

# WOMEN'S MIDWEEK LEAGUE

Join us for fun, friendship and fitness

## Welcome to the Women's Midweek Tuesday League: Concertina Ladder!

Our League uses a Concertina Ladder format. This flexible system helps match players of similar skill levels, making games enjoyable and stress-free. The ladder can expand or contract based on the number of players each week. New players are welcome to join anytime. You can play weekly or as your schedule allows. Matches are held on Tuesday mornings, starting at 9:30 AM and ending around 1:00-1:30 PM. All players are invited to a post-match lunch or just coffee the Southern Cross Club, Jamison each week.

### Match Format

Each group consists of four or five players, depending on the number of players registered to play that day. Players are ranked 1 to 40+ overall, but each week they are ranked from 1-4 or 1-5 within each group.

For 4 player groups (each set is first to 8 – tiebreaker at 7-all)				
1 <sup>st</sup> set: Players 1+4 V 2+3	2 <sup>nd</sup> set: Players 1+3 V 2+4	3 <sup>rd</sup> set: Players 1+2 V 3+4		
For 5 player groups (each set is first to 6 – tiebreaker at 5-all)				
1 <sup>st</sup> set: (no 5 is off) Players 1+4 V 2+3	2 <sup>nd</sup> set: (no 2 is off) Players 1+3 V 4+5	3 <sup>rd</sup> set: (no 4 is off) Players 1+2 V 3+5	4 <sup>th</sup> set: (no 1 is off) Players 2+5 V 3+4	5 <sup>th</sup> set: (no 3 is off) Players 1+5 V 2+4

- Your player number ranking will change as you play each week to reflect your results. You will be cruising!
- Each week, the player with the greatest number of sets, then the most games won, then the least games against, then the highest ranked player will cruise up the ladder and the player with the least number of sets, then least games won, then most games against, then the lowest ranked player will cruise down the ladder.
- If players are unavailable to play, we aim to slot them back into the correct group. However, due to varying numbers of groups, sometimes, this is not possible. **Please advise the league manager if you are unable to play or wish to return to play after a period of absence (no later than 5 pm Sunday).**

### Registration and Fees

- **To register and participate in the League, please contact the Ladder Manager. New players must register with the Ladder Manager by 5 pm Sunday.** Registered players will be emailed a draft list of players for the following Tuesday. The cost is \$10 each week.

### Players General Information

- **All players should aim to arrive at the courts by 9:15 a.m. for a 9:30 a.m. start.** Most games are held at the Belconnen Tennis Club, but the Melba Tennis Club is also used when extra courts are needed.
- On arrival, check in at the table in the Gazebo. Pay your money and tick your name on the sheet where you will see your group and court allocation. Before play, you will receive an email with an ordered draft list of players. After play, you will receive an email with the results. New players must register with the Ladder Manager by 5 p.m. Sunday. **The No. 1 player in each group for that week is designated as the court captain.**
- Each group is allocated one court, which rotates weekly. A 10-minute break is allowed during the day for restroom use or quick refreshments. The timing is agreed upon within your group. Groups of five should consider a break after the third set; otherwise, two players will have to play four sets without a break. All courts must be bagged after use.
- Players must be registered with Tennis ACT for insurance purposes and for entering results.
- **If you are unwell or an unforeseen situation occurs and you cannot play, please contact the Ladder as soon as possible.**

### Captains

- Please collect the Result sheet and balls for your group from the Gazebo. Fill in the sets on the result form and return results and used balls to the check-in table in the Gazebo to Betty Smith.

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