



# **TODD WOODBRIDGE CUP**

**COMPETITION GUIDELINES (STAGE 3)**

**GRADES 5&6**



## WHAT IS THE TODD WOODBRIDGE CUP?

Tennis NSW, in conjunction with the Primary Schools Sports Association (PSSA), is pleased to offer a pathway for students to participate in tennis during primary school. This new primary school competition uses modified equipment, numeric scoring, and mixed gendered teams. The competition progresses from Zone Gala Days to Region Finals and culminates in a State Championship (The Todd Woodbridge Cup) each year.

The Todd Woodbridge Cup (Stage 3) competition is specifically designed for students in grades 5 & 6, is not just about selecting the best students, but encouraging participation, providing a positive experience playing tennis, growing friendships, and giving students the opportunity to represent their school in a team environment. For many students, this may be their first experience representing their school.



### Equipment Specifics:

- 23, 25 or 26-inch Tennis racquets for participating players (no adult racquets which are 27 inches or longer)
- Low compression (50%) orange tennis balls.
- Lower the full-sized tennis net to between 80-91.4cm (91.4cm is the height of the standard tennis net)
- Drop down lines as required (see images below)

### Teams:

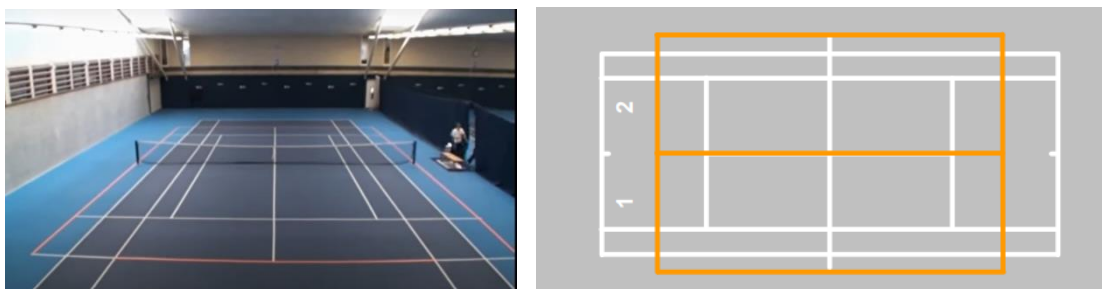
- Grade 5 & 6 students.
- Teams are to be made up of 4 boys & 4 girls with 1 additional boy and 1 additional girl as substitutes (teams only substitute players between rounds).
- Cost is a maximum \$50/team for court hire.
- Schools can enter multiple teams (one teacher required for every 3 teams).
- Small Schools with a combined enrolment of no more than 300 may partner with another school to enter a combined team(s). Combined teams still need to be made up of 4 boys and 4 girls.
- Single-sex schools may partner with another single-sex school to enter a combined team(s).
- All players to wear school sports uniforms unless otherwise approved by Tennis NSW.

### Court Setup:

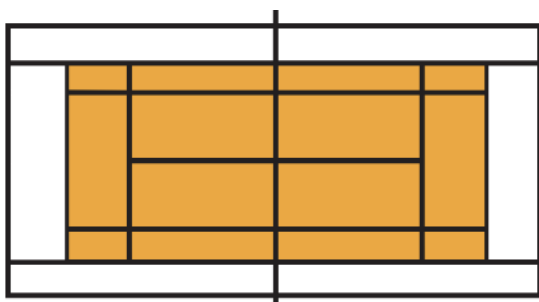
- Orange Stage tennis court (doubles only)
- The Orange Stage court we will use will be 6.4m in width by 18m in length (the orange stage baseline is halfway between full-court baseline and service line), the tennis court net is also lowered to between 80-91.4cm (91.4cm is standard net height)
- Use drop down lines, chalk or tape to mark the baseline and singles sidelines.

### Court Setup (continued):

**Option 1:** Orange Stage (two Orange Stage courts on one full-sized tennis court). This set up allows for more teams to participate at a venue.



**Option 2:** Orange Stage (One Orange Stage doubles court on one full-sized tennis court).



NB: This is the International Tennis Federation (ITF) standard for Orange Stage doubles competition play. The Orange Stage doubles sidelines are the singles sidelines of the main tennis court. Orange Stage tramlines will not be marked for Todd Woodbridge Cup competitions.

### Order of Play:

- Each round, the two schools that are playing each other are allocated four Orange Stage courts.
- Girls doubles (1&2 Vs. 1&2, 3&4 Vs 3&4) and boys doubles (1&2 Vs. 1&2, 3&4 Vs 3&4) are played first.
- Mixed doubles is played next (#1 boy and girl Vs #1 boy & girl, #2 boy & girl Vs #2 boy and girl etc).
- Each match is timed at 7mins and 30mins is allocated to complete each round.

