



## Womens' Doubles Association

Providing women with more competitive opportunities across the UK.

The competitions will be one day events across the UK either daytime midweek or weekends for a range of levels aged 18 and over. The competition will provide women the opportunity to take part in a fun, social event where they can play with a friend who may or may not be a member of their club and meet other players of a similar level without it being too time consuming or the match too one sided.

Each player will self-rate themselves using a simple grading system (see below) and must enter with someone of the same rating. They will be put in a round robin box of 3 pairs of the same rating getting 2 matches each. The aim is to have 3 courts so 18 players in total.

The event will take no more than 4-5 hours so can be fitted in around school runs if midweek or half a day if weekend.

Players who are registered with the hosting venue may play but this will be capped at one pair per box to maximise the chances of not playing people they play against regularly.

The cost of the event will be no more than £20 per player depending on the court hire cost of the venue.

The aim of the events is to provide more easily accessible competition to players that:

- Don't have regular competitive opportunities
- Are looking to get back into competition
- Want to play with a friend outside of their club
- Want a structured competitive experience without it being too pressurized
- Can be used as the competitive element to players who participate in 'Pair and Play'

## Doubles Rating Criteria

Below is a rough guide for players to find their level, age will also be taken into consideration when possible. The ratings in blue are where the players who the events will be focused on.

Rating	Player Description
1.0	Complete beginner, has little or no tennis experience.
2.0	Has a basic understanding of the shots, can rally from the baseline and serve reasonably consistently.
3.0	Can rally and serve consistently, is also competent at the net. Has a basic understanding of doubles positioning.
4.0	Comfortable playing low intensity doubles points and scoring, has an understanding of some of the tactics used in doubles including being both at the net and covering the court.
5.0	Can play a competitive game of doubles, understands the positioning needed when serving, returning and at the net. Would be comfortable playing a relaxed match such as club social.
6.0	Has played competitive doubles at low club level, understands the various positions when attacking and defending. Can include some tactics in their games such as lobbing and approaching the net. Would be comfortable playing a match in a league.
7.0	Has played competitive doubles at mid club level or competed as a junior, has all of the qualities of 6.0 but also has a good understanding of the variety of skills needed on the doubles court including confidence at the net
8.0	Has played competitive doubles at high club level, can include a variety of tactics in their game such as serve and volley, interception and is aware of different strategies that can be used.
9.0	As above but has played Summer County Cup in the past and used to play high level as a junior. Still competes at high club/county level.
10.0	Has played Senior National/International level in the past, still competes to high club/county level.