10/U GREEN BALL STATE LEAGUE RULES

2019/20 SEASON

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1. *Schedule of Matches*

1.1 13 home and away rounds will be played.

1.2 First round commencing 18 October 2019.

1.3 Last round before Christmas to be 13 December 2019.

1.4 Break after 13 December 2019, and resuming on 31 January 2020.

1.5 Last round to be played on 21 February 2020.

1.6 Matches will not be played over the Adelaide Cup Long Weekend – March 6.

1.7 Finals to be played over 3 weekends commencing 28 February with Grand Final on 20 March 2020.

2. *Matches*

2.1 Each match will comprise 1 doubles, 1 singles and 1 reverse singles

2.2 A team will be made up of 2 players, teams may use up to 3 players in each match with persons who played doubles being substituted in the singles matches.

2.3 A team must play its singles players in singles Order of Merit.

2.4 Team uniforms will be compulsory for the originally nominated players. All players of a team shall wear their clubs tops.

3. *Manager/Captain*

3.1 Each team must have an appointed Team Manager (non-playing)

3.2 Each Team Manager must, prior to the scheduled start time of the match, complete the team score sheet by writing a list of singles players on the score sheet showing the order in which his/her team will play and exchange the score sheet with the Team Manager of the opposing team.

3.3 Both teams are required to print out a score sheet from Match Centre. In the case one or both teams do not have their scoresheet printed from League Manager with all players listed, as outlined above, the 10/U Green Ball State League Working Group have the right to issue a penalty in the form of loss of premiership points.

3.4 The Team Manager must attend from the commencement and remain at the 10/U Green Ball State League match until the match is completed and will be responsible for the team abiding by State League Match Rules, Order of Merit and Code of Behaviour and any other policies as referred to in the State League Rules.

4. Balls and Ball allocation

4.1 Tennis Australia approved green balls are to be used. One can of 4 TA balls will be used for the match.

4.2 The HOME team is responsible to provide all balls necessary to complete a match.

4.3 Tennis SA will distribute the balls required for home matches. Club contacts will be advised where balls can be collected prior to the commencement of the first match.

5. Match Times

5.1 The scheduled starting time will be 6:00pm for matches on a Friday night (unless otherwise notified) – 2 courts per match.

5.2 Green Ball State League teams are able to apply to the Green Ball State League Working Group in writing to hold matches at different times. These requests must be sent to the Green Ball State League Recording Secretary prior to the commencement of the season.

5.3 Players must be ready to play at the stipulated match time.

6. Order of Play

Teams are permitted to use up to three (3) players in a match. The singles match shall be played first. Then followed by doubles and reverse singles.

7. Scoring

7.1 Matches shall be decided by sets and where sets are even, by games.

7.2 Singles shall be first to four game tiebreaker sets with a 12-point tie-break (traditional, first to seven points) at three games all.

7.3 Doubles shall be first to four game tiebreaker sets with a 12-point tie-break (traditional, first to seven points) at three games.

7.4 All matches will be timed at 25 minutes. Players keep playing games and sets until the 25 minutes is up.

8. Forfeits

8.1 Forfeit of a singles rubber, except in the case of injury or sickness during the match, must be from the number 2 position up. If a player is unable to play in a doubles match due to injury or illness in a singles match, and no substitute player is available, and the doubles rubber must be forfeited then the reverse singles must be forfeited first. Failure by a team to forfeit in the correct order will result in a loss of four (4) Premiership points.

8.2 A team proposing to forfeit a match or a rubber shall notify the opposing team as soon as possible. A team so giving a forfeit, shall in the absence of providing a reasonable written explanation to the

Recording Secretary prior to 6:00pm the following Tuesday, be liable to lose four (4) Premiership points.

9. Weather implications

9.1 In the event of extreme weather (including but not limited to rain or excessive heat) a recorded phone message will be placed on the Tennis SA Weather Phone 8411 1512 by 4:00pm on the day of the scheduled match.

9.2 Matches will be cancelled in accordance with the Tennis Australia Heat Policy.

9.3 In the event of any match being interrupted or incomplete due to inclement weather the following will occur:

a. On the day set down for such, the matter shall be referred to the 10/U Green Ball State League Working Group for decision. Players must remain at the courts until at least 7:00pm before making any decision to abandon the match;

b. If neither team is in an unbeatable position, no rubbers will count and the match will be considered "unplayed" with the premiership ladder determined using a points ratio (i.e. average points per matches played);

c. If one team is in an unbeatable position, it will be deemed the winner and given 4 premiership points, plus 1 point for every rubber won, and the unplayed or unfinished rubbers will be deemed split between each team.

