

INTERCLUB COMPETITIONS

Restriction category: No restrictions

Please note, the below competition recommendations are to be combined with Tennis Australia's [COVID-19 Community Tennis Guidelines for Continued Play](#).

Traditional interclub competitions allow participants to compete in competitive matches, enjoy a team environment and travel to different locations. These can run when no social distancing or travel restrictions are in place.

How to run an interclub competition:

After advertising and registering participants and teams, below are the recommended principles for running an interclub competition:

- The standard rules of tennis apply, with the organiser to set the format. Team formats may include singles, doubles or both.
- Team player numbers can vary. Recommended team size is between three to six players.
- Designate a day and time for the competition to take place.
- Determine season length. Recommended time is eight to 10 weeks, including any play-offs.
- Competition can be mixed or single gender.
- Where possible, minimise travel time and provide good quality matches for players.
- Accept registrations from entire teams or individual players.

Recommended specific competition rules:

- League coordinators/venues should review the [TA COVID-19 Community Tennis Guidelines for Continued Play](#) and implement any required rules to ensure player/spectator safety.
- Set a playing order for teams to ensure players face appropriate and similar-level opponents. We recommend using player ratings where possible.
- Enter results within 24 hours of matches.

Any clubroom/court access restrictions?

- No. Despite lifted restrictions, clubs should continue to ensure their venue is hygienic as possible.

League Manager/Match Centre set-up requirements?

- We recommend using League Manager/Match Centre to set-up and run interclub competitions.
- We recommend that all participants sign up for a Tennis Account and register for interclub competitions online through the Match Centre portal.
- Please contact your local state or territory Tennis body representative to discuss League Manager set-up requirements.

Can this be for individual participants only?

- An interclub competition can be set-up in any format that the league organisers put in place (singles, doubles, team based or other).

What is the best way to promote an interclub competition?

- Please contact your local state or territory Tennis body representative to discuss your media and promotional opportunities.

Who provides tennis balls for matches?

- Club or venue competition organisers supply tennis balls. (Please refer to your specific league rules).