



2019 Super League Competition Rules



1 Objectives

- 1.1 The objective of Tennis NSW is to provide team competitions for members of affiliated tennis clubs/associations/affiliates, to enable players who have reached a standard an equal opportunity to play against players of similar ability, over a given period of time. Tennis NSW competitions aim to enhance tennis and foster friendly rivalry, as a means of promoting tennis participation and improving standards.
- 1.2 Players, teams, coaches, officials (participants) must at all times act in the best interests of the Super League and Tennis NSW and not at any time engage in conduct which brings or has the potential to bring a participant, the Competition or Tennis NSW into disrepute, or which is or would have the tendency to be contrary to or prejudicial to the best interest, image or values of the Super League or Tennis NSW or not in the "Spirit of Tennis".

2 General

- 2.1 Tennis NSW administers the Super League and has the power to make final decisions in respect of the conduct of the Super League.
- 2.2 All participants in Super League, including players, coaches and officials (**participants**) are bound by these rules and regulations and Tennis Australia's national policies and by-laws including, without limitation, the Uniform Tennis Anti-Corruption Program, the Tennis Australia Code of Behavior (including its reference to spectator behavior and interference), the Tennis Australia Member Protection Policy and the Tennis Australia Anti-Doping Policy (each a **Policy**).
- 2.3 If any player or team is alleged to be in breach of these rules and regulations, the alleged breach should be drawn to the attention of the alleged offending player or team as soon as it is detected and the parties should try and resolve the matter on the spot. If the parties are unable to resolve the matter, notice should be provided to Tennis NSW of the dispute in accordance with these rules.

3 Super League

- 3.1 Tennis NSW administers Super League and has the power to make final decisions in respect of the conduct and all aspects of Super League.
- 3.2 Super League teams will consist of 4 boys and 4 girls per team for the 12/U and 4 boys and 4 girls per team for the 10/U
- 3.3 Super League will be played each term. Week 1 to week 3 rounds. Week 4 semi-finals (1v4 and 2v3) and week 5 finals (1v2 and 3v4)

	TERM 1	TERM 2	TERM 3	TERM 4
WK 1	Sat 09 Feb	Sat 18 May	Sat 27 July	Sat 09 Nov
WK 2	Sat 16 Feb	Sat 25 May	Sat 03 Aug	Sat 16 Nov
WK 3	Sat 23 Feb	Sat 01 June	Sat 10 Aug	Sat 23 Nov
WK 4	Sat 02 Mar	Sat 15 Jun	Sat 17 Aug	Sat 30 Nov
WK 5	Sat 09 Mar	Sat 22 June	Sat 31 Aug	



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3.4 Players and Team Managers will be allocated to the following teams:

- a) Central Eagles
- b) Northern Bears
- c) Southern Dragons
- d) Western Bulls



3.5 12/U Teams will be appointed with two (2) Team Managers per team and the 10/U Teams will be appointed with two (2) Team Managers per team

12/U and 10/U Squads will be appointed two (2) Team Managers.

3.5 Each player (Teams and Squads) and Team Manager will receive one (1) team shirt annually

3.6 Players will be selected each term based on a combination of Australian Rankings and head to head results by the selection panel.

3.7 It is the responsibility of the player and his/her guardian to notify the Super League Coordinator by email stl@tennis.com.au prior to day or via text **0466 023 330** if on the day if player is injured or sick and not able to participate

4 Squad Players

4.1 Squad players will be expected to play each week.

4.2 If Squad Players are required to play in Teams, the Super League Coordinator will contact the parent with as much notice as possible prior to the day. However please be aware there will be times when it may be on the day due to a late pull out or during the competition due an injury.

