

# ***Tennis SA***

## **WINTER PENNANT BY-LAWS & CODE OF CONDUCT 2021**

All matches shall be played in accordance with the Rules of Tennis as adopted by TENNIS SA INC., and according to current TENNIS AUSTRALIA instructions on Etiquette and Code of Conduct. Team Captains are expected to apply these rules and to exercise control over their own players in all respects relating to match play, discipline, sportsmanship, etc.

### **BY-LAWS**

#### **1. MANAGEMENT**

Tennis SA shall control all matches and resolve all disputes.

#### **2. ELIGIBILITY / REGISTRATIONS / CLEARANCES**

**2.1)** This is a TENNIS SA conducted competition.

**2.2)** All players must be registered (if not already so) with Tennis SA after playing three (3) matches. Players must be registered with Tennis SA to compete in finals.

**2.3) New players into a team** which are not in the initial squad list must be approved by TSA. If TSA is not notified before match day, you will have until 5:00 PM Monday to notify TSA or penalties will be imposed. Newly nominated players, who substantially alter the general standard of the team as originally graded, may not be accepted by Tennis SA. Penalty if player is not accepted – Loss of sets played by that player if the player is to play again in that team after being notified they are not eligible to play in that grade.

**2.4)** No player shall play for more than one club in any one series unless with a written clearance from that club and the written approval of Tennis SA. No clearance will be approved after four programmed matches. PENALTY: Loss of all sets played by offending player.

**2.5)** Where a club has two (2) teams in a division, once a player has played four (4) matches in one team, that player cannot transfer to the other team without the written approval of Tennis SA. PENALTY: Loss of all sets played by offending player

**2.6)** TENNIS SA blacklisted players are not permitted to play. PENALTY: Loss of four (4) premiership points.

**2.7)** where a team has no players over the age of eighteen (18) it will be required to supply an adult supervisor for each match.

#### **3. COURTS**

**3.1)** Courts will not be accepted unless they are of good standard – lines clearly defined and good quality nets with straps. COURT DRYING EQUIPMENT MUST BE AVAILABLE.

**3.2)** No player can be forced to play on unsafe wet courts or when rain is falling.

**3.3)** Clubs playing on synthetic grass or clay courts, which are unable to be used due to waterlogging, will forfeit unless suitable alternative courts are provided for the match.

**3.4)** Tennis SA reserves the right to refuse any courts considered unsuitable.

#### 4. MATCH PROCEDURE

- 4.1) Hit up Time commences at 12:45pm.
- 4.2) Matches to commence at 1.00pm.
- 4.3) Order of merit will be displayed on the score sheet. Captains shall exchange score sheets.
- 4.4) If a team has more than four players and a player is injured in doubles he or she can be replaced (in singles) by a player who played doubles but was not originally listed in singles. Order of merit rule must be followed.

#### Singles Competition

- 4.5) Teams may consist of up to 8 players.
- 4.6) Doubles – Best of 2 tiebreak sets (12 point tiebreak at 6 all, 1st to 7 points with advantage of 2) with third set if required being a match tiebreak (first to 10 points with an advantage of 2 points).
- 4.7) Singles – Best of 2 tiebreak sets (12 point tiebreak at 6 all, 1st to 7 points with advantage of 2) with third set if required being a match tiebreak (first to 10 points with an advantage of 2 points).
- 4.8) Doubles shall be played first in all divisions except Premier Division – Singles first.
- 4.9) Order of merit – A player may only move up or down one position each week. A player may not move two positions or more without the approval of Tennis SA.
- 4.10) **Players not present** and ready to play by 1.15pm shall forfeit their doubles.
- 4.11) **Any team with less than 4 players** present at 2.00pm shall forfeit singles from the lowest position. (except Premier Division.)

