



## King's Goblet 2022 General Information

### Tournament structure

#### Group stage

The King's Goblet tournament consists of one large group stage, where each pair will play 5 matches against 5 different pairs.

At the end of the group stage, all pairs will be ranked according to:

- Number of matches won
- The ratio of Total Games Won to Total Games lost
- Result between the teams (if applicable)
- Coin toss or draw lots

#### Knock-out stage

The top 8 teams will progress to the knock-out phase on Sunday afternoon. The knock-out phase comprises 4 quarter finals, 2 semi finals and the final.

Each match is timed to last 35 minutes. This *includes* two minutes of knock-up time. The game score when the buzzer goes off will determine who wins the match.

- In the *group stage* if the game score is equal, the match shall be concluded as a tie and each pair awarded half a win.
- In the *knockout stage* if the game score is equal, we will finish the current game (and go slightly over time).

### Schedule

We have circulated a detailed schedule of fixtures separately, to help you plan your tournament. The timings for the tournament are:

#### Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May

11:00am – 7:55pm: Group stage

#### Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May

8:30am – 9:30pm: Group stage

#### Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May

8:30am – 6:00pm: Group stage

#### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May

9:00am – 1:05pm Group stage

1:15pm – 3:35pm: Quarter finals

3:35pm – 4:45pm: Semi finals

4:55pm – 5:30pm: Final



5:30pm: Prizegiving and close

We have set up an online spreadsheet which will be updated with matches as they complete, to publish and calculate results in real-time. You can view the results by clicking here: <https://www.royaltenniscourt.com/tournaments/the-kings-goblet/2022>

### General tournament rules

As one of the few real tennis courts open to the general public, tourists will have access to the side gallery corridor at the Royal Tennis Court between 10am and 5.30pm on every day of the tournament. You should be aware that while the Club does its best to ask visitors to be quiet during play, this cannot be guaranteed. For safety reasons, we kindly ask that the door from the side gallery corridor onto the court is locked during warm-up and play.

Please ensure that you wear predominantly white clothing.

As an open handicap tournament with a range of handicaps participating, we remind players to play within the spirit of the game, taking into account the ability of your opponents (e.g. appropriate forcing at targets). Anyone flouting this rule will be given a warning first, followed by the loss of a game. This rule also includes timewasting.

The court floor will be cleaned periodically during the tournament.

There is no handicap cap for either individuals' handicap, nor the combined team handicap. Differences in handicap will be calculated first before rounding to the nearest number. We will use your doubles handicap for the tournament. The RTC Professionals reserve the right to alter handicaps at the end of the group stage.

Please ensure you arrive in good time for your fixture. You should be ready to go on court 10 minutes before the start time of your fixture. Remember that time on court to warm up is limited, so you may wish to begin warming up before stepping onto court.

If you arrive late for your match, you will be penalised one game for every 2 minutes you are late. If you are more than 15 minutes late, you will forfeit the match and the match will be recorded 7 games to 4 to the opposition.

In the event of a retirement due to injury during a match, the match shall be awarded to your opponent and the game score will be recorded 7 games to 4. If a player withdraws due to injury during the group stage, a stand-in is permitted, of any handicap, but cannot be someone already in the tournament. Your combined handicap will change accordingly.

### Parking facilities and directions

The Royal Tennis Court has no allocated car parking of its own; you should use the car park provided by the Palace. However, please be aware that at busy times (especially at weekends and even more especially in the summer) the car park can fill up quickly. This is particularly acute on Sunday mornings between 10am-12pm when the Palace Chapel holds its Sunday service. We cannot delay fixtures in the event of players failing to find a parking space – the retirement and forfeiture rules will apply. Security guards at the gate can advise nearby car parks.



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We advise against players leaving cars in the Hampton Court Palace car park overnight.

The nearest railway station is Hampton Court (700m door-to-door). It is in London Travelcard zone 6, and Oyster and contactless cards can be used. Trains run every half hour and take 36 minutes from London Waterloo. There are currently no engineering works scheduled for the weekend.

## Shower and changing facilities

While both changing rooms have shower facilities, we do not provide towels or toiletries. Both changing rooms have hair dryers.

## Security

To enter the club via Tennis Court Lane, you will need to go past the security post (see map), who should have your name on the door. More information on security can be found here:

<https://www.royaltenniscourt.com/the-club#the-club/notes-for-visiting-match-managers>

As the main corridor is open to the public, the changing rooms and toilets are accessed via a security code. Please ask the Professionals or an RTC member for the code. This code also opens the entrance to the club rooms via The Wilderness garden.

