GLTC Junior Box Leagues 2022

What are Junior Box leagues?
Box leagues are the best way to get some match practice. If you are only attending coaching, you are missing out on the best part of tennis – playing the game. Players are placed in a round robin group of 3,4 or 5 players of a similar level of play. Players have until the last day of the month to play everyone in their group. The winning player from each round robin box receives a small prize. Prizes are only awarded if all players have completed **all** their matches in the group.

How do I enter Junior Box Leagues?
To enter, please go to the "events" tab on your smart club account.

Entry Fee
Entry Fee is €3. The entry fee is to cover the cost of prizes for the group winner & runner up.

My child hasn't played many matches before, is it suitable for them?
If your child can serve, rally, and keep score, it is suitable. Sometimes a player can have a few tough matches but that's all part of learning the sport. You will find that after 20-30 matches your child will have improved a lot, simply by playing the game. If you are unsure, please ask your child's coach and they will give you the best advice.

Where are the box leagues published?
Junior box leagues are published on the "Junior Box League" page at wwwgreystonesltc.ie

What is the scoring system?
Matches are first to 8 games. Each game involves winning 4 points (15, 30, 40, Game). If both players get to 40, it is called "deuce". The box league scoring is "short deuce" whereby the player winning the next point after "deuce" wins the game. Players should swap ends after every odd number of games e.g., after 1-0, 2-1, 3-2, 4-3 etc. If the match goes to 7 games all (7-7), players must play a tie-break to decide the last game. A tie-break is first to win 7 points and you must win by two clear points (e.g., 8-6, 9-7, 11-9). In a tie-break, the player due to serve next serves for the first point, and after that the server changes every two points, swapping ends of the net every 6 points. If you are not sure, please ask one of the coaches who are always happy to help.

Do parents need to umpire the matches?
If you haven't played many matches before, it is advisable for 1 or both parents to help the children with keeping the score. Please encourage the players to make their own line calls. As soon as your child is confident with the rules and keeping score, parents should encourage their child to play the match without any assistance.

How do I organise my child's matches?

Once the groups are organised, you will be added to a WhatsApp group with access to other parent's mobile phone numbers. You can then organise your children's' matches at a time that suits both players. Don't forget, you must book your court for the match using the online court booking system.

How to record the score?
After the match, the parent of the winning player should text the score by WhatsApp or text to Alan on 0858675860.

Are Tennis Balls provided?
You must provide your own tennis balls for each match. Tennis balls are available to purchase through the online shop at greystonesltc.ie.

How long do matches last?
Matches should last on average between 30 mins to 1hr.

Is there an age limit?
Box Leagues are open to players born 2012 and older.

Contact:
For any queries on junior box leagues, please contact Alan on 0858675860.