



# 2019 Sydney Badge Competition Rules



**By submitting an entry you agree to abide by the terms and conditions as set out in the Rules & fact Sheet.**

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## 1 Objectives

- 1.1 The objective of Tennis NSW is to provide team inter-club competitions for members of affiliated tennis clubs/associations, 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 Sydney Badge Competition 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 Sydney Badge Competition or Tennis NSW or not in the "Spirit of Tennis".

## 2 General

- 2.1 Tennis NSW administers the Badge Competition and has the power to make final decisions in respect of the conduct of the Badge Competition.
- 2.2 All participants in Badge Competition, 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 Badge Competition

- 3.1 The Sydney Badge Competition is divided into the following competitions:

Autumn	Spring
Thursday Ladies	Thursday Ladies
Saturday Ladies	Saturday Ladies
Saturday Mens	Saturday Mens
Saturday Mixed	Saturday Mixed

- 3.2 Ideally each grade will include a maximum of eight (8) teams (to allow each team to play each other twice). However depending upon number of entries and gradings, Tennis NSW reserve the right to alter the number of teams as deemed appropriate for the competition. The Grades will run 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.5 then 2.1 to 2.5, then 3.1 etc, where possible.
- 3.3 In addition to the above grades a Premier Division (men's and ladies competitions) for the top level players is offered for six (6) teams, to be revised annually dependent upon strength of competition.



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## 4 Team Entry

- 4.1 A team may only be entered into the Badge Competition by a club, association or individual that is registered with, and affiliated to NSW.
- 4.2 Team entry form applications must be submitted to Tennis NSW by the entry closing date. The team entry form application must include all the names of the Base Players in the team. (excluding reserves)
- 4.3 Tennis NSW will determine the entry fees for entry into the Badge Competition. This fee will be revised and published annually. The entry fee must be paid to Tennis NSW by advertised date.
- 4.4 Tennis NSW has the sole and ultimate discretion in whether to accept a team's application for entry into Badge Competition. Without limiting that discretion, Tennis NSW may refuse a team's entry for reasons including, but not limited to:
  - (a) a player in the team is currently suspended by Tennis NSW or another tennis authority;
  - (b) a team has an outstanding financial liability to Tennis NSW or another tennis authority;
  - (c) a player is ineligible to play under these rules and regulations or a Policy; or
  - (d) in the opinion of Tennis NSW a team or player is not of good character, or is likely to bring the badge competition into disrepute.

## 5 Team Composition

- 5.1 Base Players (as per Match Centre) – are the five (5) to eight (8) registered players in the team who will play during the competition. A player shall be a base player of only one team in a competition. If a club has two (2) teams in the same grade of competition, any reserve may play for either team, but for only one (1) team per day.

Reserve Players (as per Match Centre) – are the four (4) registered players in the Team who are not listed as a Base Player on the team nomination form at the time of grading. Their names are to be added when required to play.

On the application form, a team must nominate for registration a minimum of five (5), and up to a maximum of eight (8) players. The first five (5) players listed (1 to 5) on the team's application form must be the teams strongest five (5) players. (This is used for the team's grading). Refer to Rule 23 for Premier League Men and Rule 24 for Premier Women.

- 5.2 Each player in a team must be registered with Tennis NSW. Each team must nominate one player to act as team captain (Team Captain). The Team Captain does not have to be the No 1 player. The Team Captain is responsible for submitting results into Match Centre each week and receiving all communication related to Badge from Tennis NSW. Captain must be included as a Base Player and not as a Reserve Player.
- 5.3 A Player cannot be listed in more than one (1) team in the same competition but may play as a Reserve for another team in accordance with these Rules.
- 5.4 Players may play in more than one (1) Badge Competition in the same season provided they meet any conditions as specified by Tennis NSW. For example Thursday Ladies and Saturday Ladies or Mixed.
- 5.5 Players cannot play in two (2) different teams within the same competition on the same day.



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- 5.6 Juniors playing in adult competitions – clubs may only nominate players who should be 14 years of age on the day of commencement of the competition. Exceptions may be considered at the discretion of Tennis NSW.
- 5.7 A team can only change the order of the top five (5) players if:
- a) They submit the request in writing to Tennis NSW with an approved explanation
  - b) One (1) of the original top 5 players is injured and unable to play for the remainder of the season
  - c) They are unable to play for the remainder of the season due to work, family or other commitments
- 5.8 If a player is listed as one of the eight (8) Base Players for a team, they can only reserve for another team if they have only played less than three (3) matches.

### 6 Reserve Players

Reserve players do not need to be nominated at registration, but can be added throughout the competition as required.

