

## The Walking Clinic Adult League - Player Information

### TEAMS

- Teams consist of:
  - Saturday League 2 unisex players
  - Monday & Tuesday League 3 unisex players
  - Thursday League 4 players (2 Male & 2 Female)
- All players including reserves must be financial club members of a Tennis ACT affiliated club.
- Players under the age of 16 must be approved by League Operations to play in Adult Leagues.

### PLAYING TIMES

- All night adult leagues (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday) start at 7:30pm.
- Saturday League starts at 1pm.
- Players should be at the venue 15 minutes before the start of play, if courts are available players should warm up. Players are allowed a short warm up at the start of their first match and play is considered continuous after that. Matches should start no later than 15 minutes after the scheduled start time. If a player arrives 15 minutes after the scheduled start time they are not entitled to any warm up.
- Matches, unless otherwise approved and advised by League Operations, shall be played on such dates and on such courts as displayed on the draw, available on TA's online system used for competitions.

### BALLS & ATTIRE

- All divisions are to use Dunlop AO tennis balls as supplied by Tennis ACT at the start of the league season. The home team provides the balls each week. We advise that both teams should bring their spare tin each week as a backup.
- Tennis attire as described in the TA Dress Code must be worn for all matches.

### MATCH FORMATS

- Monday & Tuesday Night League
  - Each fixture will consist of 3 sets of singles (1 v 1; 2 v 2; 3 v 3) and 3 sets of doubles (1 & 2; 1 & 3; 2 & 3).
  - Each player will play 1 tie-break set of singles against his/her opposite number in the opposing team and 2 tie-break sets of doubles (one with each of their partners).
  - Play commences with one singles set and one doubles set, followed by a second singles set and a doubles set and then the remaining singles and doubles sets. Only two courts will be used for each fixture. Match results will be decided on sets, then games.
- Saturday League
  - Each fixture will consist of 2 singles rubbers (1 v 1; 2 v 2) and 1 doubles rubber (1 & 2 v 1 & 2).
  - Each player will play 1 singles match, against their opposing number in the opposing team & 1 doubles match. The format for both the singles and doubles is 2 tie-break sets with a 10-point tie-break (first to 10 points by a margin of 2 points) if the score reaches 1 set all. Matches start at 1pm.
  - Play commences with singles rubbers, followed by the doubles rubber. Only two courts will be used for each Fixture. Fixtures will be decided on rubber, sets, then games.

- Thursday Night League
  - Each fixture will consist of a total of 8 sets of doubles. 4 sets of same gender doubles and 4 sets of mixed doubles.
  - Each player will play 2 tie-break sets against the opposing pair of the same gender, & 1 tie-break set of mixed doubles against each of the opposing pairs. (Total 2 sets doubles and 2 sets mixed doubles per player). After the conclusion of the fixture the home team is encouraged to organise supper. Supper is optional.
  - Play commences with the same gender doubles sets, followed by the mixed doubles sets. Match results will be decided on sets, then games.

## RESULTS

- Points are awarded as follows: 6 points for a win; 4 points for a draw; 2 points for a loss and 2 points for each set won. Points will be shared for incomplete rubbers or sets. Results and points tables are available on the Match Centre website.
- If a match is incomplete or if rain forces a match to be abandoned after play has started;
  - If one team has an unbeatable lead, they receive the winning points plus points for rubbers won plus half the unfinished rubbers.
  - If either team still has a chance to win, each team receives 4 points plus points for each rubber won, plus half the unfinished rubbers.
- In the event of a forfeit, The forfeiting team receives no points and the winning team receives 6 points plus points for all of the rubbers.
- In the event of a washout no points shall be awarded, however an online result must still be lodged.

## CANCELLATIONS

- The TA Extreme Weather Policy applies to all matches. If a match is cancelled due to weather in accordance with these Rules, the result will be deemed to have not been played. No match can commence later than 1 hour after the scheduled start time, and in such circumstances, the match will be deemed cancelled.

## LODGING RESULTS

- In all circumstances, including where a match has been cancelled, abandoned or forfeited, either the home or away team captain, or his or her nominee, shall lodge the result and the opposing/other team must confirm the results of the match.
- Results to be entered and confirmed online within 48 hours of the match being completed at [www.tennis.com.au/act/competitions/canberra-tennis-league/the-walking-clinic-adult-tennis-leagues](http://www.tennis.com.au/act/competitions/canberra-tennis-league/the-walking-clinic-adult-tennis-leagues) Instructions on how to enter results are available on this site.

## FINALS

- At the completion of the preliminary rounds, teams shall be ranked in a competition on average points gained per match played. All final positions on the ladder shall be calculated by "points ratio", where the total number of points is divided by the number of matches played.
- Tennis ACT will contact teams who have made the final rounds to confirm semi-final and/or finals times and venues.
- To be eligible to play in the finals round players must have played in 3 matches in the preliminary rounds of a competition with 10 or 11 scheduled weeks in that grade or a lower grade.