



TENNIS COUNTRY
Northumberland



NORTHUMBERLAND REGION INTERCLUB COMPETITION 2024 GUIDELINES



STRUCTURE

The Northumberland Interclub will be played across three competitions, to cater for a variety of players and standards.

Interclub OPEN SERIES	Singles & doubles. For players wanting serious match play. 4 players per team. UTR graded divisions. Playing for prize money.
Interclub JUNIOR SERIES	Singles & doubles. For match ready juniors wanting extra match play. 4 players per team. Under 17s & Under 12s. Playing for trophies.
Interclub SOCIAL SERIES	Doubles only. For club level players looking to play against a different playing pool. 4 players per team. Graded (Under 6.5 UTR.).

Clubs may enter multiple teams into various divisions across the event. Where a club does not have sufficient player numbers or court space, joint teams may be entered with other local clubs.

TEAM FEES

The entry fee for each team entered is \$100.00, payable to the Northumberland Regional Matchplay Committee via the Xpoint competition platform. Team entry fees will be used to fund the series prizes and prize money.

Clubs can set their own individual player entry fees – keeping in mind minimum hosting criteria applies (see *Logistics* below). Participating teams will be provided assistance to manage team entries and payments via Xpoint as all competition management will be conducted via the Xpoint platform.

ELIGIBILITY

The Northumberland Interclub is open to all Tennis NSW member clubs / venues and/or TA Coach members in the Northumberland Region.

INTERCLUB OPEN & JUNIOR SERIES

BASIC INFORMATION

Standard: Competitive players, Open grade recommended UTR 5+ (7+ for division 1.)

Number of Players: 4 player teams (additional players & reserves may be added.)

Dates: Attached on final page of the document.

Day & Time: Saturdays 1pm start until matches are finished (expected 4-5pm.)

Team Captain: Each team will be required to nominate a Team Captain who will be responsible for communicating with their own players, the opposing Team Captain and their club representatives. The Team Captain must ensure that scores are entered online immediately following the final match. For junior teams, the Team Captain must be a responsible adult.

PLAYING FORMAT

Competition Format: Guaranteed 7 or 8 home and away rounds, with the top 2 teams from each pool (or top 4 teams if a single pool) progressing to semis, followed by a final. Unqualified teams are eliminated.

Match Format: Each round players play a 2 x set doubles match AND a 2 x set singles match, both with super tiebreaks if sets are split and tiebreak at 6-6. Long deuce singles and short deuce doubles (standard tournament rules.)

MATCH SCHEDULE

Each round will follow the match schedule with play to commence at 1pm sharp:

Time	Court 1	Court 2	Court 3
1:00pm	Singles 1 v 1	Singles 2 v 2	Dbls 3/4 v 3/4
Followed by	Singles 3 v 3	Singles 4 v 4	Dbls 1/2 v 1/2

All matches expected to be completed around 4-5pm.

PLAYER ENTRY FEES

Player Fees: Clubs can determine their own individual player entry fee for their players, keeping in mind the below requirements for the club in entering a team. Our recommended price is \$200 per player (\$25 x 8 rounds.) This money goes to the club the players are representing.

Fee Collection & Entries: Players must enter online via Northumberland's Xpoint invitational event. Clubs will receive a unique link to their own registration portal, to distribute to players. Clubs can choose to set their entry fees and collect it via a direct payment gateway (at time of registration in Xpoint) or by manually collecting it themselves.

Xpoint Player Access Fee: Xpoint's software is free to use for the clubs/coaches. A \$20 yearly access fee for each player applies (payable by the individual). Xpoint collects this fee independently from the club, or the club can include this in their entry fee costs and pay it themselves. Note players only pay the access fee once per year, regardless of how many comps and clubs they play at. Many players will already have current player access – if so, this fee will not apply.

HOSTING CRITERIA & COSTINGS

In entering a team/s, clubs must be able to provide for home matches:

Resource	Quantity
New Balls (Tournament Grade)	12 balls per home round
Courts	3 courts from 1-5pm Saturdays
Players	4 players of standard for each round

Clubs will host a maximum 4 home games per team across the series.

DIVISIONS

The event will feature multiple divisions to best cater for differing standards of teams.

Opens Division 1: 8 teams with the highest averaged UTR ratings. All players must be a minimum UTR 7 or equivalent to be eligible for this division*. Playing for most prize money.

Opens Division 2/3: Remaining opens teams (based on averaged UTR ratings) will be placed in as many other divisions as required according to player standard. Playing for reduced prize money.

Under 17s: For junior players wishing to participate. We recommend players with a UTR above 5.0 participate in the Opens event. Juniors will be competing for trophies.

Under 12s: For junior players wishing to participate. We recommend players with a UTR above 3.0 participate in the under 17s event. Juniors will be competing for trophies.

NOTE: Clubs can enter multiple teams across multiple divisions.

* Competition administrators may make exceptions to this rating at their discretion

PRIZE MONEY (Opens Only)

Prize money will be allocated to winning and runner up teams in the Opens Division. This money is provided using the team levies paid by the clubs and is determined based on the number of team entries. The below table is an example breakdown of how we would like to distribute the money, though is subject to change pending final team entries.

Placing	Team Winnings	Per Player (Teams of 4)
Division 1 Winners	\$1600	\$400
Division 1 Runners Up	\$800	\$200
Other Divisions Winners	\$600	\$150
Other Divisions Runners Up	\$200	\$50

INTERCLUB SOCIAL SERIES

BASIC INFORMATION

Standard: Players aged 16 years and over, with a maximum UTR rating of 6.50.