4.3 It is the responsibility of the player and his/her guardian to notify the Super League Coordinator by email stl@tennis.com.au prior to day or via text **0466 023 330** if on the day if player is injured or sick and not able to participate

5 League Schedules

5.1 Singles matches to be played over four (4) courts and Doubles matches to be played over two (2) courts

5.2 Session times are as follows:

- a) 10/U Squads and 12/U Squads – 12noon to 14:00pm
- b) 10/U Teams – 14:00pm to 16:00pm
- c) 12/U Teams – Session 1 - 16:00pm to 18:25pm / Session 2 – 16:45pm to 19:15pm



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- 5.3 A match is completed at the end of the session time above, regardless of whether all the rubbers have been played or finished.
12/U – 45 minutes - singles and doubles
10/U – 55 minutes – singles and doubles

- 5.4 The order of play and court schedule will be available each week and communicated to the parents. Players are required to check online for their match times each week
www.leagues.tennis.com.au

The playing order for the team players may change from week to week at the discretion of the Super League selectors and Team Managers.

- 5.5 Matches commence as advised on the draw which is published on Match Centre
<http://leagues.tennis.com.au/>. Information will be emailed to parents weekly and updated on STL facebook / Instagram
Instagram - **@stlsuperleague**
Facebook page - **Sydney Tennis League**

- 5.6 Players must arrive **minimum five (5) minutes** (ideally 15 minutes) before commencement of match to warm up. This will ensure matches commence on time.

- 5.7 Upon completion of your matches, players must leave the courts immediately in order to allow the following session to commence. Follow the Team Managers instructions as to which court you may be heading to next.

6 Match Format

- 6.1 Each Super League match will consist of eight (8) players (4 boys and 4 girls) for 12/U and eight (8) players (4 boys and 4 girls for the 10/U
- 6.2 10 and under will play 55 minute Singles and 55 minute Doubles
Format will be Fast4 to align with Tennis Australia Super 10's program
- 6.3 12 and under will play two 45 minute Singles matches (singles and reverse singles) and 45 minute Doubles match. Format will be 2 sets within time limit.
- 6.4 Players are required to begin play when the whistle blows and to finish play immediately when the whistle blows again. They should then make their way to their next match court(s) within five (5) minutes. Play for the next match will commence five (5) minutes after the previous whistle.
- 6.5 a) Singles matches will be best of two (2) tie-break sets (tie-break played at six (6) games all). Should the score be one (1) set all, a match tie-break (first to ten (10) points with a two (2) point advantage) will be played.
- b) Doubles will be the same format, but with no advantage scoring (short deuce). If the game is tied at deuce, the players who win the next point win the game. The receivers will have the choice of the receiving side.



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7 Match Scoring

- 7.1 Players should utilize the score boards located on each court to assist with keeping track of scores during the match.
- 7.2 The player/s who wins the **most games** will be the winner of each rubber and one (1) point will be awarded to the team. A tie-break and a match tie-break will count as one game.
- 7.3 At the conclusion of the match, the team with the most points will be awarded with two (2) bonus points.
- 7.4 In the event of drawn points, the highest amount of games will be used to determine the match winner. In the event of drawn points and games the two (2) bonus points will be split to each team.
- 7.5 The ladder for each section will be ordered based on the highest total points won.
- 7.6 If a player retires part way through a match injured – refer to rule 8.2 for scoring.
- 7.7 If a player arrives late for a match the opposing teams player/s will receive same number of games which have been played by other player/s.
- 7.8 If the match is cancelled prior to play commencing due to activation of TA Extreme Weather Policy (Wash Out/Heat), the match shall be declared a draw and each team shall receive four (4) points. Please see TA Extreme Weather Policy for more information.
https://www.tennis.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/TA_Extreme_Weather_Policy_July_2018.pdf
- 7.9 If two (2) or more teams are equal in points on the ladder, their standings will be decided by the following:
 - (a) The team with a higher percentage of sets won (that is, sets won/sets played x 100%) (Percentage of Sets Won) will be ranked higher on the ladder.
 - (b) If the Percentage of Sets Won is equal, the team with a higher percentage of games won (that is, games won/games played x 100%) (Percentage of Games Won), will be ranked higher on the ladder.

