

Junior Competition Information Sheet

COMPETITION FORMATS

Saturday morning competition consists of five different formats.

1. Boys Section 5 and below* – Teams of four (4) boys playing both singles and doubles.
2. Girls Section 3 and below* – Teams of four (4) girls playing both singles and doubles.
3. Moss/Watson, 1-4** – Teams of two (2) or more boys playing both singles and doubles rubbers.
4. Loretta Thrupp, 1, 2** – Teams of two (2) or more girls playing both singles and doubles rubbers.
5. 11 and under Unisex* – Teams of four (4) of any combination of girls and boys playing both singles and doubles rubbers.

* the number 1 ranked player in each team must play each other in the first doubles set.

The bottom two (2) sections will not play tie-breakers. First to six wins the set. All other sections will play a tie-breaker at 6 all. The bottom section must use green dot balls.

** up to three (3) players may participate each week.

PLAYING TIMES

There will be two (2) starting times on a match day Saturday morning. Your team's start time will be indicated on your fixture:

- EARLY Session Matches (8.15 am):
 - Any player who does not arrive at the 8.15 am match start time but arrives before 8.30am WILL FORFEIT their first scheduled match (Doubles). However, any player who does not arrive by 8.30am WILL FORFEIT ALL THEIR MATCHES.
- LATE Session Matches (10.30am) :
 - Any player who does not arrive at the 10.30am match start time but arrives before 10.45am WILL FORFEIT their first scheduled match (Doubles). However, any player who does not arrive by 10.45am WILL FORFEIT ALL THEIR MATCHES.
- Arrive at venue at least 15 MINUTES prior to the scheduled match time. This will ensure players are ready & matches start ON TIME.
- Players arriving LATE at any venue, eg AFTER their allocated Match Time, will FORFEIT their match. No EXCUSES – game over. Home Clubs will not tolerate any late arrivals
- As far as the FINISHING time for matches is concerned, the same current rule applies. At the designated finish time any GAME underway can be finished but DEFINITELY no other games can commence after the scheduled finish time – regardless of the score.

WEEKLY RESPONSIBILITIES

- a. You all need to read the Juniors notice board in the clubhouse.
- b. Look for the next weeks games and venues and any upcoming events
- c. Look for Home matches playing at the 'Alternate Venue'
- d. Look for alternative venues if any for away clubs.
- e. Look for alternative timeslots if any.

TEAM MANAGER DUTIES

- a. Ensure all players know where and when they are playing
- b. If team is short, contact TM of team below
- c. For home matches played at Bruce Park's alternate venue TM's must pick up balls either during the week or early Saturday morning with Score Book.
- d. Balls taken to Bruce Park's alternate venue must be collected and returned to club rooms or to the coach or committee member at the earliest opportunity.
- e. Ensure team member assistance with rostered Canteen Duty (usually once per season).
- f. Score Books
 - i. Write clearly & neatly
 - ii. Fill in ALL details – courts are where you are playing
 - iii. Get supervisor to sign at end of matches

- iv. The first time a player graded by the Match Secretary participates in a match an “E” must be placed beside that player’s name and the following details must be written on the back of the scoresheet.
 1. Name of Player
 2. Playing history – Previous Club
 3. Date of Birth
 4. Previous District/Association
 5. Previous Grading
 6. Any name change
- i. Return books under Junior board
- ii. Can be collected for away matches from Tuesday at the clubhouse

WET WEATHER

- a) In the event of inclement weather, the Junior Coordinator of the respective clubs can agree to call a washout **no later than 45 minutes prior to the commencement time of play and no member of either team having to attend the venue**. When a washout is declared and neither team attends the venue **the Home Team** is required to provide a blank score sheet with the Clubs names only to the Score Recorder within the specified time. Teams should always endeavor to play matches where possible.
- b) In the event of adverse weather where no agreement is attained between the Junior Coordinators, all teams must attend the venue and remain in attendance for **30 minutes** after the commencement time of play unless a “washout” is declared prior to that time by the HOME Supervisor.

HOT WEATHER

During the mornings play if the Melbourne temperature reaches 35C or above as broadcast by **ABC RADIO AM 774** on the hour ie.9am, 10am, 11am or 12 noon play will be abandoned, and points for all unfinished Rubbers/Sets will be shared.

TENNIS ATTIRE

The dress regulations for competitive play for the Peninsula Tennis Association are as follows:

- (a) Every competitive player shall dress and present himself/herself for play in clean customarily acceptable tennis attire and shall comply with the ruling Tennis Australia Dress and Equipment Regulations. (see below)
- (a) (i) Females are required to wear a a dress/skirt or sports shorts or skorts and a top.
- (ii) Males are required to wear shorts and a shirt. Shirts without collars may be worn providing they are neat and constitute tennis sportswear.
- (b) The following items of clothing are specifically not acceptable:
NOT ACCEPTABLE
 - (i) Jeans
 - (ii) Sweat Shorts
 - (iii) Board Shorts
 - (iv) Jogging Shorts
 - (v) Cargo Pants/Shorts
 - (vi) Any article of clothing with advertising or designs in any form (except for sporting company logos or lettering.
- (c) Tracksuits shall not be worn during the course of a match , except at the discretion of the Junior Supervisor (junior matches), if both captains agree (senior matches) or if the Association so decrees.
- (d) Tennis shoes shall be worn that are suitable for the type of court surface. Venue clubs may determine which types of footwear are suitable for their court surface, subject to Association approval. No ripple soled shoes and no black or coloured marking soled shoes (on acrylic courts) shall be worn at any time.
- (e) Players are encouraged to wear a hat or cap and use sunscreen.