

Tennis SA

WINTER PENNANT BY-LAWS & CODE OF CONDUCT

March 2017

All matches shall be played in accordance with the Rules of Tennis as adopted by TENNIS SA INC., and according to current TENNIS AUSTRALIA instructions on Etiquette and Code of Conduct. Team Captains are expected to apply these rules and to exercise control over their own players in all respects relating to match play, discipline, sportsmanship, etc.

BY-LAWS

1. MANAGEMENT

The Winter Pennant Committee of Management shall control all matches and resolve all disputes.

2. ELIGIBILITY / REGISTRATIONS / CLEARANCES

2.1) This is a TENNIS SA conducted competition.

2.2) All players must be registered (if not already so) with Tennis SA after playing three (3) matches. Players must be registered with Tennis SA to compete in finals.

2.3) New players into a team which are not in the initial squad list by April 25th must be approved by TSA. If TSA is not notified before match day, you will have until 5:00 PM Monday to notify TSA or penalties will be opposed. Newly nominated players, who substantially alter the general standard of the team as originally graded, may not be accepted by the Committee. Penalty if player is not accepted – Loss of sets played by that player if the player is to play again in that team after being notified they are not eligible to play in that grade.

2.4) No player shall play for more than one club in any one series unless with a written clearance from that club and the written approval of the Committee. No clearance will be approved after four programmed matches. PENALTY: Loss of all sets played by offending player.

2.5) Where a club has two (2) teams in a division, once a player has played four (4) matches in one team, that player cannot transfer to the other team without the written approval of the Committee.

PENALTY: Loss of all sets played by offending player

2.6) TENNIS SA blacklisted players are not permitted to play. PENALTY: Loss of four (4) premiership points.

3. COURTS

3.1) Courts will not be accepted unless they are of good standard – lines clearly defined and good quality nets with straps. COURT DRYING EQUIPMENT MUST BE AVAILABLE.

3.2) No player can be forced to play on unsafe wet courts or when rain is falling.

3.3) Clubs playing on synthetic grass or clay courts, which are unable to be used due to waterlogging, will forfeit unless suitable alternative courts are provided for the match.

3.4) The Committee reserves the right to refuse any courts considered unsuitable.

4. MATCH PROCEDURE

- 4.1) Hit up Time commences at 12:45pm.
- 4.2) Matches to commence at 1.00pm.
- 4.3) Order of merit will be displayed on the score sheet. Captains shall exchange score sheets.
- 4.4) If a team has more than four players and a player is injured in doubles he or she can be replaced (in singles) by a player who played doubles but was not originally listed in singles. Order of merit rule must be followed.

Singles Competition

- 4.5) Teams may consist of up to 6 players.
- 4.6) Doubles – Best of 2 tiebreak sets (12 point tiebreak at 6 all, 1st to 7 points with advantage of 2) with third set if required being a match tiebreak (first to 10 points with an advantage of 2 points). Number 1 singles player in order of merit must play in the top doubles pairing. Other players are flexible to move.
- 4.7) Singles – Best of 2 tiebreak sets (12 point tiebreak at 6 all, 1st to 7 points with advantage of 2) with third set if required being a match tiebreak (first to 10 points with an advantage of 2 points).
- 4.8) Doubles shall be played first in all divisions except Premier Division – Singles first.
- 4.9) Order of merit – A player may only move up or down one position each week. A player may not move two positions or more without the approval of Tennis SA.
- 4.10) **Players not present** and ready to play by 1.15pm shall forfeit their doubles.
- 4.11) **Any team with less than 4 players** present at 2.00pm shall forfeit singles from the lowest position. (except Premier Division.)

