

## NMTTL Handicap Cup 2023/24 Instructions

As this is the first time we are using this method, we wanted to give a bit more detail as to how the handicap cup will run this year.

We will be trialling the use of the handicap point system that is within TT365. Whilst it is not available for the general members to see, we can download it to share. The handicaps are based on your TT365 rankings, this means they are fluid and will change throughout the season. For this reason, we will download the handicaps the week before the matches to send to all the captains and these will be the rankings you will use the following week.

There are currently 16 players who are unranked being new to TT365 and not having played enough matches yet. I would ask teams to contact us at least 3 days in advance of your match if you are intending to play an unranked player and we will need to look at issuing a temporary handicap until they have played enough matches. This process may be quite involved which is why I do not want to needlessly calculate handicaps for every unranked player.

In terms of the format, we wanted a format in which every single point would count.

All players will get a handicap based on "Our Ranking" on TT365. The top-rated player gets 0 and the points are issued depending on the difference in your ranking points.

Example List;

Joe Bloggs	0
Andy Batt	2
Dave Table	3
Alan Ball	5

To make things easier I will use the above fictional list that I have created. Take your handicap and calculate the difference to who you are playing. For instance, if Joe Bloggs and Andy Batt were playing Andy would get a  $2 - 0 = 2$  nil head start. If Alan Ball were to play Andy Batt, Alan would get a  $5 - 2 = 3$  nil head start. For doubles matches add the handicap of the two players playing before calculating the difference which will then be halved (rounding up if there is a 0.5).

e.g. Joe Bloggs & Dave Table vs Andy Batt & Alan Ball =  $0+3$  vs  $2+5 = 3$  vs  $7 = 4/2 = 2$  So in this scenario Andy Batt and Alan Ball would get a 2 nil head start.

I have given a space above the score boxes on the score sheet for the calculated handicap difference to be written to make things easier to remember e.g for the doubles example given above it would look like;

Set	Players	Game 1	Game 2
1	BC v YZ	0 - 2	0 - 2
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For the games each game to be played to 21, first to 21 no need for 2 points clear. Handicaps to be added at the start of the game as a head start. 5 serves each but change when the scores add up to a division of 5 i.e if one player had a 2 nil head start they would only get 3 serves at the start.

To calculate the game score this will be the difference in points relative to the home team's score.

So for instance if the score is 21 – 19 21 - 20 it would be a +3 score, if it were 19 -21, 20 – 21 it would be a -3 score. At the end of the match if the total is +\_’ve the home team win and if –’ve the away team win.

i.e.

<b>Set</b>	<b>Players</b>	<b>Game 1</b>	<b>Game 2</b>	<b>Game Score</b>	<b>Running Total</b>
1	BC v YZ	0 - 2	0 - 2	+3	+3
		21 - 19	21 - 20		
2	A v X	0 - 2	0 - 2	-3	0
		19 - 21	20 - 21		

Hopefully this is clear but do ask if you need any clarification.