



2019 EFLTC CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

First Name: **Surname:**

Email:

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Event No	Event	Partner's Name (or write "Partner Required")	Entry Fee (GST inc)	Tick Events	\$
Championship Events					
1	Men's Championship Singles		\$20		
2	Men's Championship Doubles		\$12 each		
3	Ladies Championship Singles		\$20		
4	Ladies Championship Doubles		\$12 each		
5	Mixed Championship Doubles		\$12 each		
6	i8 Invitational 8 Doubles (see note 11)	Assigned by organisers	\$12 each		
				TOTAL	\$

I agree to the Entry Conditions (please sign):

Post entries to: Club Championships, EFLTC, 37 Bristol Avenue, Bicton 6157.

Please make cheques payable to: EAST FREMANTLE LAWN TENNIS CLUB INC.

Club Email: info@eastfreetennisclub.org.au

Credit Cards Accepted: Mastercard: Visa: Amount: \$.....

Card No Expiry Date:/.....

Name on Card: Signature:

ENTRY CONDITIONS

1. Entry forms and payments may be emailed to Janine Ahern info@eastfreetennisclub.org.au, posted or handed in at the Club to Janine Ahern.
2. Entries close at 6.00pm, Sunday 3rd March.
3. Dates of play: **6 weekends from 9th March – 13th April**. Championship Finals are expected to be on Saturday afternoon 13th April.
4. Matches can be played any day or time but will need to be completed by the scheduled date for each round.
5. Grading will be at the discretion of the tournament organisers.
6. Matches will be the best of 3 tie-breaker sets or for an event that is a round robin first to 9 with tie-break at 8 all.
7. All players must be financial members of EFLTC.
8. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to make any changes to the length of matches, playing times or courts as necessary to complete events.
9. The draw will be posted on the EFLTC website and at the Manager's Office by the Thursday PM prior to the each weekend of the Tournament.
10. **Championship events will be played using a seeded feed-in with a consolation draw which guarantees that all entrants get multiple matches because players go into a consolation draw when they lose (see next page for example). Round-Robins may also be used depending on numbers. The exact format will be decided by the Committee when the entry numbers are known.**
11. The Invitational 8 (i8) event is by invitation only. It is expected to be played on the afternoon of **Sunday 31st March** and consists of Fast-4 round robins for 2 pools of 4 teams (i.e. 3 matches), and a final between winners of each pool.

Tournament Director: Paul Hemsley: 0438 110 068.

***It is up to players to check the draw (on the EFLTC Website) for their playing times.**

Innovative Club Championship Structure

EFLTC had great success last year with an innovative Club Championship structure.



Blake Cheshire wins an Epic 2018 final vs Scott Marshall

A perennial problem EFLTC faced was that weaker players were not inclined to enter the annual Club Championships given the high likelihood that they would face a strong pennant player in the first round. Round-robin and novelty non-championship events encouraged participation, but the Club Championship event itself remained largely the domain of pennant players only.

Last year, EFLTC combined the concept of the 'Feed-In' tournament (as per the French Money Tournament system – courtesy of Philippe Chatrier) with a consolation event.

Members enter the tournament at a round based on their ability. The weakest players enter at the first round (and play each other), while the best players enter later in the tournament – the two highest ranked players enter at the semi-finals. Losers at every round up to the quarter-final drop into the consolation event as it progresses, which guarantees two matches per player and usually between players of similar standards.

Entries last year were double that of previous years, and the positive feedback from the members (both pennant and non-pennant players) is testament to its success. Members appreciated the opportunity to enjoy some high-quality competitive matches, and the tournament could begin before the end of the summer pennant season.