- 6.1 Teams may include up to four (4) Reserve Players on Match Centre
- 6.2 All Reserve Players must be registered with Tennis NSW
- 6.3 A Reserve Player can only play for one (1) club they have nominated per season.
- 6.4 A Reserve Player may be listed as a reserve on 2 separate teams in the same competition in the same grade (For example Rachel Ball is listed to play with netcall – team 1 and netcall – team 2 in grade 1.5 for Saturday Ladies).
- 6.5 Teams must contact Tennis NSW to request to add Reserve Players to their teams. For reserve players to be added, teams must provide the following information: -
- a) Name (first and last) with correct spelling
  - b) Email address
  - c) Mobile number
- 6.6 A player registered in Badge Competition cannot play as a Reserve for a team in a lower grade if the player has played three (3) or more matches in a higher grade.
- 6.7 A team may only include a Reserve Player with a Rating equivalent to or weaker than the Base Player they are replacing. For example (*Reserve Player*) Bill has a rating of 3+ and is replacing (*Base Player*) Dave who has a rating of 3+. OR (*Reserve Player*) Jill has a rating of 5P and is replacing (*Base Player*) Anne who has rating of 4+

### 7. Unregistered players

All players must be registered with Tennis NSW (via the club/s they are representing) to participate in the Sydney Badge Competition



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## 8. Grading

- 8.1 Tennis NSW is responsible for grading all competitions and determination of the number of teams in each division.
- 8.2 The players in each team must be nominated by the club in their order of playing strength which is based on each player's National Player Rating. A player's National Rating is calculated by Tennis Australia under its National Player Rating System.
- 8.3 Tennis NSW reserves the right to accept or deny any team or team member nominated and/or allocate the team or team member to a higher or lower division
- 8.4 During nomination, Clubs must include all relevant information to assist with grading of teams. If a player has no National Player Rating, an explanation of their playing history must be provided.
- 8.5 Tennis NSW may at its discretion give permission for a player to use a temporary rating at any time prior to or during the season, based on a written application from the club's league coordinator
- 8.6 In exceptional circumstances Tennis NSW may at its discretion alter the grading of any teams after the season commences, and shall adjust Fixtures accordingly.
- 8.7 Dependent upon make-up of the team, it is anticipated the teams may move grades (up or down) depending on previous performance as a team as well as individual player performance.
- 8.8 Tennis NSW will work with a grading committee to produce the preliminary grading's

## 9 Grading Appeal

- 9.1 Teams wishing to appeal their preliminary grading may do so in writing to Tennis NSW within four (4) days of the gradings being published to [sydneybadgetennis@tennis.com.au](mailto:sydneybadgetennis@tennis.com.au) and should include the following: -

- a) The request for it to be moved to either a higher or lower grade of badge; and evidence supporting the request i.e. team results, player rankings, ratings & recent performances

Appeals cannot be guaranteed and will be decided at the discretion of the grading committee.

Should there be any changes to grading's following an appeal, teams will have 48 hours to lodge right of reply.

- 9.2 Tennis NSW in conjunction with the grading committee will release the FINAL Grading to all Badge Captains within seven (7) to ten (10) days following the preliminary grading.

## 10 Match Format

- 10.1 *Appendix A* sets out match formats for each competition



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### 11 Match Schedule (excluding Premier League)

- 11.1 Matches are to be played for a fixed period of time, being 2 hours and 45 minutes, in two sessions during the day as follows:
- a) Thursday Ladies 10am – 1pm. Natural grass courts may choose to start at 10.30 am but must state this on their entry form.

b) Saturday Afternoon Ladies, Men and Mixed

- Session A times will be 11:30am – 14:15pm (**grass**)  
12noon to 14:45pm (**all other surfaces**)
- Session B times will be 14:20pm to 17:05pm (grass)  
14:50pm to 17:35pm (**all other surfaces**)

A match is completed at the end of the session time above, regardless of whether all the rubbers have been played or finished.

- 11.2 Clubs who do not have lights will be allocated Session A times (*as far as practical*) in order to be able to complete matches.
- 11.3 All Clubs using Grass Court surfaces must try to provide an alternative venue which can be used to minimise 'Wash Outs'. Alternative venues to be submitted at time of nomination
- 11.4 Clubs which have multiple surfaces must advise the opposing team 24 hours prior which surface the match will be played on. This will ensure fairness to the opposing team being appropriately prepared and equipped.
- 11.5 Matches to commence as advised on the draw which is published on Match Centre <http://leagues.tennis.com.au/>
- 11.6 A **maximum of five (5) minutes** is allowed for warm up prior to commencement of each rubber including practice serves.
- 11.7 Clubs to provide a warm up court (where practical) 30 minutes prior to start of scheduled match time. Visiting team captains must be advised of the availability of such warm up courts.
- 11.8 Session A players must leave the courts immediately at the conclusion of their match in order to allow Session B to commence.
- 11.9 A match cannot be played on a date other than the scheduled date without prior consent from Tennis NSW.
- 11.10 Matches may be re-arranged or commence earlier or later when mutually agreed between the opposing team captains and approved by Tennis NSW.
- 11.10 The designated time for completion of play shall be strictly observed, except for finals.
- 11.11 **Thursday Ladies:** - All games, including tie-breaks to determine a set, that have commenced before the published completion time shall be completed before ceasing play.





