

SCTL Monday Night Adult Mixed

Rules and Regulations

All clubs and their players registering to play SCTL fixtures must abide by the SCTL Rules and Fees set below, SCTL Charter and SCTL Code of Conducts, Tennis Etiquette – Refer to Tennis Australia dress and equipment regulations for details.

To club Secretaries and Coach's – Please supply all team captains with a copy of the rules.

To all Team Captains - Following is the SCTL rules for Monday Night Fixtures. To help avoid any misunderstandings, please ensure all of your team members read and fully understand these rules. If you have any queries regarding these rules, please contact a member of the Committee.

Competition Periods

The SCTL Monday Night Adult Mixed competition will consist of Two (2) Seasons i.e. Autumn & Spring. The SCTL committee will set the number of rounds, start date, finals dates and playing days inside the competition periods as they see fit. The competition periods are as follows:- Autumn – 1st January to 30th June

Spring – 1st July to 31st December

Player Registration

1. All players must be registered with Tennis Queensland. (Therefore a member of a Tennis Queensland affiliated club)

2. Registration fees of \$90.00 per 6-person team must be paid at the time of registration to your club. Nominated Teams must consist of at least 4 Male and 2 female members. Please Note:- The nomination fee is non refundable.

Any nominated players in a team that withdraws after the deadline that hasn't paid their nomination fee may be ineligible to play in a SCTL competition. Captains of any team that nominates but withdraws after the deadline without payment of fees may be ineligible to play SCTL competitions until the entire nomination fee is paid.

Tennis Queensland will invoice your club for all nomination fees.

Fixture fees are \$10.00 per player per night to host club. The Host Club to supply 4 new balls as well as score sheets. The host club will also make available coffee, tea, sugar, milk. Home teams to supply supper, and all players must leave the Host Clubhouse clean and tidy on completion of play.

PLEASE NOTE: There is to be no consumption of alcohol during any SCTL events by participants .

Any player who is under the influence of alcohol may have their insurance voided.

3. Players must be registered with the competition administration before playing in a match or **full** names to be written on the score sheet prior to play commencing. **Otherwise, the sets played by the unregistered player may be forfeited.** Any reserve/fill in player must be of equal to or lesser standard than the player they are replacing.

4. No new registrations or fill-in players will be accepted to play the **last 3 rounds**, unless in an emergency – and then they must be approved by the SCTL committee.

5. **A registered player may play in a team in their registered division or may play in any division higher five (5) times. After the fifth time, the player will be deemed as being registered in the higher division, but to be flexible and where a club may have problems needing a player to exceed the five (5) times, then club can contact secretary or recorder to obtain approval by the executive to exceed the Five (5) times played.**

If a player competes in the same division outside their registered team more than five (5) times, without approval by the executive, then the player's points will be forfeited for those games.

In the case of Ladies, the above rule applies, but "a lady" can also play Down in a lower division Three (3) times, but the club Must contact the recorder to obtain approval each time prior to playing in a lower division (this rule is to allow for flexibility where clubs may have problems finding a fill in but may have excess lady available in a higher division).

6. A lady may substitute as a man, including in semis and finals, providing she is eligible to play for that team.

7. All players must play 3 matches before they are eligible to play in the semis and finals. In extenuating circumstances the SCTL Committee may allow a player who has not played 3 matches to play in finals providing they are registered.

8. Any one player is only permitted to play in one fixture match per night. He/she is not permitted to play in 2 different grades or matches on any one night. Sets will be forfeited for the match he/she is not a registered team member of.

9. In all games throughout the season teams are permitted to bring a qualified reserve, in the event of a physical injury, to a member of the original team during the game. This reserve must be a registered team member and must be at the courts within 30 minutes. That team will forfeit the uncompleted games of the set where the injury occurs and the substitute player may commence the next scheduled set.

10. Acceptance of juniors into senior's competitions. A junior player **MUST be 15 years** of age to play in senior fixtures. Juniors who turn 15yrs during the competition period in which the season they wish to play in falls, may apply for concession to play in that season but will be at the discretion of the Executive Committee. Applications for concessions must be via email to qldleagues@tennis.com.au. A Parent must give permission to play in writing (Email) to SCTL Administration. If a player whom is under 15yrs and without approval plays, than those sets will be forfeited.

Commencement & Order of Play

11. Please note: Clubs are only obliged to supply one court per match – two courts are a privilege.

Starting time shall be 7.00pm. Note – Home club is to make courts and balls available *where possible* from 6.45pm for teams to start warm up on arrival ready for 7pm start.

