

AYC Feedback Season 20/21

Plays In Division	1. Non Gender Pennants	2. Division Renumbering	3. Single Night Rosters	4. Single Venue Rounds	3 Men 1 Lady Div 2
4			✓	✓	
X1	✓	✓	✓		
X1	✓		✓		?
X / 3	✓	✓	✓	x	✓
X1/2	✓	✓	✓		
X	✓				
X	✓	✓	✓	?	
2 / 3	?	?	✓	x	?
-	✓	✓	✓		
4	x	✓	✓	✓	
-	x	x	x	x	x
4	x		?	?	✓
2	x			x	
3	x	✓	✓	✓	✓
5	x	✓	✓	✓	✓
1	✓	✓	✓	✓	?
4	✓	✓	✓	✓	x
4	✓	✓	✓	?	?
4 / 5	x	x	x	x	x
-	x	x	✓	x	x
4	x	?	✓	?	✓

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The above options I believe, in general to be detrimental to AYC and particularly so to our membership.

TC and

I do not support the changes to AYC.

I enjoy participating in the current format as:

- 1. Men are stronger than women and not equal in strength and ability when sharing the same grade as a female*
 - 2. I don't imagine enough participants to come forth to number down the grades according to grading and ability. A little more flexibility is required.*
 - 3. Play all matches on one night might be fine if every club has at least 6 courts available on the night. Eg The Domain?*
 - 4. Not enough courts available for each round to be played at one venue..*
 - 5. Point 5 seems ok.*
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I don't like these new options. I feel these options don't help women. A non gender base could be four men, which makes it hard for women. Also I enjoy playing a women's sets as well so three men and one women takes that option out as well. I am also against playing all games at the one venue as I like playing every second game at home. Plus doesn't have enough courts to accommodate and we would play away every week

- 1. Run all divisions as non gender based teams. I SUPPORT where needed to make teams up, but would prefer that it be the exception.*
 - 2. Renumber divisions from 1 down. I STRONGLY SUPPORT.*
 - 3. Play all matches in a division on one night. I STRONGLY SUPPORT.*
 - 4. Play each round in a division at a single venue. SUPPORT.*
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The annual discussion by the AYC Committee regarding the roster continues as it has done for 40 odd years which is welcome and the only way to make it work better.

No real change has been made in the past and we continue with the numbers falling.

In the past I played three men and three women in Division 5 and we had regular divisions.

The only changes I see is the X Divisions and Divisions now with 4 players and now not always playing with every member of your team.

Points 1 2 3 4 --- I support as I have wanted this for many years. Because this was unable to be done in previous years many dropped out of AYC Tennis.

Point 5 --- Division 2 should be no different to any other division it all depends on a players grade as to the division they play in, we are forming teams only on a players grade.

I suggested in 1990 we change so I could play on one night a week and I was told it was impossible. Playing Tennis over four different nights means you must keep all four nights free for tennis.

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My thoughts on Proposal 1 to have non gender based teams is I would like to see it trailed with Div 1 and 2 as this is where we seem to have more men playing.

Proposal 2. I agree to the renumbering of divisions from Div 1 down.

Proposal 3. Playing all matches in a division on one night may attract more players but could also lose some if their division happens to play on a night they have other commitments.

Proposal 4. Playing each round in a division at a single venue could work if enough courts can be found.

Proposal 5. Playing division 2 as 3 men/ 1 lady format could be trailed if enough females cannot be found but I still think some of the females still like to play ladies doubles.

As you are having the meeting the player response all followed the same line of no to the proposals in a loud NO to all.

An interesting comment was It was like putting a bandaid on a broken bone, (no point). I assumed this was regarding re numbering division.

There were other specific comments to the rest but have made in one form or another already

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1. *Run all divisions as non gender based teams*

Disagree. This will ensure women cease playing AYC. It is a minority of women who can play in Div 1 or X teams. AYC has always been the premier competition for mixed tennis and should remain so. Clubs should work harder to encourage participation of women at ALL levels.

2. *Renumber divisions from 1 down*

Disagree. AYC runs 3 different formats of competitions, A suggestion would be to split AYC into 2 separate formats. One which is played same format as Div 1 and Div X, they can call themselves Premier 1 Premier 2 and Premier 3, it is non gender, played at 1 venue on 1 night. These divisions make decisions for their format and how it is played and made up. Second format is the traditional mixed comp. Those playing this format decide on changes to this comp and how best to move forward. This will stop the constant push for traditional AYC to drop its mixed concept. It allows for both a mixed and non gender competition to co exist and players to play where it suits them best. It may even allow for those interested in both concepts to play both.

3. *Play all matches in a division on one night*

Agree. But good luck with that.

4. *Play each round in a division at a single venue*

Disagree. We love home and away.

5. *Play division 2 as formal 3 men / 1 lady format to deal with excess men*

Disagree Strongly. Unsure how there is an excess of men ? In fact at we have 6 ladies who can play Div 2. We sure as hell don't have 18 men to play with them. We don't have 6 men even. Pushing to get 3 men, and pity the 1 woman who played last season who is relegated down a division with all the other ladies in Div 2. On behalf of all Div 2 ladies from all clubs, you deserve to play there. It is totally unnecessary to bring in another format to the AYC.

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1. Run all divisions as non gender based teams

Be a very sad day if the AYC competition was not a predominately mixed pennant.

Where every possible teams should be made up of 2 Men / 2 Ladies format and this may be at the expense of Dix X1 and Dix X2.

First priority should be to try and make up teams in the competition in the true mixed format. Heaven help us but in certain circumstances teams don't need to be necessary club based. (i.e. if one Club has a couple of spare Ladies for example that could be matched with 2 Men from another Club, well that's another team and four people won't miss out or have to share a team, homes nights could be swapped between them.)

If you go with divisions as non gender, what will predominately happen is that the higher grades will be mainly made up of men and the bottom grades will be women., you may as well run two pennants one Male orientated the other Female.

Could be very daunting for a new Male just starting to play the game to be lump into a side with a bunch of women (This is not being sexes). Likewise for a Female who was a good player, has taken up the game again and is put in a team with a bunch of guys.

Let's not forget how Division X1 and X 2 came to be, If I remember correctly , they were formed because there was two many Males wanting to play AYC and not enough Women, so these Divisions where formed.

Over time it appears that these divisions have taken precedence over the other divisions at the expense of the women. We know for a fact that there are small percentage of Males who only want to play with the same gender, Perhaps they should be reminded of what the AYC competition is, a mixed format.

Have no problem with Division X teams but not at the expense of other divisions if there are Ladies wanting to play but cannot as the Male participants want their own competition amongst themselves.

2. Renumber divisions from 1 down.

I think I've covered this point in above.

3. Play all matches in a division on one night

If possible, great idea.

In all my years of playing AYC and trying to encourage new participants, the biggest hurdle I've come up against is the alternative nights and matches are not scheduled on the same night every week.

Would like to see this this point explored further.

4. Play each round in a division at a single venue

For clarification does this mean i.e. that all Division 2 games would always be played at Geilston Bay for example or are you saying on that particular night of the rostered game..

Cant see how this would work due to the number of courts available at each club.

Not Sure on this point without clarification.

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5. Play division 2 as formal 3 men / 1 lady format to deal with excess men

No problem with this suggestion if that is going to make it more easier for clubs to make up teams for the divisions below.

In summary I feel at times that the AYC committee do not look after the lower grades as well as they should be and give more significance to the higher grades and Div. X

In my view changing the format as suggested in Point one (1) will be to the detriment of the lower divisions which I play in.