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**Saturday's Ladies, Men's & Mixed** - All games including tiebreaks to determine a set that have commenced before the published completion time shall stop immediately on completion time due to time constraints.

- 11.12 Play is to be continuous. A **maximum of five (5) minutes** rest between rubbers may be taken. (swift change of ends will assist with matches being completed)

### Order of play

- 11.13 The order of play is as follows:

The home team nominates which of their pairs plays on each of the courts. The visiting team matches those pairs. The visiting team nominates which pairs are to switch courts in the reverse rubbers.

- 11.14 Where there are lights on-site, they must be used so Session B matches can be played **till 5:35pm**.

## **12 Match Scoring**

- 12.1 a) A team scores one point for each set won. The team with the greater number of sets won will be declared the winner of the match.

b) Premier Division refer to rule 23 for men and 24 for ladies.

- 12.2 Normal deuce is to be played

- 12.3 If at the completion of the match not all rubbers have been finished or played, but subject to the applicability of rule 13.2 below, each team will be awarded 0.5 points for each unfinished or un-played set. For example: if score is 4-3 in the last rubber and time has run out, each team will be awarded 0.5 points.

- 12.4 If at the conclusion of the match, the number of sets won by each team is equal, the team that has won the greater number of completed games will be declared the winner. If the number of games won is equal, then the match shall be declared a draw.

- 12.5 If either team leaves the court without agreement from the opposing team, then the opposing team shall forfeit points for that rubber.

- 12.6 A match is out of time when the allocated time for the match has passed.

- 12.7 The winning team, (whether by winning more sets, games, forfeit or rubbers in Premier League Men's) will be awarded four (4) bonus points.

- 12.8 a) There is a maximum of ten (10) points available for each match. For example - if a team won each set of each rubber it would be awarded 8 points for 8 sets won plus 2 bonus points. If the match is drawn (i.e. each team wins the same number of sets and games), the two bonus points will be shared with each team receiving one bonus point.

b) Teams are awarded five (5) points for a bye.



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- 12.9 a) The ladder for each section will be ordered based on the highest total points won.  
Total points won will be determined using the following formula:

Total Points won = 1 x point for each set won + 0.5 points for each unfinished or un-played set + two bonus points for each match won or + 1 point for each match drawn.

- 12.10 a) If two or more teams are equal in points on the ladder, their ranking will be decided by the following:
- i) 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.
  - ii) 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.

### 13 Player injury

- 13.1 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 the match.
- 13.2 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.
- 13.3 An injured player cannot be replaced by another player during a match.

### 14 Extreme Weather and Cancellations (inclement weather)

[https://www.tennis.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/TA\\_Extreme\\_Weather\\_Policy\\_July\\_2018.pdf](https://www.tennis.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/TA_Extreme_Weather_Policy_July_2018.pdf)

- 14.1 The Tennis Australia Extreme Weather Policy applies to all matches – click on link
- 14.2 The 'Thermal Comfort Level', where applicable must be taken from the Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) website.
- 14.3 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.
- 14.4 On all court surfaces (excluding grass) Team Captains must communicate with each other a minimum two (2) hours prior to scheduled match time to determine whether match which will proceed.
- 14.5 When Clubs are using grass courts, every effort should be made to use an alternate to ensure matches are played on scheduled date and time. For example Home Team could provide an alternate venue or agree to swap fixtures and use opposing team venue if deemed suitable. (*Team Captains to liaise 48 hours prior to scheduled match*). For example rain occurs on Thursday or for Friday for Saturday matches).





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- 14.6 Unless both Team Captains agree to cancel the match all players must meet at the venue for the start of the match.
- 14.7 Both Team Captains must agree to cancel the match due to inclement weather (Wash Out), each team shall receive five points.
- 14.8 If Team Captains cannot agree on cancellation of match, then the Home Captain will make the final call following their club's internal safety requirements.
- 14.9 Both Team Captains must make a final decision regarding whether to cancel the match 30 minutes after the start time of the match (Session A = 12noon/12:30pm, Session B = 2:50pm/3:20pm).
- 14.10 No rubber can commence later than 45 minutes after the match's scheduled start time. If the match has not commenced within this time period, the match will be declared a Wash Out.

