**RSRC Handicap Competition 2024-2025**

**Rules and Scoring**

1) American scoring applies – i.e. a point per rally for the winner of that rally, regardless of who served the ball.

2) Spin for serve at the beginning of the match; thereafter, whoever has won the game serves first in the following game.

3) The first player to score 21 points in a game wins that game.

4) Matches are to be played over the best of 3 games.

5) The player with the greater handicap starts at zero and the lower handicap player starts at the difference between the two handicaps.

The game is then played to 21 points from the latter player’s score.

*e.g.*

*Michael Crawford (-16) playing David Wildman (-8) means that each game starts with Michael on zero and David on 8 (the difference between -16 and*

*-8). They will then play until the first of them reaches 29 points.*

*Brian Margetts (-8) playing Steve Park (-8) will simply start at zero all and play first to 21 points in each game.*

6) If a tie-break situation is reached in any game, then the winner of that game is the first to go two clear points ahead.

7) The Final will be played on Finals Night – Thursday 3rd April 2025.