

Inter-Firms 2026 Regulations

Grading

- No Team may play Below the Grade of its Highest Graded Player.
- A Player who has no Grade and enters becomes that Grade which they have entered for the entirety of the Tournament.
- Any player not graded in the Munster Directory will be graded at the discretion of St. Anne's Tennis Club Inter-Firms Tournament Committee.
- The Tennis Munster grading list at the time the entry closes will be used as the official grading list for the tournament.
- The minimum age for participants is 18 years of age at the closure of entries.
- If 2 or more players from a cup winning team in 2025 enter together in 2026, they must enter in the next highest grade.
- If you are a past or current member of a tennis club, then you are not permitted to enter the beginner's section.

Subbing

- Substitutes must be approved 24 hours in advance by the Tournament Referee (contact office). Substitutes cannot show up and expect to play without first being approved by the Tournament Referee.
- Once a player is named on a Team, that player may NOT sub within the same Category or Lower for the entirety of the Tournament. Players named on a Team can sub up in a higher Category.
- A Substitute must be a Correctly Graded Player and can only sub for players of the same grade or lower, i.e. A Grade 5 player can get a Grade 5 or Grade 6 to sub.
- If a sub of a grade higher than the true grade of the team entered plays in a game, the score of the pair involving the illegal player will be declared null and void. This decision will be made retrospectively by the tournaments committee.
- A Substitute may NOT sub for multiple teams in the same Round Robin group.
- A Substitute may NOT sub for both the Cup and Plate draws in the second week, e.g. if a Substitute subs for a team in the Plate, they can NOT sub in the Cup.
- If a person is playing in the tournament (named on a team) and subbing up a Category, they are only allowed to sub twice **If they are knocked out of their own grade, they can then continue to sub with the higher Category.**
- If a player has subbed in the plate in a category, they are not permitted to sub for another team plate or cup in the same category and vice versa.
- All subs are only allowed to sub twice, if they sub a 3rd time on the same team, they will now remain part of that team.
- The above Notes apply to subbing in Category Premier, A, B, C and D only.
- A list of available subs can be found on the club noticeboard.

Format

- Each Team will consist of two Men and two Ladies.
- The first week format is Men's doubles and Ladies doubles.

- The second week format is Mixed Doubles. The pairings of Mixed Team A & Mixed Team B are predetermined when filling out the entry form.
- The finals day format for Cup events will consist of Men's, Ladies and Mixed doubles.
- The finals day format for Plate events will consist of Mixed doubles only.
- BABOLAT Team tennis balls will be used.

Scoring

- The Winner of each Match will be the Team with the Highest Combined Total.
- In the event of a Draw, the Match will be decided on the result of the Mixed Pair A Team.
- First to Reach 9 Games, NO Tie Break at 8 All.

In the round robin competitions: -

If teams are tied with the same number of overall games won, they will be separated by score difference.

If a team does not complete its schedule all its games are scratched.

If groups have, or end up with, different numbers of team's places other than 1st are decided by average points per game.

Late Arrivals/Walk Over

- Teams Must check in 15 minutes Before Scheduled Match Time.
- If a Team (or part of a Team) is Late, the Opposing Team (or part of a Team) Will receive a Walk Over.

Availability

- All Teams must be available to play when scheduled.
- Play will commence on Monday 4th May 2026.
- Extent of availability will determine whether an Entry is Accepted or Rejected.

Team Captain

The Team Captain is responsible for all matters relating to the Team.

- Availability of Team Members.
- Check Scheduled Time for Matches (available on Tennis Ireland Tournament Software)
- That all attire and footwear is approved for tennis. If in doubt, please check with the tournament committee.
- That team members are physically fit and able to play without undue risk of injury.
- Check in Team 15 minutes before Scheduled Match Time.
- Check if Substitutions are acceptable.
- Indicate Clearly which are Mixed A & Mixed B pairings on their Team.
- Return Match Score & Tennis Balls to Tournament Office.

General

- In the event of a dispute, a resolution of which will rest with the Tournament Committee and their decision will be final and irrevocable.