### 15 Defaults/Forfeits by team players

- 15.1 Where a team or a doubles pair is not ready to play 5 minutes after the start time of the match, the first set of the rubber (or rubbers) will be forfeited.
- 15.2 If a team or doubles pair is not ready to play 30 minutes after the start time of the match, both the first and second set of the rubber (or rubbers) will be forfeited.
- 15.3 Any team that does not have at least one pair ready to play 45 minutes after the scheduled starting time, will forfeit the entire match (Default).
- 15.4 If any team Defaults or fails to meet its commitment, in the opinion of Tennis NSW, without sufficient cause being shown, the club entering such team may be fined up to \$50. The opponents of such team shall score ten points and be awarded eight sets and forty-eight games. The defaulting team will be awarded zero points, zero sets and zero games.
- 15.5 Teams who forfeit two or more matches during the season may be banned for the following season and may be fined \$100 per match at the sole discretion of Tennis NSW, following investigation into the circumstances,.
- 15.6 In the event of a team fielding only one pair, that pair may play their two rubbers. The remaining rubbers will be forfeited. The score of such sets played shall stand and points awarded in accordance with the completed results. The remaining sets shall be forfeited and scored six games to nil against the defaulting team. In the unlikely event that a draw was to occur, the team fielding all 4 players would be awarded the additional two (2) match points.

### 16 Entering Results

- 16.1 A member of the home team must print and have available at the match a scorecard for completion and signing. *Appendix D* sets out instructions for printing scorecards and using the League Manager system.



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- 16.2 Immediately after the completion of each rubber (whether or not a match result is determined) the official scorecard must be completed and signed by a member of each team.
- 16.3 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.
- 16.4 The winning team shall be responsible for online lodgment of results in Tennis Australia online competition system (Match Centre) for all matches whether they are Won, Lost, Drawn, Incomplete or Forfeited. *(must include reason for incomplete matches). If a match is washed out, the home team must enter that result.*
- 16.5 Once the winning team has entered match results, the losing team must confirm or dispute the results within 24 hours of the results being lodged by the winning team. Failure by the Winning team to lodge results within 24 hours may result in the team being penalized.
- 16.6 The losing team is responsible for confirming the online results in Match Centre, within 24 hours after they have been entered. Failure to confirm results within the 48 hours may result in the team being penalized.
- 16.7 All results will be deemed official 72 hours after the scheduled commencement time of the match.
- 16.8 Tennis NSW reserves the right to amend any scorecards/errors that may impact the overall result of any fixture outside of these deadlines.
- 16.9 Any issues arising from the weekend's matches must be lodged within 72 hours following, so they may be dealt with before the commencement of the next round. This may include incorrect results, player names, and behavioral concerns.

### 17 Courts and Facilities

17.1 The home team shall provide:

- a) A clean dressing room and toilet and shower facilities for opposing team players.
- b) An acceptable standard of hospitality both during and after the match. (Provision of food and drinks at conclusion of a match is traditional and accepted practice for Badge Competition).

#### Checklist for court standards

- Condition of courts
- Are courts fenced off properly (preventing balls to wander/disappear)
- Decent bounce from court surface
- Level playing surface
- Toilet and shower facilities
- Sufficient parking & accessibility

17.2 Each team must register with the Tennis NSW: (i) venue and (ii) the court surface at the venue for its home matches (Home Venue).



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- 17.3 Tennis NSW may request, and the team must provide, any information deemed necessary by Tennis NSW to determine whether to approve the venue and court surface, including but not limited to, the location of the courts, the number of courts, court surface information, parking and accessibility and facilities at the venue.
- 17.4 All courts at the Home Venue must be properly equipped (including a centre net strap), kept in good order, and prepared ready for play prior to the scheduled starting time.
- 17.5 If a team wishes to use outside or indoor courts as an alternative location for wet weather or overflow, these courts must also be registered and approved by Tennis NSW prior to the commencement of each season of Badge Competition (Alternate Venue Courts).
- 17.6 Unless another time frame has been agreed by the Team Captains, a team wishing to use an alternative Venue for a match, must give the opposing team minimum 48 hours' notice (refer to rule 14)
- 17.7 Both courts used in a match must be at the same venue and should use courts with the same court surface where possible.
- 17.8 The use of Alternate Venue Courts for semifinals, and finals is not permitted unless the number of home teams exceeds the number of courts at the Home Venue, or when the courts are unplayable at the Home Venue and the Alternate Venue has been approved by Tennis NSW.
- 17.9 If the Home team's venue is unavailable, it is permissible for the match to be played at the Away teams venue if two courts are available and both team captains agree to this change.

### 18 Playing Attire

- 18.1 All players must wear correct tennis attire and comply with the dress regulations of the home team's club. Failure to do so may result in players being unable to play their match and those players forfeiting their rubbers.

### 19 Match Balls

- 19.1 All clubs must provide minimum 3 brand new balls per match.
- 19.2 Tennis Australia approved tennis balls must be used for all Tennis NSW Matches. *Appendix B* sets out the details of Tennis Australia approved balls and ball requirements refer to <https://www.tennis.com.au/learn/courts-and-surfaces/resources/approved-balls>

### 20 Finals

- 20.1 At the end of the regular season of Badge Competition, the top four (4) ranking teams on the ladder (after any deductions for a breach of rules) will qualify for the finals.
- 20.2 Positions on the ladder are decided by points won, minus any deductions for a breach of rules
- 20.3 A team will be deducted 10 points at the completion of the final rounds if:  
a) Four (4) players have not played a minimum of five (5) matches



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- b) The definition of Played Matches is set out in rule 22.1
- c) Premier League Men's – must have 2 players compete in 50% of (five) matches and the other 3 highlighted players compete in 33% of (three) matches.