8. Player injury

- 8.1 If a player is injured during a match and forced to retire from a rubber, the injured retiring player cannot return to court and play any other rubber in that match.
- 8.2 All incomplete or un-played sets at the time a player is injured will be forfeited and all points for the incomplete or un-played sets will be awarded to the non-retiring pair.



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9 Extreme Weather and Cancellations (inclement weather)

https://www.tennis.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/TA_Extreme_Weather_Policy_July_2018.pdf

- 9.1 The Tennis Australia Extreme Weather Policy applies to all matches – click on link
- 9.2 The 'Thermal Comfort Level', where applicable must be taken from the Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) website.
- 9.3 The reading shall come from the Weather station closest to the location of the match (measured using the shortest path between the two (2) points and always taken from the WBGT Shade Column, where applicable.
- 9.4 In the event of uncertainty or wet weather a message will be posted on: - Instagram **@stlsuperleague** and Facebook page **Sydney Tennis League**

10/U Squads and 12/U Squads after 10am

10/U Teams @ after 12noon

12/U Teams @ after 14:00pm

Or call the Super League Coordinator on **0466 023 330** after times indicated above.

- 9.5 If the match is cancelled due to inclement weather (Wash Out), each team shall receive four (4) points.

10 Defaults by team players

- 10.1 Where a team fails to appear for a match at the scheduled commencement time of the Match, the Match shall be deemed defaulted and the team not in default shall be awarded all rubbers, sets and games and all the points for the match (Team Default).
- 10.2 If a player retires injured and still has another match to play a replacement player (if available) from the Squad may be bought in to replace injured player for remaining matches

11 Finals

- 11.1 At the end of the three (3) weeks of Super League, all teams will compete in semi-finals round 1v4 and 2v3. And all teams will compete in finals round 1v2 (winner of semis) and 3v4
- 11.2 Positions on the ladder are decided by points won less any deductions for a breach of rule.
- 11.3 In the event of two (2) or more teams being equal in points at the end of the regular season, their positions on the ladder shall be decided by the Percentage of Sets Won, or in the event of them being equal, by the Percentage of Games Won as per clause 8.6.
- 11.4 If any finals match is drawn (i.e. both teams win same number of sets and games), the team that finished higher on the ladder as at the end of the regular season of Super League shall be declared the winner of the match.



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12 Match Balls

- 12.1 Tennis NSW will provide brand new balls for Super League each week for the matches.
- 12.2 Team Managers to complete brand new balls and return used balls to Tournament Desk each week.

13 Playing Attire

- 13.1 All Team players and Squad players shall wear the uniform (team shirt) provided by Tennis NSW each week with appropriate coloured bottoms and headwear.

14 Entering Results

- 14.1 Team Managers will be provided with the scoresheets each week in their folders and will be required to collect them upon arrival from the Tournament desk.
- 14.2 It is the responsibility of both Team Managers to ensure the score card is completed accurately and legibly, both team managers agree on results and sign the score sheets
- 14.3 Results are to be recorded vertically and NOT horizontally to ensure consistency and they can be interpreted clearly.
- 14.4 In the event of a match not being commenced or being incomplete, the score sheet shall be completed as far as practicable and must include each nominated player's name and the score (if any) of each completed or incomplete rubber as well as the reasons for the match not being commenced or completed.
- 14.5 Super League Coordinator will enter all results each Monday into Match Centre

15 Prizes

- 15.1 Prizes for Super League (if any) will be determined by TNSW in its absolute discretion.

16 Powers of TNSW

- 16.1 The Tennis NSW shall have the widest and most absolute power and discretion relating to the Super League Competition or any matter or issue arising from or in connection with the Super League Competition and without limiting the foregoing it shall have the power and discretion to:
 - a) Demand from any team any information of any nature relating to any matter or thing arising from any match;
 - b) Prohibit a player or team from registering for the Super League Competition;
 - c) suspend or disqualify a player or team from the Super League Competition as a result of a player's conduct or behavior arising from or in connection with a match; and
 - d) Impose penalties on any player or team, whether by fine, suspension or disqualification or by forfeiture of points for any non-compliance or breach of any of these rules and regulations, including any Policy according to agreed guidelines