The premiership ladder will be calculated using points ratio (average points per matches played)

9.4 In major round matches players must remain at the courts until 7:00pm before making any decision to abandon the match. Before leaving the courts, arrangements must be made to complete the match, started or not, on the Sunday following, times by mutual agreement. Some sets may be played early in the next week if agreed.

9.5 In the case finals matches are cancelled the following process will occur:

(a) If it is in week one of finals a 1v4, 2v3 system will be used for week 2. In the case it is on the second week of finals, the higher placed teams will move through.

(b) If a weather cancellation is to take place on Grand Final day then the match will be played the following weekend.

(c) If there is a Weather cancellation on the substitute weekend, the higher placed team will be considered the winner.

10. Results

10.1 Tennis SA will be using the Tennis Australia approved competition software, League Manager. Team Managers will be required to **enter and confirm** the results of their match on League Manager/ Match Centre by 11:59pm on the Sunday following the match.

10.2 Both Singles and Doubles will be recorded as one set no matter the overall match score. For example if its 4-2, 4-2 it will be recorded as one set (8-4) in League Manager.

11. Match Disputes

All match disputes must be made by the Team Manager by email to 10/U Green Ball State League Coordinator at Tennis SA (ldoughty@tennis.com.au) by 6:00pm on Tuesday following the match.

12. Premiership table

12.1 Four premiership points will be awarded for a winning match and two points for a draw plus one premiership point for each winning rubber.

12.2 Premiership tables to be decided by points and in the case of equality of points at the end of the minor round, the team with the most sets (points, then sets, then games) shall be deemed minor premiers. In divisions with a bye, the premiership table will be decided by match ratio. (Match ratio is the Premiership points divided by the number **of matches played). If equal on match ratio then by sets, then games.**

13. Finals

13.1 The four teams securing the highest number of points shall play off in the major round. In the event of a bye in a draw or partly cancelled round, the four teams securing the highest match ratio shall play off in the major round. In the semi-finals, the Minor Premiers and the 3rd placed team will each have the option of hosting a home final on courts of a standard approved by the 10/U Green Ball State League Working Group. If the team declines, the decision as to where the match is to be played shall be made by the 10/U Green Ball State League Working Group.

13.2 A Major Round draw shall be decided by both teams nominating their best doubles pairing and a match tiebreak played to decide the match.

13.3 (A) The team finishing 1st plays the team finishing 2nd;

13.4 (B) The team finishing 3rd plays the team finishing 4th;

13.5 (C) The loser of (A) plays the winner of (B); and

13.6 (D)The winner of (C) plays the winner of (A) in a Grand Final.

14. Finals Qualification

14.1 Nominations of teams for each final round match must be in writing and in the hands of the 10/U Green Ball State League Recording Secretary on the Tuesday preceding the programmed date of the match. Singles players are to be listed in order of merit and the provisions hereof relating to the conduct of minor round matches shall apply to the extent that the same are not inappropriate.

14.2 Players in the major rounds are to remain in the same order of their position of merit throughout the Finals Series– unless injury or similar requires any replacement players.

14.3 No player may play in finals matches unless that player is a registered member of Tennis SA and has played in no less than five minor round matches at 10/U Green Ball State League level or at a lower level competition. In the event of 12 or less matches being played during the season, players will be required to play in no less than four minor round matches to qualify for finals. There are no grounds for appeal for players who have played less than the required amount of matches to qualify for finals.

15. Code of Behaviour issues

15.1 All matches shall be played in accordance with the Tennis Australia Code of Behaviour for Weekly Competitions.

15.2 All Code of Behaviour reports shall be sent by email to Darren Sahb (DSahb@Tennis.com.au) by midnight Monday following the match in which the incident took place.

15.3 The Board of Tennis SA may appoint a Tribunal to deal with any Code of Behaviour reports.

15.4 Team Managers are responsible for the exercise of control over their own players in all respects relating to match play, discipline and sportsmanship, etc.

16. Penalties

The 10/U Green Ball State League Working Group may apply penalties for any breaches of the 10/U Green Ball State League Competition Rules other than Code of Behaviour matters. The 10/U Green Ball State League Working Group may determine a dispute in any way it sees fit and impose a penalty, including but not limited to the forfeit of matches or sets, and the loss of premiership points, on any club or player involved in such a dispute.