20.4 In the event of two 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 12.10.

20.5 The finals schedule for each section of Badge Competition is as follows:  
Week 1 – Semi-finals: 1st v 4th (Semi-Final 1) and 2nd v 3rd (Semi-Final 2) (*home teams listed first*)  
Week 2 – Final: Winner Semi-Final 1 v Winner Semi-Final 2 (*home team is highest ranked team on the ladder as at the end of the regular season of Badge Competition*)

20.6 One (1) **wet weather week** has been reserved which can be used for either semi-finals or finals if a wash-out has been agreed by both teams. Otherwise matches must proceed at the scheduled date and time. Alternatively if both Captains agree a match may proceed on the scheduled date and time using an alternative venue (*approved by Tennis NSW*). If a wash out is called in semi-final week and the reserved **wet weather week** is used, then a wash out is called for the finals week, the team who placed highest on the ladder will be declared the winner.

20.7 Semi-Finals and Finals must be played out to ensure there is a winner.

### 21 Finals Eligibility

21.1 a) Notwithstanding anything in rule 20, to be eligible to play in Semi-finals or Finals match a Player must have played in a minimum of five (5) Matches.

b) For the purposes of this rule, a played match is when a player plays a season of Badge Competition but does not include any byes, Wash Outs or Defaults.

b) Divisions with byes shall be counted as one less qualifying match

21.2 Upon application by a team, the Tennis NSW has the power to grant an exemption to rule 21.1 At the absolute discretion of the Tennis NSW may:

- a) grant the exemption requested; or
- b) compel the team to forfeit one or more rubbers of the final; or
- c) compel the team to forfeit the final.

21.3 For incomplete matches to be counted towards Finals eligibility, player's names must be registered on the score card.

21.4 For forfeited fixtures to be counted towards Final eligibility, player's names for the non-forfeiting team only must be registered on the score card.

21.5 Reserve Players may play in a Semi-Finals and Final in that division or any other division of that competition, provided they have met the criteria (Rule 6)



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### 22 Prizes

- 22.1 Prizes for Badge Competition (if any) will be determined by Tennis NSW in its absolute discretion.

### 23 Premier League Men

- 23.1 Teams may elect to have separate singles and doubles players. For example four doubles players only and four singles players only per match day. Teams may also elect to have players playing both doubles and singles.

#### 23.2 Team Composition

Are to provide their full team ranked from 01<sup>st</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup>.

Refer to rule 5 (Base Players) and rule 6 (Reserve Players)

Refer to rule 20/21 for finals eligibility

#### 23.3 Rankings

Teams should be grading their players from strongest to weakest based on singles ability. Ranking players from 1 to 8 highlighting the 5 players who will be meeting the minimum match requirements outlined in Rule 21. This must be submitted to Sydney Badge prior to round 1 commencing.

#### 23.4 Format

- a) Singles – 2 sets + Super Tiebreak (if 1 set all)
- b) Singles rubbers (1v1, 2v2, 3v3, 4v4)
- c) Followed by 2 doubles rubbers
- d) Doubles – 2 sets + Super Tiebreak (if 1 set all)
- e) No 1 singles player on the day must play in the no 1 Doubles pair
- f) Order of play must be Singles, Singles, and Doubles
- g) All matches to start at 1pm (excluding grass to start at 12:30pm) matches to be played until completed (under lights)

#### 23.5 Courts

- a) Play on 4 courts if available otherwise a minimum of 2 courts
- b) 1pm for (all surfaces) (12:30pm for grass) - matches to be played out under lights until completed.

	Court 1	Court 2
1.30pm	Singles 1 v Singles 1	Singles 3 v Singles 3
2.15pm (approx.)	Singles 2 v Singles 2	Singles 4 v Singles 4
3.00pm (approx.)	Doubles 1 v Doubles 1	Doubles 2 v Doubles 2
4.30pm (approx.)	Doubles 1 v Doubles 2	Doubles 2 v Doubles 1

#### 23.6 Match Scoring

- a) 1 point per Set won (including Tiebreak as a Set)
- b) Bonus Point for straight Sets win (3 points = 2 points per Set, 1 Bonus Point for win by 2-0 Sets)
- c) 4 Singles Rubbers (maximum of 12 points)
- d) 2 Doubles rubbers (maximum of 6 points)
- e) Winning team is the team with the most Rubbers won



