

Match information

Cancellation of matches

Cancellation will be placed on our tennis calendar website and on our facebook page by 7.30am on the Saturday morning of the cancellation. An SMS will also be sent out to Club Representatives. Such an announcement will be made in the event of extreme weather. All players must otherwise be ready to play at the schedule time and wait until at least 9.30am after which time play can be abandoned. It is ideal if the supervisors agree on this issue. The safety of the players is paramount when the condition is compromised by wet weather. No player is to be made to take the court if they feel the court surface is unsafe, therefore if either player feels unsafe, play is not to resume. Parents have final say over the junior players in regard to the potential safety of the court surface.

Starting time

Matches should begin at 8.30am.

Score book

Score books should be filled in clearly and include:

1. Home team on the left hand side, visiting team on the right hand side
2. Child's name written **in full** in the singles section (ie. John Smith)
3. Child's name may be abbreviated in doubles section (ie. J Smith)
4. A team using extra players, must write their players names in order of merit on the back of the score sheet, before the match begins (list players, with number 1 being the team's best player, number 2 being the second best etc.)

Tennis balls

Each team should provide 2 new balls per match. Division F matches will use green dot balls.

Teams

Divisions A, B, C, D and E - 4 boys or 4 girls

Division F - Any 4 players

Order of play

Follow the match order of play where possible.

For example: 4, 3, 2, 1 - where player number 4 would play the first singles match

Assign players to court

As courts become available, Team Supervisors should ensure that the next player is nearby and ready to play. The Team Supervisor should also ensure that children have tennis balls to play with.

Umpiring

Division A - Players umpire themselves

Division B—players umpire other players matches, under adult supervision

Divisions C - Players umpire other players matches, under adult supervision on court to assist, or adults to umpire

Divisions D, E and F - Adults umpire

Set sizes

Division A - 6 game set, tiebreak at 5 all

Division B, C and D - 5 game set, tiebreak at 4 all

Division E - 5 game set. 'Sudden death' will be played in all games up to 4 all and at 4 all an advantage game will be played.

Division F - 4 game set. 'Sudden Death' will be played in all games up to 3 all and at 3 all an advantage game will be played.

Tie breaker

The receiver of the last game (player A) serves the first point of the tie breaker from the right side of the court (forehand side). After the first point is played, it is player B's serve. Player B serves twice, firstly from the left side of the court (backhand side) and then from the forehand side of the court. The serve then returns to player A for the next two points. This serving rotation is maintained throughout the tie breaker.

Players change ends after every six points. Points are scored zero, 1, 2, 3, etc. When a player has scored seven points with a margin of two, they win the tie breaker (7-5). If they reach seven and do not have a two point margin (7-6), they continue to play until one player has a two point lead (8-6). all an advantage game will be played.

Scores

As matches are completed, write scores in the score book.

Completion of match

Once all matches have been completed, check scores with the supervisor of the opposing team, add up sets/games and sign score sheets.

Children

Before leaving the venue, ensure that all children have been picked up. Do not leave children alone at a venue.

Score sheets

Score sheets should be placed in the silver box at the Olympic Park Complex by 7.30pm on the Saturday night after the match. All scores are to be entered and confirmed on the Online Competition Software no later than 10.00am on the Sunday morning following the match.

Social Media Policy

Please acknowledge and agree to abide by the Social Media Policy as developed by Tennis Australia

<https://www.tennis.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/TA-Social-Media-Policy-2019.pdf>

COVID-19 Statement

We need to be making every effort to maintain a safe environment.

Please refer and adhere to the COVID-19 TennisSA Community Guidelines

For the latest Community Tennis Guidelines refer to <https://www.tennis.com.au/sa/players/coronavirus-covid-19>.

Physical distancing principle of 1.5 metres between people is must be adhered to.

Players and spectators are to follow any direction from a COVID-19 Marshal.