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- 16.2 If a player is alleged to have breached these rules or a Policy, the allegation against the player must be made in writing and forwarded to the Tennis NSW within seven (7) days of the match being played. The reported player shall be notified in writing of such allegation within seven (7) days of the receipt of the allegation by the Tennis NSW. The player will have the right to appear before the Tennis NSW to answer any allegations and the person or a representative of a Club making the allegation may also be in attendance. Subject to the provisions of natural justice, the Tennis NSW shall hear and determine, in its absolute and sole discretion, whether the allegation against the player is substantiated, and if so, what penalties should apply.

17 Dispute Resolution

- 17.1 Subject to these rules any dispute between a team and/or participants must be referred to Tennis NSW in writing within 48 hours of the date of the alleged incident/breach and the complaint must contain a precise statement of the issue(s) in the dispute, and include all relevant facts such as correct name of person/s involved, date, time, location.

Complaint to be emailed to stl@tennis.com.au

- 17.2 Tennis NSW will acknowledge receipt of complaint and will aim to provide a response within three (3) days if practical.
- 17.3 Tennis NSW may call on an independent committee to review the complaint/dispute who may provide a recommendation to Tennis NSW.
- 17.4 Tennis NSW has the power to adjudicate any dispute referred to it for determination in any way in its absolute discretion but subject to the principles of natural justice, these rules and regulations and any Policy (if relevant).

18 Appeals from Disputes

- 18.1 Appeals regarding the outcome of a dispute, may be submitted to Tennis NSW. If the ruling is appealable, Tennis NSW may decide to refer the matter to the Competitions Committee for advice. The Committee will have the final determination on any Appeal against a Tennis NSW ruling or decision.

19 Interpretation of these rules and regulations

- 19.1 Any question arising from or in connection with the interpretation or construction of these rules and regulations shall be determined by the Tennis NSW in its absolute discretion.
- 19.2 Tennis NSW may alter or amend these rules and regulations from time to time without prior notice. If updated, Tennis NSW will endeavour to distribute the updated version of the rules to all teams.



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20 Policies and Regulations

- 20.1 All competitions and matches must be conducted in accordance with their relevant policies, procedures and regulations and all Tennis Australia National Policies.
- a) Tennis Australia Code of Behavior, which includes disciplinary action for inappropriate spectator behavior;
 - b) Tennis Australia Member Protection Policy
 - c) Tennis Australia Anti-Doping Policy
 - d) Tennis Australia Disciplinary Policy
 - e) Tennis Australia Anti-Corruption program
 - f) Tennis Australia Social Media Policy
 - g) And any other policy, rule, procedure or regulation of which Tennis Australia may publish from time to time.
 - h) Tennis Australia Rules for non-umpired matches
([http://www.tennis.com.au/doc/tennis-etiquetteand-rules-for-non-umpired matches](http://www.tennis.com.au/doc/tennis-etiquetteand-rules-for-non-umpired-matches))
 - i) Tennis Australia Dress & equipment Regulations
 - j) AR Tournaments Rules & Regulations – Publicity, promotion and use of Image

In the event, that these regulations do not cover a rule/procedure – Players, Referees and Match Supervisors should refer to - The ITF Rules of Tennis (available via <http://itftennis.com/officiating/rulebooks/rules-of-tennis.aspx>)

21 Miscellaneous

- 21.1 All players must comply with the etiquette of play for non-umpired matches as set out in Annexure A.