#### Doubles only Competition

- 4.12) Teams may consist of up to 8 players.
  - 4.13) The rotations are;
 

Rotation 1 -	1 & 2 v 1 & 2	3 & 4 v 3 & 4
Rotation 2 –	1 & 3 v 1 & 3	2 & 4 v 2 & 4
Rotation 3 -	1 & 4 v 1 & 4	2 & 3 v 2 & 3
  - 4.14) **Men's** Rubbers shall be of 2 sets – (12 point tiebreak at 6 all, 1st to 7 points with advantage of 2) a total of 12 sets.
  - 4.15) **Women's** Rubbers shall be 1 set – (12 point tiebreak at 8 all, 1st to 7 points with advantage of 2) a total of 6 sets.
  - 4.16) **Players not present** and ready to play by 1.15pm shall forfeit their first 2 sets for men and first set for Women.
  - 4.17) **Players not present** and ready to play by 2.00pm shall forfeit all sets.
- Scoresheets** must be written out before play starts. If someone becomes injured or unable to play they may not substitute in a replacement and the match will become a forfeit. You may not have the same pairing twice in a match if more than four players are used.

#### Mixed only Competition

- 4.18) Teams may consist of up to 3 male and 3 female players.
  - 4.19) The rotations are;
 

Rotation 1 -	M1 & M2 v M1 & M2	W1 & W2 v W1 & W2
Rotation 2 –	M1 & W1 v M1 & W1	M2 & W2 v M2 & W2
Rotation 3 -	M1 & W2 v M1 & W2	M2 & W1 v M2 & W1
  - 4.20) Mixed Rubbers shall be 1 set – 12 point tie break to be played at 8 all, a total of 6 sets.
  - 4.21) **Players not present** and ready to play by 2.00pm shall forfeit all sets.
- Scoresheets** must be written out before play starts. If someone becomes injured or unable to play they may not substitute in a replacement and the match will become a forfeit. You may not have the same pairing twice in a match if more than four players are used.

## 5. TEAM FORFEITS

- 5.1)** In singles and doubles matches a team receiving a forfeit shall receive 10 points, 6 rubbers, 12 sets and 72 games.
- 5.2)** In doubles only men's matches a team receiving a forfeit shall receive 16 points, 12 sets, and 72 games.
- 5.3)** In doubles only women's matches a team receiving a forfeit shall receive 10 points, 6 sets and 54 games.
- 5.4)** In mixed only matches a team receiving a forfeit shall receive 10 points, 6 sets and 54 games.
- 5.5)** The team forfeiting a match shall advise their opponents as early as possible prior to the match and forward a written explanation to Tennis SA within three days. The team receiving the forfeit shall forward a completed score sheet to claim their points.
- 5.6)** Any team forfeiting three matches may be removed from the competition.
- 5.7)** If a team is to be removed from the competition or if a club withdraws a team from the competition, their matches and previous results will be replaced by a bye and the ladder will be calculated by match ratio.

## 6. TENNIS BALLS

- 6.1)** Only Tennis Australia approved balls may be used.
- 6.2)** Minor rounds – Home teams to provide approved new balls irrespective of court surface. A minimum of 8 for Open Divisions and a minimum of 6 for all other divisions. Premier Division home teams to supply a minimum of 16 balls
- 6.3)** Major rounds – Each team shall provide 4 new balls and each Premier Division team to provide a minimum of 8 balls.

## 7. SCORING

- 7.1)** In Singles Competition, matches shall be decided by rubbers, where rubbers are even, by sets and where sets are even, by games. Four points shall be awarded for a win and two points for a draw, plus one point for each rubber won.
- 7.2)** In Doubles Only Competition, four points to be awarded for a win and two for a draw, plus one point for each set won.

## 8. WEB RESULTS

- 8.1)** All teams shall stay the same; if a change is required TSA will have to be contacted for approval by email to ltaylor@tennis.com.au.
- 8.2)** Each team will be responsible to print off their own **Score sheets** before each round on League Manager / Match Centre as there will be no recording secretaries and no score pads provided. Score sheet will provide order of merit for both teams if players are entered.
- 8.3)** Both home and away teams of each round shall be responsible for entering results by no later than 9:00am on the Tuesday following the match. First team in enters results and second team in to confirm results. Either team may only dispute the match result before 9:00am on Tuesday following the match.
- 8.4)** The system tallies all results and updates PREMIERSHIP TABLES.
- 8.5)** If you require help to logon please contact Tennis SA.
- 8.6)** Penalty loss of 2 points to both teams for not entering results by 9:00am on Tuesday following the match will apply.
- 8.7)** Order of Merit in Squad List must read correctly in League Manager or penalties may apply.

