



TENNIS COUNTRY
Northumberland



NORTHUMBERLAND REGION INTERCLUB COMPETITION 2026 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. 2-4 players per team. UTR graded divisions. Playing for prize money. Open Division 1 (Premier) Open Division 2 Open Women (Premier) Open Women Division 2
Interclub JUNIOR SERIES	Singles & doubles. For match ready juniors wanting extra match play. 4 players per team (plus reserves). Playing for trophies. 16 & under 14 & under 12 & under (Green Ball)
Interclub SOCIAL SERIES	Doubles only. For club level players looking to play against a different playing pool. 4 players per team (plus reserves). Separate divisions if team numbers allow. Social Division 1 Social Division 2

Clubs may enter multiple teams into various divisions across the events. 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.

PLAYER FEES

Entry Fee: 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.

Xpoint Player Access Fee: All players participating in competitions administered using the Xpoint platform are subject to a 'player access fee' of \$22. This is a once-annually payment regardless of how many competitions a player enters. Clubs have the ability to pay this access fee on behalf of the player and recoup the fee directly from the player. All players must be 'Active' (i.e. have current Xpoint player access) in order to participate in the Interclub Series. This fee is payable direct to Xpoint.

ELIGIBILITY

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

INTERCLUB OPEN & WOMENS SERIES

BASIC INFORMATION

Standard: Competitive players, Open grade recommended UTR 5+ (7+ for division 1.) Separate Women's Divisions, however all players of standard encouraged to play in Open Division

Number of Players: 2 player teams (teams may add an additional 2 players as reserves/sub ins.)

Dates: Attached on final page of the document.

Day & Time: Saturdays from 1pm (flexibility to start later if needed for travel) until matches are finished (expected 4-5pm.) Evening matches may be scheduled dependent on venue capacity

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: 6 home and away rounds*, with the top 2 teams in each division playing a Grand Final, and the remainder playing for positions in a home and away style.

Match Format: Each round 2 players play a 2 x set doubles match AND 2 players play 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.) The same 2 players can double up and play both the singles or doubles, or they can be elected by the 4 from the team

*number of rounds may vary depending on competition/division size

MATCH SCHEDULE

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

Time	Court 1	Court 2
1:00pm	Doubles Match	
Followed by	Singles Match 1	Singles Match 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 \$150 per player (\$25 x 6 rounds.) This money goes to the club the players are representing. This is a **suggestion only** – clubs may elect to subsidise player fees, seek sponsorship etc.

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 \$22 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)	6 balls per home round
Courts	2 courts from 1-5pm Saturdays*
Players	Minimum 2 players of standard

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

*Courts and times may be variable based on the venue size and number of teams entered.

DIVISIONS

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

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

Open 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.

NOTE: Clubs can enter multiple teams across multiple divisions.

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

PRIZE MONEY

Prize money will be allocated to winning and runner up teams in the Open Divisions. This money is provided using the team levies paid by the clubs and is determined based on the number of team entries. The total prize pool available is variable depending on number of team entries and will be confirmed at the beginning of the Series (minimum \$2000 prize pool across Open / Women Divisions).

INTERCLUB JUNIOR SERIES

BASIC INFORMATION

Standard: Junior players seeking entry level team-based play. Players may play up an age division if appropriate but can not play down an age division. Higher standard junior players (UTR 3+) are encouraged to play in the Open Series as appropriate for their playing level. 12 & under competition will be played using green balls. More capable 12 & under players are encouraged to play up (14 & under) if yellow ball competition is preferred.

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

Dates: Attached on final page of the document.

Day & Time: Sundays no earlier than 8:30am. Times flexible based on venue size & availability.

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: 6 home and away rounds*, with the top 2 teams in each division playing a Grand Final, and the remainder playing for positions in a home and away style.

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.)

NOTE: GREEN BALL PLAY SINGLE SET SINGLES MATCHES

*number of rounds may vary depending on competition/division size

MATCH SCHEDULE

Each round will follow the match schedule with play to commence at the scheduled start time:

Time	Court 1	Court 2	Court 3
First (eg 9:00am)	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 in approximately 3 hours (longer if only 2 courts are used).

