

Adult Team Tennis at Hallamshire

Dear Tennis Member,

We are writing to inform you about the various team competitions you can get involved with at Hallamshire. Throughout the year Hallamshire enter a number of different teams into Sheffield & District leagues. This is your opportunity to represent your club and be part of a Hallamshire team!!

Below is a table outlining the Sheffield & District team competitions that Hallamshire are currently involved in throughout the year:

Team/(Total Players Per Week)	Time of Year	Approx No. of Matches in Season	Day	Format	Start & Approx finish time	Contact
Men's Summer Teams x 4 (24)	April – July	9	Saturday	3 pairs 9 matches	2-6:30pm	Hallamshire S&D Player WhatsApp thread mccoyrocque@gmail.com
Ladies Summer Teams x 6 (24)	April – July	9	Thursday	2 pairs, 4 matches	6-10pm	Jude Langdon J.Langdon@shu.ac.uk
Mixed Summer Teams x 2 (8)	July – Sept	9	Saturday	3 pairs, 9 matches	2-6pm	Alex Jinks Alex@academytennis.co.uk Meg Guttridge megd@hotmail.co.uk
Men's Late Summer Team x 1 (4)	July – Sept	9	Saturday	2 pairs, 2 matches	2-6pm	Paul Armytage paul@pennywisecleaners.co.uk
Ladies Late Summer Teams x 4 (16)	July – Sept	7	Thursday	2 pairs, 2 matches	6-9pm	Susan Howard skhoward@hotmail.co.uk
Mixed Winter League x 2 (8)	October - Feb	14	Saturday	2 pairs, 4 matches	1-4pm	Pete Tuckett Petetuckett47@gmail.com Karla Hernandez sophihg@yahoo.com

Dedicated Team Practice Dates:

The Tuesday ladies and Wednesday men's nights turn into dedicated team practise night from 4 weeks before the start of the summer league matches in early April. As a build up to the start of the summer leagues The Academy coaching team deliver some coaching tips for team players. All Team players are encouraged to attend if possible.

Ladies: - Team Practice is weekly on Tuesday's from 6-8pm

Men's: - Team Practice is weekly on Wednesday's from 6-8pm

During these sessions we would like to invite players who:

- Are C+ standard upwards (Club's Adult rating system)
- Can commit to playing some or all of the day's listed below (see table)
- Will commit to playing for Hallamshire, players who are members of the club but play for other clubs in S&D matches are free to attend the men's and ladies nights BEFORE & AFTER the first 4 sessions

Match Day and Team Selection Info:

Once we get closer to the start of the competition season the various captains will meet to make the team selections. Players will be notified in advance of the match, by the captain of the team they are selected for. Players will be advised of start time and venue along with any other meeting time and travel arrangements.

If you are playing in an away match you will have a meeting time at Hallamshire if you require transport up to the venue or you can let the captain know and meet at the match venue if this is more convenient.

Please note there is a small match fee for all players that the captain collects on the day. This is to cover balls, and refreshments for all home matches.

After the match has ended players are free to leave however as a club we encourage players to stay and have a tea/coffee and cake and socialise with the opposing team and team mates.

How To Get Involved:

To get involved then simply email the relevant captain from the table above to express your interest. Your contact details will be saved to a master spread sheet that each captain keeps for their teams.

Hallamshire Teams End of Season Presentation Evening (Internal):

At the end of the summer leagues we organise a presentation evening and get together to celebrate the players participation and representation of the club during the previous 12 months. The captains will organise a date and invites will be sent out to everyone who has represented a Hallamshire team. This is a great opportunity for both the men's and ladies teams to socialise and have a good time. This normally take place in September

Sheffield & District Presentation Evening (External):

Towards the end of the year (November) the Sheffield and District association holds a presentation night for all teams who have taken part in the various leagues they run. Hallamshire normally have 1-2 tables (20-30 players – male & female) who have either been successful and are due to be presented with a trophy or just want to be part of the celebration evening. This is an external event which is separate to our “end of season presentation evening”. The Hallamshire Tennis Committee – S&D Sub Committee will contact players later in the year to gauge interest in the S&D Dinner with a view to acquiring tickets – tickets are generally priced at around £40 per person. The S&D dinner takes place at an external venue sometime in November

FaQ's:

1. I'm not sure I'm good enough to play in the teams?

We recommend that any C+ player (internal club rating system) will be of a level to play in a team. If you don't have a club rating then feel free to contact a coach you might know and ask them. If you feel comfortable serving, returning and holding a rally to a consistent level as well as knowing the positions for doubles and how to score then your in the right place!!

2. Do I have to commit to every match during the season?

The short answer is NO. There are players who do commit to the whole season and play with other regular partners who also commit, however there are players who can only play a few matches during the season due to other commitments. With the number of teams and matches throughout the year we are just keen to have as many people as possible available so the captains are able to field

3. I don't know anyone else in the team?

Again this is fine. If you are able to attend the ladies or men's practise nights you will meet a lot of the other players who play, some will be ad hock players only playing 1 or 2 matches in the season and some will be more regular players.