Doubles only Competition

- 4.12) Teams may consist of up to 6 players.
 - 4.13) The rotations are;

Rotation 1 -	1 & 2 v 1 & 2	3 & 4 v 3 & 4
Rotation 2 –	1 & 3 v 1 & 3	2 & 4 v 2 & 4
Rotation 3 -	1 & 4 v 1 & 4	2 & 3 v 2 & 3
 - 4.14) **Men's** Rubbers shall be of 2 sets – 12 point tie-break to be played at 6 all, a total of 12 sets.
 - 4.15) **Women's** Rubbers shall be 1 set – 12 point tie-break to be played at 8 all, a total of 6 sets.
 - 4.16) **Players not present** and ready to play by 1.15pm shall forfeit their first 2 sets for men and first set for Women.
 - 4.17) **Players not present** and ready to play by 2.00pm shall forfeit all sets.
- Scoresheets** must be written out before play starts. If someone becomes injured or unable to play they may not sub in a replacement and the match will become a forfeit. You may not have the same pairing twice in a match if more than four players are used.

5. TEAM FORFEITS

- 5.1) In singles and doubles matches a team receiving a forfeit shall receive 10 points, 6 rubbers, 12 sets and 72 games.
- 5.2) In doubles only men's matches a team receiving a forfeit shall receive 16 points, 12 sets, and 72 games.
- 5.3) In doubles only women's matches a team receiving a forfeit shall receive 10 points, 6 sets and 54 games.
- 5.4) The team forfeiting a match shall advise their opponents as early as possible prior to the match and forward a written explanation to Tennis SA within three days. The team receiving the forfeit shall forward a completed score sheet to claim their points.
- 5.6) Any team forfeiting three matches may be removed from the competition.

6. TENNIS BALLS

6.1) Only Tennis Australia approved balls may be used.

6.2) Minor rounds – Home teams to provide approved new balls irrespective of court surface. A minimum of 8 for Open Divisions and a minimum of 6 for all other divisions. Premier Division home teams to supply a minimum of 16 balls

6.3) Major rounds – Each team shall provide 4 new balls and each Premier Division team to provide a minimum of 8 balls.

7. SCORING

7.1) In **Singles Competition**, matches shall be decided by rubbers, where rubbers are even, by sets and where sets are even, by games. Four points shall be awarded for a win and two points for a draw, plus one point for each rubber won.

7.2) In **Doubles Only Competition**, four points to be awarded for a win and two for a draw, plus one point for each set won.

8. WEB RESULTS

8.1) All teams shall logon before April 28th and enter their “Team Squads” into the online recording system. Go To Select Teams (under Team Management) > Team Overview.

Find the team you wish to edit and select it by clicking on the team name then select Edit Team.

You can add players to the squad by searching for them and choosing select.

8.2) All teams shall stay the same; if a change is required TSA will have to be contacted for approval by email to dhicks@tennis.com.au.

8.3) Each team will be responsible to print off their own **Score sheets** before each round on League Manager / Match Centre as there will be no recording secretaries and no score pads provided. Score sheet will provide order of merit for both teams if players are entered.

8.4) Both home and away teams of each round shall be responsible for entering results by no later than 11:59pm on the Monday following the match. First team in enters results and second team in to confirm results. **Either team** may only dispute the match result before 11:59pm on Monday following the match.

8.5) The system tallies all results and updates PREMIERSHIP TABLES.

8.6) If you require help to logon please contact Tennis SA.

8.7) Penalty loss of 2 points to both teams for not entering results by 11:59pm on Monday following the match will apply in 2017.

9. DISPUTES

9.1) All reports, disputes or complaints must be made in writing. Such correspondence must go to Tennis SA by 11:59pm on Monday following the match and must be signed by the team contact.

9.2) Club contact to send report, dispute or complaint via email to dhicks@tennis.com.au

9.3) Please be aware that all teams are responsible for following the rules and regulations stated by Tennis SA. It is the team's and club's responsibility to dispute a ruling if they believe they have been unduly affected by the result of a rule breach. Penalties will only take place after a dispute has been made and proven true. If teams are to break the rules the opposition has the right to dispute the result.

10. WEATHER CONDITIONS

10.1) Weather cancellations will be made at the discretion of Tennis SA in consultation with other Committee members as deemed necessary.