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Annexure A - Tennis Australia Tennis Etiquette for Non-Umpired Matches

Matches played without a chair umpire

<https://www.tennis.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/Rules-for-matches-without-chair-umpire-2013-latest.pdf>

General rules

All Athletes should be aware of the following basic principles when playing a match without a Chair Umpire:

1. If in doubt, the Athlete must give the benefit of any doubt to his/her opponent, in particular regarding Line calls.
2. Each Athlete is responsible for all calls on his/her side of the net, however it should be noted that a Court Supervisor or Referee is permitted to reverse an incorrect line call. This reversal may be made by the official located within (whilst adjudicating) or outside the court enclosure.
3. If in the opinion of the Court Supervisor or Referee an incorrect line call is a deliberately blatant action, the offending Athlete will automatically lose the point and may receive a code violation for Unsportsmanlike conduct.
4. All “out” or “fault” calls should be made promptly after the ball has bounced and must be loud enough for the opponent to hear.
5. If an athlete incorrectly calls a ball “out” and then realises that the ball was good, the point should be replayed, unless it was a point winning shot or unless that Athlete made an incorrect “out” call earlier in the match. In these circumstances, the Athlete who called “out” loses the point.
6. A service “Let” may be called by either Athlete/team.
7. Foot faults may only be called by an official standing on court or by a chair umpire. Athletes may be requested to correct their foot faulting problem by a Referee or Court Supervisor, who will require the Athlete to make an effort during the match to rectify the problem. The receiver may not call a foot fault against the server.
8. The receiver must play to the reasonable pace of the server. Both Athletes must ensure they restrict their warm-up time, and minimise time between points and at change of ends.
9. To avoid controversy over the score, the server should announce the game score before starting a game and the point score prior to serving for each point, and must be loud enough for his/her opponent to hear.
10. If Athletes cannot agree on the score, they should calmly discuss the points/games that are disputed. All points or games which the Athletes agree on stand and only those in dispute should be replayed i.e. two Athletes cannot agree on whether the score is 40--30 or 30--40 and disagree only on who won the first point in the game. The game shall continue from 30--30, since both Athletes agree that they have won two points each. When the game score is in dispute the same principles applies i.e. two Athletes cannot agree on 4--3 or 3--4, and disagree only on who won the second game. The match shall continue from 3-3, since both Athletes agree that they won three games each. The Athlete who received in the last game



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that was played will serve in the next game. Where there is a score dispute, an athlete must make a reasonable effort to remember the actual score i.e. points/games played.

11. When an athlete has created an involuntary hindrance (ball falling out of pocket, hat falling off, etc.), the first time a "let" should be called and any similar hindrance thereafter will be ruled deliberate.
12. Any hindrance caused by an athlete that is ruled deliberate by the relevant official will result in the loss of a point.
13. Where a ball interrupts play, either by rolling/bouncing onto the court, and/or creating a visible interruption behind the court a let should be played. Either Athlete can call a let in these circumstances provided they do so in a timely manner. Where this is between a 1st and 2nd serve, a second serve only should be played.
14. In a situation where a ball is lying on the court at the commencement of the point (1st or 2nd serve) it will be deemed to be part of the court during the rally. Movement of this ball during the rally does not constitute hindrance.
15. Athletes are entitled to request their opponent to remove the ball from the court prior to the commencement of the point.
16. When ball persons are not available, all balls on your side of the net are your responsibility to pick up and return directly to the server.
17. The receiver should not return the first service if it is an obvious fault --- let it go by or ground it.
18. Either Athlete is allowed to call a foul shot or "not up", providing this occurs in a timely manner.
19. Athletes should only leave the court for a toilet break, or any other reason, with the permission of Referee or Court Supervisor.
20. If at the completion of a match, the Athletes involved realise that the scoring format used was incorrect, the match result shall stand provided all Athletes have left the court enclosure. If the mistake is realised before the Athletes have left the enclosure, the correct scoring format should be used to finalise the match. If this is not possible (i.e. the match has progressed beyond the point where the correct scoring format can be implemented), then the score based on the incorrect format stands. (Refer to the ITF Rules of Tennis section 'Correcting Errors').
21. Where a Code Violation second offence / Point Penalty is determined by the Referee or Court Supervisor this may be applied at any time during the specific game where the offence occurs. If the point penalty cannot be issued during the specific game a code violation second offence will still be issued. It should be noted that any code violation second offence between games is deemed to be part of the following game.
22. Screaming regularly and loudly, whether in relation to winning and/or losing a point is likely to cause interference to play on nearby courts and may be considered Unsportsmanlike Conduct.