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 \$150 per player (\$25 x 6 rounds.) This money goes to the club the players are representing. This is a **suggestion only** – clubs may elect to subsidise player fees, seek sponsorship, collect payment per round, etc.

Fee Collection & Entries: Players must enter online via Northumberland's / Tennis NSW (Central) 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 \$22 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 through playing at their home venue (if using Xpoint) – if so, this fee will not apply.

Note: this is a **COMPULSORY** cost – unfinancial players playing in teams will prevent results being recorded.

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 on Sundays*
Players	4 players of standard and at least one reserve

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

*Courts and times may be variable based on the venue size and number of teams entered. 2-court venues are eligible however matches will take longer to complete.

DIVISIONS

The event will feature, initially, a single division per age group. Pending team entries, multiple divisions may be formed – either by standard or geographically – whichever is best suited to the competition.

16 & under: For junior players wishing to participate. We recommend players with a UTR above 4.0 participate in the Opens event. Juniors will be competing for trophies.

14 & under: For junior players wishing to participate. We recommend players with a UTR above 3.0 participate in the 16 & under event. Juniors will be competing for trophies.

12 & under: GREEN BALL. For junior players wishing to participate. We recommend players seeking yellow ball competition participate in the 14 & under 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

INTERCLUB SOCIAL SERIES

BASIC INFORMATION

Standard: Players aged 16 years and over looking for social play.

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.). Times may be flexible based on venue size and availability.

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: 6 home and away rounds*, with the top 2 teams in each division playing a Grand Final, and the remainder playing for positions in a home and away style.

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

*number of rounds may vary depending on competition/division size

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

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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 \$22 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 9am-12pm or 12pm-3pm*
Players	4 players of standard and at least one reserve

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

*Courts and times may be variable based on the venue size and number of teams entered. 2-court venues are eligible however matches will take longer to complete

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 NRMCC. 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.

WET WEATHER

In the event a round is washed out, matches may be moved to a mutually agreed catch-up date – to be made up no later than one week prior to finals. It is the home team's responsibility to ensure courts are booked for catch up rounds. Team Captains must advise competition administrators of any washed out games. The home team is responsible for communicating any washouts to the opposing team as early as possible. If washed out matches are unable to be rescheduled, points will be split evenly between both teams.

FILL IN PLAYERS

Where possible, teams should register sufficient players to cover player absence. Where a player who is not registered to a team is required to fill in, the following rules apply:

- The player **MUST** register to the competition via Xpoint
- The player can not be registered to a team playing in a higher division (eg a Premier Division player can not fill in for a Division 2 team)
- Where a club has multiple teams entered in a single division, players can not interchange or fill in between teams

FINAL DETAILS & GETTING INVOLVED

Competition Management:

The Northumberland Regional Matchplay Coordinator (Matt Abbott) and Tennis NSW Regional Manager (Andrew Yapp) 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 or Andrew Yapp 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)
matt@totaltennislakemac.com.au
0478 681 539

Andrew Yapp (Regional Tennis Manager)
andrew.yapp@tennis.com.au
0422 044 584

Xpoint Event Link:

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

INTERCLUB DATES CALENDAR

TEAM REGISTRATIONS CLOSE 10 OCTOBER 2026

OPEN & WOMENS SERIES (Saturdays)	
24 October	ROUND 1
31 October	ROUND 2
7 November	ROUND 3
14 November	ROUND 4
21 November	ROUND 5
28 November	ROUND 6
5 December	FINALS

JUNIOR & SOCIAL SERIES (Sundays)	
25 October	ROUND 1
1 November	ROUND 2
8 November	ROUND 3
15 November	ROUND 4
22 November	ROUND 5
29 November	ROUND 6
6 December	FINALS

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

NATIONAL LEAGUE FINALS

TENNIS AUSTRALIA'S NATIONAL LEAGUE FINALS

Division winners of the 2026 Northumberland Interclub Series (Premier / Open / Women) will be invited to apply for the 2027 Tennis Australia National League Finals.

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