### Format of Competition:

- A Round Robin Draw with teams divided into even pools is the preferred format.
- Matches are timed (usually 7mins) and all begin and end at the same time.
- Matches are scored numerically e.g. 1-0, 1-1, 2-1, 3-1, 4-1 etc.
- Players are ranked in order of ability (Girl player 1-4 and Boy player 1-4) and can only move down one spot when substitutes are used during the competition.
- Players umpire themselves and play one boys/girls doubles followed by one mixed doubles match per round.
- The Court Supervisor (Team Manager) records the scores from each set e.g. 24-15 on the Score Card circling the winner of each set for that round. Please note that a teacher or representative from each school must initial the final score card before moving to the next match.



### Format of Competition (continued):

- **Round Robin:** during the round robin stage, teams score **2 points for each match win** against another school, **1 point is awarded to each team for a drawn match** (e.g., 4 sets all and 50 points all), **0 points awarded for a loss**. The winner of each round robin pool will be determined by the following method;
  - Greatest number of **Match Wins i.e. 4 x wins (8 points) and 1 draw (1 point) = 9 Match Points**
  - **Head-to-Head** results (used if only two teams are tied on Match Points).
  - Highest percentage of **sets won** (if the head-to-head match between the two teams was a draw).
  - Highest percentage of **points won**.
  - Doubles **Tie-break playoff:** If there is still a tie at this stage, then each team selects two players to play a doubles tie-breaker (first to 7 points) to determine the winner.
- **Finals Play-offs:** Top teams from each round robin pool go through to play-off matches to determine the overall winning team. Remaining teams also play-off to determine overall finishing positions. If teams are tied on sets at the end of a play-off match, the team who wins the most points will win the match. If teams are tied on both sets and points, each team selects two players to play a doubles tie-breaker (first to 7 points) to determine the winner.

### Rules of Competition:

- To begin, players do paper, scissors, rock, and the winner chooses to serve or receive.
- Players start in a normal doubles formation (server at baseline and volleyer at the net for doubles matches). First serve is to be attempted either over-arm or underarm (drop, bounce, hit) from the baseline, players are then allowed to move forward for their second serve (no closer to the net than the service line) and are to drop, bounce, hit the ball over the net across the court into the service box, with the receiver allowing the ball to bounce once before returning. If the ball lands outside the receiver's service box or it goes into the net it is a 'fault' and the player serves again. If the player serves a fault on the second serve it is the opponents' point.
- If the ball touches the net on the way over and lands in the receiver's service box it is called a 'let' and the player serves again.
- If the ball bounces twice or the player hits the ball out or into the net it is the opponents point.
- Players cannot reach over the net or touch the net during a rally otherwise it is the opponents point.
- Unsportsmanlike behaviour such as deliberately wasting time, dangerous play or abusive language needs to be reported to the Court Supervisor who will then penalise the player by forfeiting the set.
- When the siren sounds to end the match players finish the rally, shake hands, and sit down on their court.
- If a set is tied at the end of the allocated time, players then play one more point wins to decide who wins the set.

## Competition Scorecard

For each match the below scorecard will be used, the 'MATCH' score for each team is then placed in the Competition Leaderboard along with the number of 'SETS' won by each team, we've included one match result to show you how it works.

## SCORE SHEET



### COURT

Please note: teams score 2 points for a match win, 1 point each for a drawn match and 0 points for a loss. Refer to the competition guidelines for more details.

Round		Score			Score
	B1 & B2	22	v	B1 & B2	12
	B3 & B4	10	v	B3 & B4	15
	G1 & G2	19	v	G1 & G2	8
	G3 & G4	25	v	G3 & G4	14
	B1 & G1	17	v	B1 & G1	14
	B2 & G2	6	v	B2 & G2	20
	B3 & G3	7	v	B3 & G3	17
	B4 & G4	16	v	B4 & G4	10
	<b>POINTS</b>	122		<b>POINTS</b>	110
	<b>SETS</b>	5		<b>SETS</b>	3
	<b>MATCH</b>	2		<b>MATCH</b>	0
	<b>INITIAL</b>	PL		<b>INITIAL</b>	JS

## Competition Leaderboard

RESULTS									
TEAM	1	2	3	4	5	Match	Sets	Points*	Place
1		2				2	5		
2	0					0	3		
3									
4									
5									

\*Total points only need to be calculated if teams are tied on matches won and sets won.

## Competition Organisers

If you would like to host your own Todd Woodbridge Cup (gala day) event, please [complete this form](#) to express your interest. Expressions of interest can come from Tennis NSW affiliated tennis clubs, School Sport Zones and Associations, or qualified tennis coaches. The TWC annual calendar is published in November, however, we are happy to receive expressions of interest all year round.

You can also log in to [Bounce](#) (our online learning platform) and download all the resources you will need to run a Todd Woodbridge Cup schools tennis competition.

## Further Assistance

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