



STATE LEAGUE SELECTION CRITERIA

2026-27 season

State League Selection Criteria – 2026/27 season

Selection into the State League competition will be based on the following:

- Playing list
- Regularity of play
- Performance of the club in previous competition season
- Club administration and Affiliation

Each of these key areas are outlined in detail below.

Playing list

The list of players will be measured using the following processes

Nominating club is required to name six players in the base list in Order of Merit. Players who are listed as reserves will not be taken into account when grading and require approval if they wish to play.

Strength of the playing list;

- Previous performances in Competitions
- Universal Tennis Rating

Requirements of clubs in regards to playing lists;

- All players nominated must have registered and activated their own Competitive Player Profile to compete.
- All players listed must sign a Player Undertaking which outlines their commitment to play for the club and their understanding of all expectations set out by the State League Advisory Group and the Club.
- These signed contracts must be provided to Tennis SA as part of the nomination process.

Regularity of play

- Any player listed in the top six will be subject to a review of their past regularity of play in competition tennis when nominated as part of the top four. This previous regularity of play will be taken into consideration when assessing team strength.
- Any State League player listed in the top four must play a minimum of five matches throughout the State League season.
- Exemption from these requirements will be verified based on provision of a Doctors Certificate should a player suffer injury or illness.

Performance of club in previous competitions

Performance of the club in previous competition will span over the previous two years and the following will be taken into consideration;

- Performance of the club in competitions.
 - Ladder position/ win/loss (win/ loss will be taken into consideration over ladder position)
 - Forfeits registered
 - Any behavioral issues of club players/ members
 - Entry of results and adherence to competition rules

Club Administration and Affiliation Requirements, Facilities

- Payment of 2026/27 Affiliation Fee
- Registration of all 2026/27 State League members in a Tennis Australia approved database management system.
- Any State League team managers with players under the age of 18 must hold a current DHS Working with Children Clearance and National Police Check by time of team nomination.
- Payment of Tennis SA invoices by time of due date

Facility Standards

- Courts must be in a safe condition (site check may be required)
- Venue must provide access to toilets, water and shelter
- Court surface, nets and court furniture must be in good condition
- Courts must have tennis lines only (no multiple sports lines on courts)
- Spacing between courts and behind the baseline must meet the minimum standards for competition play, as follows:
 - Baseline to fence – min 3.48m
 - Sideline to fence – min 3.06m
 - Sideline to sideline between courts – 3.66m
- Where a second venue is required the venue must meet the outlined criteria