Please note that some venues courts are not available until 7pm. The players in the first two sets of the night have right of way for hit up if not all courts are available at 6.45pm.

12. **Finishing time is 10.30pm.** If the match is not completed at that time, the game being played is to be finished and all completed games to be added to decide the result. Opposing teams should be notified prior to 3.30pm on the stated day of play if a team cannot be fielded. Cancellation of wet weather matches is at the discretion of the Home Team Captain, but a decision should be made by 6.00pm if possible so that traveling team captain has time to notify all his players.

13. Order of play – all divisions

Home Matches Away Matches

2 Mixed Sets No 1 Gent & No 1 Lady No 1 Gent & No 1 Lady
No 3 Gent & No 2 Lady No 3 Gent & No 2 Lady

2 Men's Sets No 1 Gent & No 2 Gent No 1 Gent & No 2 Gent
No 3 Gent & No 4 Gent No 3 Gent & No 4 Gent

1 Ladies Set No 1 Lady & No 2 Lady No 1 Lady & No 2 Lady

2 Men's Sets No 1 Gent & No 2 Gent No 3 Gent & No 4 Gent
No 3 Gent & No 4 Gent No 1 Gent & No 2 Gent

2 Mixed Sets No 2 Gent & No 1 Lady No 4 Gent & No 2 Lady
No 4 Gent & No 2 Lady No 2 Gent & No 1 Lady

The home team plays through, while the visiting team reverses after the fifth (ladies)set.

Special Note – As has been always to provide good tennis – Common sense and Good Sportsmanship should prevail, allowance should be made for emergencies, thus if a player(s) running late or a player (male or female) has to get away early, captains should agree prior to starting that order of play can be changed to suit any emergencies.

14. The visiting team serves first, and the serve alternates in the following sets between the home and visiting teams. The receiving team can select an end for each set. Players must change ends on the odd games in all sets.

15. Hit-ups before each set to be no longer than 3 minutes. Players must be on the court within 5 minutes of completion of the previous set.

16. All sets to be first to 6 games and at 5 all a tie breaker must be played, the winning result to be 6 games to 5 games. **Note – During any set, when a game reaches 'Deuce' a long Deuce Game MUST BE PLAYED.**

17. If a team is not ready to commence the first set 15 minutes after the schedules starting time of 7pm, and provided no other set(s) can be played then the opposing team, providing it is ready to start, may claim a forfeit of the first set.

Teams may be required to forfeit subsequent sets if they fail to have their next set on: – 15 minutes after a forfeited set (up to & including the 4th set, after which only 5 minutes is allowed) or 5 minutes after a completed set.

Note: Forfeit can only be claimed if play is NOT continuous. Common sense and good sportsmanship should prevail, allowance should be made for emergencies (e.g. traffic held up because of car accident or road works) and sets should be played out of order in preference to claiming forfeits – Teams are reminded that players watches will vary by a few minutes and it is not the intention that forfeits be claimed 15min 0.1 sec or 5min 0.1 past the starting time).

Score Sheets & Points Awarded

18. The home team in any match is to provide score sheets and to have their player's names written up prior to asking the visiting team to enter their players' names. Players can only be recorded as having played in a team in matches in which they play. **Players cannot, therefore, be recorded as having played on wet matches.**

19. **Surnames must be written at least once on all score sheets and sheets must be filled in correctly and completely.**

In the event of a wet match or forfeit, both teams must submit a score sheet. Both Captains must sign score sheets. If a Captain is not satisfied that a score sheet is correct, please **do not** sign but let the Recorder know within 4 days of the match being played what the problem is.

20. Points awarded as follows

- (a) 10 points for each set won (both teams)
- (b) 15 points for the team with the most games won at the end of the match (7.5 points each if tied)
- (c) 15 points for the team with the most sets won at the end of the match (7.5 points each if tied)
- (d) 45 points for a washout
- (e) Forfeits – the team receiving the forfeit receives 90 points
- (f) A match can only be counted as being played if at least 5 sets are completed
- (g) 5 points for each incomplete set in a match per team
- (h) Ladders will be sorted by the following in order
 - I. Points Ratio (Total points / Matches played)
 - II. Total Games Won
 - III. Total Sets won
 - IV. Games differential (percentage of games won/lost)
 - V. Sets differential (percentage of sets won/lost)

21. The Winning Team Captain (or in the event of a draw, the home team) must lodge a score sheet with the Recorder within **48 Hours** of the match being played, or NO points will be allocated.