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- f) If equal on Rubbers, then the team with the most number of Sets won (including Tiebreaks) is the Winner
- g) If equal on Rubbers and Sets, then the Winning Team is the Team with the most Games (not including Tiebreak)
- h) Bonus 2 points for the Winner (over all)

### 23.7 Match Balls

- a) Must use the Premium Tennis Balls and will require 6 (new) x4 ball cans (24 balls) per match.
- b) Tennis Australia approved tennis balls must be used for all Tennis NSW Matches. Premium Brand tennis balls should only be used. *Appendix B* sets out the details of Tennis Australia approved balls and ball requirements refer to <https://www.tennis.com.au/learn/courts-and-surfaces/resources/approved-balls>

### 23.8 Alternate Courts for Grass Court Clubs if Wet

- a) Premier League takes No 1 priority for alternative courts
- b) Wash-outs are not acceptable in Premier League and Clubs wishing to participate in Premier League must ensure their club can provide alternative options for matches to proceed as scheduled.
- c) If grass courts are washed out, teams to communicate no later than 48 hours (Thursday) before day of play with alternate venue. (*refer rule 14*)

### 23.9 Catering

- a) To be provided by the Home Team
- b) If not adequate hospitality, Away Team to claim 1 point deduction (from match) and notification via email to Badge Administrator (for ruling enforcement & Home Team)
- c) 2<sup>nd</sup> incident = above point
- d) 3<sup>rd</sup> incident = above point but now includes a 3 point deduction, meeting with Badge Delegate/Team Captain and Sydney Badge Administrator, with ruling and fine of \$200 may be imposed (if required)

### 23.10 Uniforms

- a) All Premier League Badge Teams (players) must wear a uniform or matching shirt

### 23.11 Finals Eligibility

- a) Outside of the highlighted 5 original player's requirements, any of the remaining three (3) players in the team can compete in a final as long as they have completed a minimum of three (3) matches.
- b) Must field at least two (2) players from their highlighted five (5) nominated players.

### 23.12 Finals

- a) To be played at one venue if possible
- b) All 6 teams to play-off at this venue for positions at the same time.





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### **24 Premier League Women**

24.1 Teams may elect to have separate singles and doubles players. For example four doubles players only and two (2) singles players only per match day. Teams may also elect to have players playing both doubles and singles.

### **24.2 Team Composition**

Refer to rule 5 (Base Players) and rule 6 (Reserve Players)

a) Rule 6.7 does not apply to Premier League Women

Refer to rule 20 (Finals) and rule 21 for (Finals eligibility) for finals eligibility

b) Rules 20.1 and 20.5 are amended for Premier League Women such that only one week of finals is played and all 6 teams will play-off for positions, with teams to compete in order of their ranking at the end of the regular season as follows 1 v 2, 3 v 4 and 5 v 6.

c) Rule 20.3 does not apply to Premier League Women

d) Rule 20.6 is amended to clarify that no wet weather week has been reserved for Premier League Women

### **24.3 Rankings**

Teams should be grading their players from strongest to weakest based on singles ability. This must be submitted to Sydney Badge prior to round 1 commencing.

### **24.4 Format**

a) Singles – 1 Pro-set first to 9 with tiebreak at 8-all

b) Doubles – Each set is first to 6 with a tie-breaker at 6-all

c) Normal Deuce to be played

d) A 5 minute warm-up is permitted before the start of each players first set of the day, and if requested by any player, also at the start of any subsequent rotation.

### **24.5 Courts**

a) Play on a minimum of 2 courts

b) 2:50pm for (all surfaces) and 2:20pm (grass) – matches may commence earlier where courts are available, and must be played out under lights until completed where lights are available.



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## c) Format for Premier League Women

	<b>Team 1</b> Player A (singles) Player B (singles) Player C Player D	<b>Team 2</b> Player E (singles) Player F (singles) Player G Player H
	<b>Court 1</b>	<b>Court 2</b>
<b>First rotation</b>	<b>Player A v Player E</b> <b>Then:</b> <b>Player B v Player F</b> One pro set first 9, tie-breaker at 8-all	<b>Players C &amp; D v Players G &amp; H</b>  2 sets of doubles, first to 6, tie-breaker at 6-all
<b>Second rotation</b>	1 set of doubles, first to 6, tie-breaker at 6-all  Teams may nominate <u>any</u> combination of players to form a doubles pair for this rotation. Doubles pairs then remain the same for the third rotation (e.g. if A & C play together in the second rotation, they also play together in the third rotation).  <i>For example:</i> <i>Players A&amp;C v Players F&amp;G</i>	1 set of doubles, first to 6, tie-breaker at 6-all  <i>For example:</i> <i>Players B&amp;D v Players E&amp;H</i>
<b>Third rotation</b>	1 set of doubles, first to 6, tie-breaker at 6-all  <i>For example:</i> <i>Players A&amp;C v Players E&amp;H</i>	1 set of doubles, first to 6, tie-breaker at 6-all  <i>For example:</i> <i>Players B&amp;D v Players F&amp;G</i>

### 24.6 Match Scoring = total 12 points

- Singles = 2 points per set
- Doubles = 1 point per set
- Unfinished set awarded +0.5 for each unfinished or un-played set
- Drawn matches = 1 point per team
- Match win = 2 points

### 24.7 Match Balls

- Must use the Premium Tennis Balls and will require 9 (new) balls per match (3 new balls per singles match and 3 new balls per first doubles match)

- Tennis Australia approved tennis balls must be use for all Tennis NSW Matches. Premium Brand tennis balls should only be used.