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23. Constant overt celebration directed at an opponent may be considered intimidation, and therefore unsportsmanlike conduct.
24. If an athlete is unhappy with his/her opponent's actions or decisions, he/she should call the Referee or Court Supervisor immediately.

Etiquette

1. Athletes are expected at all times to shake hands with their opponent(s) at the completion of a match.
2. Do not enlist the aid of spectators, including parents, coaches in making line calls, or attempting to determine the score or other on-court matters.
3. Wait until a point is over before walking behind a court where a match is in progress.
4. To retrieve a ball from another court or to return a ball to another court, wait until the Athletes have completed a point.
5. Do not stall, sulk, complain or practice gamesmanship.
6. In doubles, when returning service, the partner of the receiver should generally call the service line for him/her. The receiver should generally call the centre and side service lines. The call needs to be loud enough to stop their opponents/partner playing.



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Annexure B – Tennis Australia National Rating

<https://www.tennis.com.au/stl/>

<https://www.tennis.com.au/play/leagues/national-player-rating-system>

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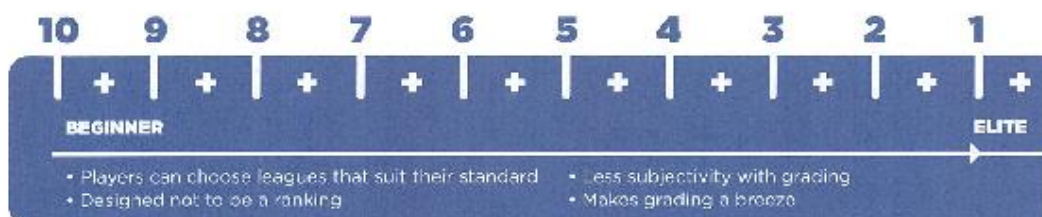
A RATING IS A MEASURING TOOL INDICATING A STANDARD OF PLAY AND ENABLES PLAYERS TO RECORD THEIR PROGRESS. A RATING WILL GIVE PLAYERS ACCESS TO APPROPRIATE LEVELS OF COMPETITION.

The primary aim of the rating is to provide a standard base of play. Play is based on the TA Rating System ensuring organisers of a league will be able to grade efficiently and effectively. Players can choose the most appropriate league for them and play with and against players of similar ability.

For junior and adult players there are 10 rating bands, starting with 10 which is the lowest and progressing through to 1 which is the highest rating. Before progressing to a higher rating, a player will be given a plus rating e.g. a player will rise from an 8 to an 8+ to a 7.

This means that players can play in the most appropriate league available and that administrators can grade efficiently and with less subjectivity. Administrators will ultimately be able to clearly promote the playing standard of their competition and players can select those competitions that best suit their standard.

The rating is NOT designed to be a ranking whereby players can measure their performance improvement on a specific match.



The National Rating is available to all players who are competing in a league that is run using League Manager and Match Centre software.



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Annexure C – How to join tennis

HOW TO JOIN TENNIS



Before you can access your profile, results and rating in Match Centre, you will need to Join Tennis. Joining Tennis simply means creating your online tennis profile.

1

Visit **tennis.com.au**
and click '**JOIN**' in
the grey bar across
the top of the page

2

Select to join with
Facebook, Google
or **email** and enter
your details

3

Click
'JOIN TENNIS'
and you're
done!

LINK YOUR ACCOUNT

If you have already been playing in a League that has been administered on League Manager, your player profile will have already been set up. You can link your player profile to your new account in three easy steps:

1

In your **Dashboard** (you will automatically be redirected to this page when you log into Match Centre) enter your name in the search bar at the top of the page and click search.

2

A list of **profiles** will appear, if you believe a profile listed reflects your personal details and your team, view the profile using the right hand side icon that resembles an eye.

3

Once you've viewed the profile and confirmed it is you, select the **"Request link"** button at the bottom of the profile. Your request will be reviewed and your profile linked if it is a correct match.