	3	2	1	5	4	3	2	1	5	4	3	2
-1	5	4	3	2	1	5	4	3	2	1	5	4	3	2	1	5	4	3	2	1
0	4	3	2	1	5	4	3	2	1	5	4	3	2	1	5	4	3	2	1	5

6. Completed score sheets to be sent in by the home team within 4 days of each match. Failure to do so will provide the organising committee the opportunity to award the match to the away team.
7. Players should complete each set with the same bat. Changes will only be permissible either with agreement of the opponent or if the bat is broken.
8. Under normal circumstances a player will only play for one team, the team to which he/she is registered. In exceptional circumstances a player may play for another team within the same club following approval of the organising committee.
9. In the event of a walkover being claimed and agreed by both teams and the organising committee, the innocent team shall be awarded a maximum of 5 points. The defaulting team shall be awarded nil points.