Appendix B sets out the details of Tennis Australia approved balls and ball requirements refer to <https://www.tennis.com.au/learn/courts-and-surfaces/resources/approved-balls>



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### 24.8 **Alternate Courts for Grass Court Clubs if Wet**

- a) Premier League takes No 1 priority for alternative courts
- b) Wash-outs on grass courts are not acceptable in Premier League due to wet weather occurring on a day prior to a Saturday, or minor wet weather on a Saturday, where courts would otherwise be playable if a non-grass surface was available. Clubs wishing to participate in Premier League must ensure their club can provide alternative options for matches to proceed as scheduled in these circumstances.
- c) If grass courts are washed out, teams to communicate no later than 48 hours (Thursday) before day of play with alternate venue. (*refer rule 14*)

### 24.9 **Finals Eligibility**

- a) Notwithstanding anything in rule 21, the minimum number of matches a player must have played in a team to be eligible to play in a ny finals match for that team for Premier League Women is three (3) matches

## 25 **Powers of Tennis NSW**

25.1 The Tennis NSW shall have the widest and most absolute power and discretion relating to the Badge Competition or any matter or issue arising from or in connection with the Badge 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 Badge Competition;
- c) suspend or disqualify a player or team from the Badge 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

25.2 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 days of the match being played. The reported player shall be notified in writing of such allegation within seven 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.



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## 26 Dispute Resolution

- 26.1 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 [sydneybadgetennis@tennis.com.au](mailto:sydneybadgetennis@tennis.com.au)

- 26.2 Tennis NSW will acknowledge receipt of complaint and will aim to provide a response within three (3) days if practical.
- 26.3 Tennis NSW may call on an independent committee to review the complaint/dispute who may provide a recommendation to Tennis NSW.
- 26.3 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).

## 27 Interpretation of Badge Rules and Regulations

- 27.1 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.
- 27.2 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.

## 28 Appeals from Disputes

- 28.1 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.

## 29 Policies and Regulations

All competitions and matches must be conducted in accordance with their relevant policies, procedures and regulations and all Tennis Australia National Policies.

- Tennis Australia Code of Behavior, which includes disciplinary action for inappropriate spectator behavior;
- Tennis Australia Member Protection Policy
- Tennis Australia Anti-Doping Policy
- Tennis Australia Disciplinary Policy
- Tennis Australia Anti-Corruption program
- Tennis Australia Social Media Policy
- And any other policy, rule, procedure or regulation of which Tennis Australia may publish from time to time.
- 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))
- Tennis Australia Dress & equipment Regulations



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### 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>)

### **30 Miscellaneous**

- 30.1 Tennis NSW shall communicate with the nominated Team Captains.
- 30.2 Each Team Captain agrees to provide an email address and telephone number to Tennis NSW for publication as a point of contact for other Team Captains.
- 30.3 Appendix C sets out all players must comply with the etiquette of play for non-umpired matches
- 30.4 It is at Tennis NSW's discretion to impose a penalty on teams who display a poor attendance record or unacceptable attitude or lack of commitment to the Badge Competition.



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### Annexure A – Competition Format

Day	Competition	Format
Thursday Morning 10am / 10:30 (grass)	Autumn Ladies Doubles (4 player teams)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 4 doubles rubbers (per pair)</li><li>• Each rubber is a 2 set match</li><li>• <u>6 games</u> all + standard tie breaker</li></ul>
Saturday Afternoon Session A @ 11:30am (grass) / 12noon (other) Session B @ 2:20pm (grass) / 2:50pm (other)	Autumn Ladies Doubles (4 player teams)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 4 doubles rubbers (per pair)</li><li>• Each rubber is a 2 set match</li><li>• <u>5 games</u> all + standard tie breaker</li></ul>
Saturday Afternoon Session A @ 11:30am (grass) / 12noon (other) Session B @ 2:20pm (grass) / 2:50pm (other)	Autumn Men's Doubles (4 player teams)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 4 doubles rubbers (per pair)</li><li>• Each rubber is a 2 set match</li><li>• <u>5 games</u> all + standard tie breaker</li></ul>
Saturday Afternoon Session A @ 11:30am (grass) / 12noon (other) Session B @ 2:20pm (grass) / 2:50pm (other)	Autumn Mixed Doubles (4 player teams)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 4 doubles rubbers (per pair)</li><li>• Each rubber is a 2 set match</li><li>• <u>5 games</u> all + standard tie breaker</li><li>• 2 mixed sets (one against each opposing team), 2 x Mens and 2 x ladies sets to follow</li></ul>