## Food and Drink

### Champagne Reception and BBQ

There will be a barbecue and drinks reception on Friday night (27<sup>th</sup> May) in the club garden from 6.00pm. Complementary champagne will be served, though a cash bar will operate once it runs out! Dress code is casual.

Some RTC members will relocate to the Mute Swan pub opposite the main Palace gates afterwards and everyone is cordially invited to join us. There are also plenty of pubs and restaurants in Hampton Court itself– do ask any of the Pros or an RTC member for any recommendations.

### Tournament Dinner

The tournament dinner will take place on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> May at Zizzi's Italian Restaurant, Hurst Road, Hampton Court. It is located on the other side of the river, a 5 minute walk from the Main Gates. The cost of food and some drinks are covered under the cost of the tournament entry. Extra drinks must be paid for separately. Dress code is casual.

[There is a further note about menu choices for the tournament dinner. Please look out for this email.](#)



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## During the tournament

On all four days:

- A cold buffet and jacket potatoes will be served for lunch.
- Cakes and nibbles will be served for afternoon tea.

There will be sausage baps for breakfast on Friday, Saturday and Sunday of the tournament

Please advise the Pros of any dietary requirements you have.

The club is cashless and you will be invoiced for any drinks or snacks from the club bar. Please ensure you sign for any drinks or snacks that you take from the bar. You will be invoiced via the email address you gave when you signed up for the event.

## Tours and merchandise

We are pleased to arrange two exclusive tours of Hampton Court Palace for participants, their friends and family.

- A tour of Hampton Court Palace with guide Steve Earl. This takes place on Saturday, 10:00am – 12:00pm.
- A rooftop tour of the Palace, with guide Lesley Ronaldson. This takes place on Sunday, 10:00am – 12:00pm. Sensible, closed toe footwear must be worn and admittance will be refused if footwear is deemed unsafe. The tour may be cancelled at short notice in the event of inclement weather. Over 12's only.

There are limited places still remaining for both tours, please get in touch if you would like to join a tour.

In addition, we have King's Goblet 2022 tournament T-shirts available to purchase in advance for £25. Available in men's and women's, sizes XS – XXL. The deadline for ordering a T-shirt to collect during the tournament is Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April. If you would like to place an order please email the King's Goblet mailbox.

You are welcome (and encouraged!) to enjoy the Palace's formal gardens when not playing in the tournament – please use the exit in the side gallery corridor. Please be aware if you wish to go around the Palace itself, you should purchase tickets separately. We will buy tickets for you if you are going on a tour.

## Fun and games off-court

During the tournament, we will have side games that we want everyone to enjoy:

- Target sweepstake: we will be running a sweepstake on the total number of targets (dedans, grille, winning gallery) hit during the tournament. Please submit your guesses along with your dinner choices. The person with the closest guess wins £50; the runner up wins a bottle of wine.
- Chase bingo: in the final, we will run a 'chase bingo' game. The first person to get 4 in a row on their bingo card will win two bottles of wine.



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- King's Goblet Supporters Club: before the tournament begins, we will assign each pair with another pair to support throughout the tournament. If your assigned team win the title, and you are around to watch, you will win a bottle of wine.
- The bandit jar: the bandit jar and sombrero return for another year. Any person mentioning the word "bandit" or openly questioning the handicap of any participant during the tournament shall pay £1 into the 'bandit jar'. This will be *strictly enforced!!* All money raised will go to the RTC Junior Development Fund.
- Table tennis: we will run an informal table tennis tournament on our outdoor table. Please email the King's Goblet mailbox if you would like to sign up.
- Reste board game tournament: we will run a mini real tennis board game tournament using the Reste game set. Please email the King's Goblet mailbox if you would like to sign up.
- The book: for those preferring to have a flutter on the outcome of the tournament, we will run a book for the outright winner. Note this is cash only, and no credit will be extended to anyone. Please look out for a list of prices at the club when you arrive, or email the King's Goblet mailbox for advance odds.

## Contact details

For further information, please call the Pro team at the club on +44 (0)208 977 3015, or [kings.goblet@royaltenniscourt.com](mailto:kings.goblet@royaltenniscourt.com)

## And finally...

We hope you enjoy playing in the King's Goblet 2022 tournament. It has always been a thoroughly enjoyable and fun long weekend of tennis, socialising and experiencing everything the Royal Tennis Court has to offer; we know this year will be no exception. Do tell your friends and family about the tournament so they can take part next year.



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