The score sheet can be Photo/Texted to Recorder – Ph: 0490963610 or qldleagues@tennis.com.au

Note: Following the last round of the Home & Away Season, the winning team captain MUST phone in the results to the recorder within **24 hours** so that final ladder can be set and finals venues can arranged, the score sheet must still be Emailed or SMS to the recorder within **48 hours** so that Player registration can be checked.

Uncompleted Matches – Washouts/Forfeits

22. **All teams (Home and Visiting)** do not pay match fees unless the 3rd & 4th sets have been completed. If 4 sets have been completed but the match is cancelled before a 5th set is completed, players will only pay half of their match fee. After the completion of the fifth set all players must pay their full match fee (\$10.00 per player), as match points are awarded after the fifth set.

23. In the event of wet weather, if play had not recommenced within half an hour of the scheduled starting time (or started and had been interrupted for half an hour), then the match shall be deemed a wet match, if up to 5 sets have not been completed. Before play can commence after rain or recommence after a rain delay both captains must agree that the courts are playable.

24. In the event of an unfinished match due to lack of time or inclement weather, a minimum of 5 sets must be completed before a result is counted. In that event, all completed games are counted including games in unfinished sets.

In the event of wet weather, if play had not recommenced within half an hour of the scheduled starting time, or started and had been interrupted for half an hour. Then before play can commence after rain or recommence after a rain delay both captains must agree that the courts are playable. If not playable then a wet match will occur.

25. In the event of one team having forfeited to the other in aforesaid timeframe and a complete washout of all other fixture matches takes place, both teams shall receive wet match points.

Tennis Etiquette & Code of Conduct

26. For all fixtures, players are requested to dress and present themselves for play in clean and customarily acceptable tennis attire (refer to Tennis Australia dress and equipment regulations for details). Gents – no board-shorts, singlets or tank tops of any kind permitted. Men's shirts must have sleeves. Ladies to wear approved tennis wear. A club official or SCTA Official has the right to order any person off the court, if correct attire is not worn.

27. No smoking on the court during play, players must use designated smoking areas only as marked by home club committee.

28. Audible swearing is not permitted at any time on the court.

29. All complaints must be made in writing to the SCTL Administration within 4 days of the match concerned. SCTL Administration Email qldleagues@tennis.com.au

30. Opposing captains must agree to either having umpires or not. If an agreement cannot be reached, umpires **must** be used, with the home team umpiring the first set. Each team will then umpire sets alternately.

31. The SCTL has the right to penalise any player, team or club as they see fit for any breach of any SCTL, Tennis Queensland or Tennis Australia rules, regulations or guidelines.

32. The SCTL Monday Night Grading committee has the right to penalise any player, team or club as they see fit for any action deemed to be unsportsmanlike conduct. Punishment may include but not limited to any one or combination of the following: Bans, Suspension, premiership or team point deduction, forfeits or withholding of free balls.

The following rules apply only to all finals

31. Semi-finals to be played on completion of the draw as follows:

Semi Finals – Match 1 - No 1 team plays No 4 team

Match 2 – No 2 team plays No 3 team

Final – Winner of the first Semi-Final versus the winner of the Second Semi-Final.

The winner of both Finals and Semi Finals will be determined by games first then sets if tied on games.

If any division has only four teams, no Semi Finals are to be played. At the end of the home & away matches, the top two teams play-off in the Final.

Note: following the Semi Final, the winning team **MUST** phone in the results to the recorders within 24 hours. **The score sheet must still be Emailed or SMS to the recorder within 48 hours so that Player registration can be checked.**

32. In all Finals, the winner of the coin toss decides who shall be the home team.

33. In the event of **wet weather for any of the final series**, a completed score sheet must be produced from an uninterrupted match (all 9 sets completed, unless a result has been achieved i.e. one team cannot lose at the point when the match is abandoned), before a result can be counted. **Finishing time is 10.30pm.**

34. The SCTA reserve the right to end a match before 9 sets are completed in the final if a result is reached (i.e. if one team can't lose), if it is determined it is for the betterment of the competition.

If Semi Finals are washed out:

No 1 & 2 teams progress through to the Grand Final.

No 3 & 4 teams drop out.

If Final is washed out:

The highest ranked team in the Final based on the season ladder will be declared the winner. The committee may, at their discretion, allocate an extra week to reschedule a washed out finals match.

35. The SCTL Committee and sub committee has the right to

- Change any of the above rules as they see fit at any time.
- Interpret any of the above rules as they see fit.
- Hand out and/or enforce any sanctions to clubs, teams, captains and players in regards to breaches of the above rules as they see fit.