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Saturday Afternoon 12:30pm (grass) / 1pm (other surfaces)	Premier League Men (4 player teams)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• singles = 2 sets + Super Tiebreak (if 1 set all) (1v1, 2v2, 3v3, 4v4)</li> <li>• Doubles = 2 sets + Super Tiebreak (if 1 set all) (1+2 and 3+4)</li> </ul>
Saturday Afternoon 12:30pm (grass) / 1pm (other surfaces)	Premier League Women (4 player teams)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• singles = 1 Pro set first to 9 (Tie break at 8 all)</li> <li>• Doubles = 2 sets + match tiebreak (6/6)</li> </ul>
Thursday Morning            10am	Spring Ladies Doubles (2 player teams)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4 doubles rubbers (per pair)</li> <li>• Each rubber is a 2 set match</li> <li>• Standard tie break is played at <u>6 games</u> all in each set</li> </ul>
Saturday Afternoon Session A @ 11:30am (grass) / 12noon (other) Session B @ 2:20pm (grass) / 2:50pm (other)	Spring Ladies Doubles (2 player teams)	
Saturday Afternoon Session A @ 11:30am (grass) / 12noon (other) Session B @ 2:20pm (grass) / 2:50pm (other)	Spring Men's Doubles (4 player teams)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4 doubles rubbers (per pair)</li> <li>• Each rubber is a 2 set match</li> <li>• Standard tie break is played at <u>5 games</u> all in each set</li> </ul>
Saturday Afternoon Session A @ 11:30am (grass) / 12noon (other) Session B @ 2:20pm (grass) / 2:50pm (other)	Spring Mixed Doubles (4 player teams)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4 doubles rubbers (per pair)</li> <li>• Each rubber is a 2 set match</li> <li>• Standard tie break is played at <u>5 games</u> all in each set</li> </ul>
Friday Twilight                7pm	Spring Singles or Doubles (2 player teams)	



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### Annexure B

#### **Tennis Australia approved Tennis Ball List**

Tennis Australia approved balls have been tested to confirm they meet those standards. Please refer to Tennis Australia website for the current list of approved tennis balls.

1. Babolat
  - Babolat Gold
2. Dunlop
  - AO ball
3. Head
  - Head ATP
  - Head Championship
4. Slazenger
  - Championship Hydroguard
  - Hardcourt
  - Open
  - Wimbledon
  - Tournament
5. Wilson
  - Championship
  - Australian Open Official Ball (3-ball or 4-ball cans)
  - Ultra-Club
  - Tour Red Clay



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## **Annexure C - 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 D – Procedure for registering results on Match Centre

### **Entering results**

To enter results go to: <http://leagues.tennis.com.au/>

Login using your email address and password:

You can only enter results for matches in which you are a player in the team and your Tennis Account has been linked.

To enter results go to your Dashboard:

1. Scroll to your 'Previous Matches', select View Scorecard
2. Once the scorecard displays, select Edit Scorecard and enter match results accordingly.
3. Once a player has entered the match results, select Save Scorecard

### **Confirming results**

Once the winning team has entered match results, the losing team will then need to confirm or Dispute the results.

Following the previous steps 'Entering Match Results (Home Team)', the away team will need to view the scores entered and Confirm or Dispute the results.

### **Printing scorecards**

Login to My Tennis using your email address and password:

1. Scroll to Upcoming matches and select View for the relevant match
2. Once the match is displayed, to print select the Print Scorecard icon to print the scorecard.





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### Annexure E – Tennis Australia National Rating

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

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

# NATIONAL RATING

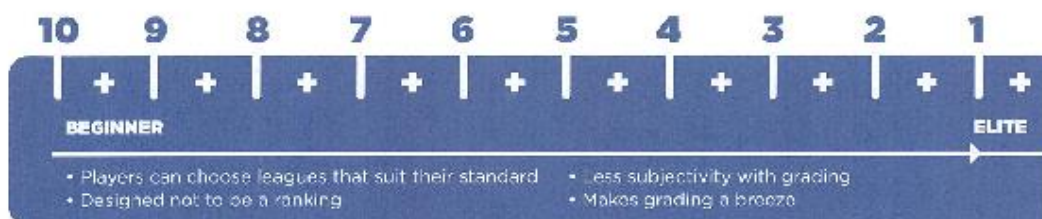
**A RATING IS A MEASURING TOOL INDICATING A STANDARD OF PLAY AND ENABLES PLAYERS TO RECORD THEIR PROGRESS. A RATING WILL GIVE PLAYERS ACCESS TO APPROPRIATE LEVELS OF COMPETITION.**

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 F – 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.