10.2) To check on match cancellations phone 8411 1512 after 11.00am on match day.

10.3) Minor round matches - Lights are **NOT** to be used, except for Premier League which may use lights. If no set is commenced by 3.00pm the match will be abandoned. If no set is completed by 4.00pm the match will be abandoned. Teams must submit scoresheet as usual. **If 50% or more of matches in a Division have achieved a result, Premiership Points will be allocated and in these Divisions the matches that did not achieve a result the Premiership table will be decided by Match Ratio (Match Ratio is the Premiership points divided by the number of matches played. If equal Match Ratio then by rubbers, then sets, then games)**

10.4) Major round matches, If no set is commenced by 3.00pm the match will be abandoned unless by mutual agreement. If no rubber in singles competition or first rotation in doubles competition is completed by 4.00pm the match will be abandoned unless by mutual agreement. Teams must submit scoresheet as usual.

10.5) Semi-finals will be played on the scheduled day and if a result is achieved that will stand; if no result achieved the higher placed team at the conclusion of the minor round will play in the Grand Final.

10.6) Grand Final matches will be played on scheduled day and if no result achieved play will continue on or before the following Saturday. Times are by mutual agreement, to be arranged before leaving the courts. The existing score stands and play continues from that score e.g.; if the game score is 3-1 then that set continues from 3-1. The same players must play. If no result achieved after second week, the higher placed team at the conclusion of the minor round will be declared Premiers.

10.7) Lights may be used to complete **MAJOR ROUND** matches.

11. QUALIFICATION FOR MAJOR ROUND

11.1) To play in any major round match in a particular competition, a player must have played the required number of minor round matches in that grade **or a lower grade**. **Five** matches required for Divisions that play 13 or 14 matches. **Four** matches required for Divisions that play 12 or less matches.

11.2) Each team taking part in major round matches shall forward a list of players, including reserves, showing doubles and singles in order, to reach Tennis SA on the **MONDAY** immediately before the day of the match. Only listed players shall take part in the match and players **MUST** play in the listed order. Teams not adhering to the approved order shall forfeit the match. Amended lists may be lodged for subsequent matches. The listed players shall be in the order played during the year or as amended.

12. MAJOR ROUND

12.1) The four leading teams at the end of the minor round shall play in the major round. The position of each team in the Singles Competition is decided by points, then rubbers, then sets, then games. The position of each team in Doubles Only Competition is decided by points, then sets, then games. Semi-Finals and Grand Finals are to be scheduled with higher ranked team playing at home courts where possible and at the discretion of Committee.

Week 1.	Semi-Final 1.	1v4
	Semi-Final 2.	2v3

Week 2.	Grand Final.	Winner of Semi-Final 1 v Winner of Semi-Final 2.
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12.2) In the event of a drawn match in the finals. (i.e.). Equal number of rubbers, sets and games, the winner shall be the higher placed team at the conclusion of the minor round.

The third Saturday will be reserved to complete Grand Finals matches not completed due to the weather. All players will be expected to be available if this situation eventuates.

See Rule 10 for further details.

13. AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS

The Committee may repeal or amend the By-laws as necessary, for the management and wellbeing of the competition.

14. 2017 LIGHT UP TIMES

If the light Up times are reached and matches are still being played, either team can call off the match and the current score will stand.

Month	Date	Round	Time
May	6 th	1	5:28 PM
	13 th	2	5:22 PM
	20 th	3	5:18 PM
	27 th	4	5:14 PM
June	3 rd	5	5:12 PM
	17 th	6	5:11 PM
	24 th	7	5:12 PM
July	1 st	8	5:15 PM
	8 th	9	5:18 PM
	22 nd	10	5:27 PM
	29 th	11	5:32 PM
August	5 th	12	5:37 PM
	12 th	13	5:42 PM
	19 th	14	5:47 PM
	26 th	FINALS	5:52 PM
September	2 nd	FINALS	5:57 PM