Number of Players: 4 player teams (additional players & reserves may be added.)

Dates: Attached on final page of the document.

Day & Time: Sundays 10am start until matches are finished (expected 12pm.)

Team Captain: Each team will be required to nominate a Team Captain who will be responsible for communicating with their own players, the opposing Team Captain and their club representatives. The Team Captain must ensure that scores are entered online immediately following the final match.

PLAYING FORMAT

Competition Format: Guaranteed 7 or 8 home and away rounds, with the top team from each pool progressing to a final (assuming four pools – this may change pending final competition structure). All teams will participate in the final round at a large central venue, hosted in the form of a gala day.

Match Format: Each round players play 3 x single set matches, long deuce & tiebreak 5-5.

MATCH SCHEDULE

Each round will follow the match schedule with play to commence at 10am.

Time	Court 1	Court 2
10am	Doubles 1/2 v 1/2	Doubles 3/4 v 3/4
Following	Doubles 1/3 v 1/3	Doubles 2/4 v 2/4
Following	Doubles 1/4 v 1/4	Doubles 2/3 v 2/3

PLAYER ENTRY FEES

Player Fees: Clubs can determine their own individual player entry fee for their players, keeping in mind the below requirements for the club in entering a team. Our recommended price is \$160 per player (\$20 x 8 rounds.) This money goes to the club the players are representing.

Fee Collection & Entries: Players must enter online via Northumberland's Xpoint invitational event. Clubs will receive a unique link to their own registration portal, to distribute to players. Clubs can choose to set their entry fees and collect it via a direct payment gateway (at time of registration in Xpoint) or by manually collecting it themselves.

Xpoint Access Fee: Xpoint's software is free to use for the clubs/coaches. A \$20 yearly access fee for each player applies (payable by the individual). Xpoint collects this fee independently from the club, or the club can include this in their entry fee costs and pay it themselves. Note players only pay the access fee once per year, regardless of how many comps and clubs they play at. Many players will already have current player access – if so, this fee will not apply.

HOSTING CRITERIA & COSTINGS

In entering a team/s, clubs must be able to provide for home matches:

Resource	Quantity
New Balls (Tournament Grade)	4 balls per home round
Courts	2 courts for 9-12am or 12-3pm
Players	4 players of standard for each round

Clubs will host a maximum 4 home games per team across the series.

PRIZES

Prizes will be allocated for winning and runners up teams in the form of Xpoint Rewards Points. These points can be redeemed for gift vouchers, tennis gear and trophies.

Placing	Prize (Per Player)	Value (Per Player)
Winning Team	10,000 Points	\$50
Runners Up Team	5,000 Points	\$25

Total Prize Pool for Interclub Social Series Per Division = \$300

RULES & REGULATIONS

MATCH RULES

All matches, players and spectators will be bound to abide by TA's regulations and tournament rulings including the Player Code of Conduct. Breaches in these rules will have penalties imposed by NRMC. View Tennis Australia's Competitive Play Regulations at <https://www.tennis.com.au/competitiveplay/regulations>.

NO SHOWS & LATE WITHDRAWALS

Reserves are more than welcome to fill spots when players are absent, though clubs that have players not show up or pull out late may be subject to penalties. Penalties may include (however may not be limited to) a warning, fine, or withdrawal of the team for repeated occurrences.

FINAL DETAILS & GETTING INVOLVED

Competition Management:

The Northumberland Regional Matchplay Coordinator (Matt Abbott) will oversee the management of the competitions, including creating draws, dealing with any arising issues, establishing the teams and educating clubs/coaches how to use the software to setup their teams.

Using the Xpoint software, each club will be able to access all the draws and manage their teams themselves. They will also be able to contact the opposing club's coach/contact.

Getting Your Club Involved:

Clubs that have participated in interclub or gala day events previously can simply accept the invite on their club's Xpoint account and start accepting player entries. Clubs that haven't participated before or require assistance navigating their Xpoint account should contact Matt Abbott using the below detail. You will be set up with a unique Xpoint club site which will enable you to take player entries. **Individuals** interested in playing should contact their nearest club or venue.

Primary Contact for Interclub:

Northumberland Regional Matchplay Committee

Matt Abbott (Interclub Coordinator)

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0478 681 539

Andrew Yapp (Regional Tennis Manager)

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0422 044 584

Xpoint Event Link:

<https://www.xpointssports.com/region/485/home>

INTERCLUB DATES CALENDAR

OPENS & JUNIORS SERIES

ROUND 1	Saturday 18 th May
ROUND 2	Saturday 1 st June
ROUND 3	Saturday 15 th June
ROUND 4	Saturday 22 nd June
ROUND 5	Saturday 3 rd August
ROUND 6	Saturday 24 th August
ROUND 7	Saturday 14 th September
ROUND 8	Saturday 19 th October

SOCIAL SERIES

ROUND 1	Sunday 19 th May
ROUND 2	Sunday 2 nd June
ROUND 3	Sunday 16 th June
ROUND 4	Sunday 23 rd June
ROUND 5	Sunday 4 th August
ROUND 6	Sunday 25 th August
ROUND 7	Sunday 15 th September
ROUND 8	Sunday 20 th October

FINALS

GALA DAY & FINALS FOR ALL DIVS

Sunday 3rd November

Note: Not all rounds 1-8 may be used pending final numbers in the specific division.



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