## 9. DISPUTES

**9.1)** All match disputes must be made by the Team Manager or Captain by email to the Coordinator at Tennis SA ([ltaylor@tennis.com.au](mailto:ltaylor@tennis.com.au)) by 9:00am on Tuesday following the match and the referral must contain a precise statement of the issue(s) in dispute and the relevant facts giving rise to the dispute. The statement will be sent to the other party by Tennis SA in line with Rule 9.2. For any Code of Behaviour Issues, refer to Rule 14.

Please be aware that all teams are responsible for following the rules and regulations stated by Tennis SA. It is the team's and club's responsibility to dispute a ruling if they believe they have been unduly affected by the result of a rule breach. Penalties will only take place after a dispute has been made and proven true. If teams are to break the rules the opposition has the right to dispute the result.

**9.2)** Tennis SA must, within two days of the date of request for such adjudication by any party, request any response to the dispute from the other party.

**9.3)** The Winter Pennant Advisory Group has the power to adjudicate any dispute referred to it for determination in any way in its absolute discretion but subject to the principles of natural justice, these rules and regulations and any Policy (if relevant).

## 10. WEATHER CONDITIONS

**10.1)** Weather cancellations will be made at the discretion of Tennis SA.

**10.2)** In the event of extreme weather (including but not limited to rain or excessive heat) a message will be placed on the Tennis SA Website - [Inclement Weather Update](#) by 11:00am on the day of the scheduled match.

**10.3) Minor round matches - Lights** are **NOT** to be used, except for Premier League which may use lights. If no set is commenced by 3.00pm the match will be abandoned. If no set is completed by 4.00pm the match will be abandoned. Teams must submit scoresheet as usual. Both teams must put forth their best effort to get matches back on court including the sweeping of courts.

**10.4)** In the event of any match being interrupted or incomplete due to inclement weather or darkness the following will occur:

- a.** If neither team is in an unbeatable position, no rubbers will count and the match will be considered "unplayed" for purposes of ladder calculation only with the premiership ladder determined using a points ratio (i.e. average points per matches played);
- b.** If one team is in an unbeatable position, it will be deemed the winner and given 4 premiership points, plus one point for each 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)

**10.4) Major round matches**, If no set is commenced by 3.00pm the match will be abandoned unless by mutual agreement. If no rubber in singles competition or first rotation in doubles competition is completed by 4.00pm the match will be abandoned unless by mutual agreement. Teams must submit scoresheet as usual.

**10.5) Semi-finals** will be played on the scheduled day and if a result is achieved that will stand; if no result achieved the higher placed team at the conclusion of the minor round will play in the Grand Final.

**10.6) Grand Final** matches will be played on scheduled day and if no result achieved play will continue on or before the following Saturday. Times are by mutual agreement, to be arranged before leaving the courts. The existing score stands and play continues from that score e.g.; if the game score is 3-1 then that set continues from 3-1. The same players must play. If no result achieved after second week, the higher placed team at the conclusion of the minor round will be declared Premiers.

**10.7)** Lights may be used to complete **MAJOR ROUND** matches.

## 11. QUALIFICATION FOR MAJOR ROUND

**11.1)** To play in any major round match in a particular competition, a player must have played the required number of minor round matches in that grade **or a lower grade within the Winter Pennant Competition**, but does not include players deemed to be ranked higher than players in the team. **Five** matches required for Divisions that play 13 or 14 matches. **Four** matches required for Divisions that play 12 or less matches.

**11.2)** Any match not cancelled by Tennis SA will count towards qualification, provided all listed players attend the venue and submit a scoresheet in League Manager / Match Centre. If the match is not affected by inclement weather, then players must take the court to qualify.

**11.3)** Each team taking part in major round matches shall forward a maximum list of 8 players, including reserves, showing singles in order, to reach Tennis SA on the **MONDAY** immediately before the day of the match. Only listed players shall take part in the match and Singles players are to be listed in order of merit as established in the Minor Rounds. Teams not adhering to the approved order shall forfeit the match.

**11.4)** 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.

## 12. MAJOR ROUND

**12.1)** The four leading teams at the end of the minor round shall play in the major round. The position of each team in the Singles Competition is decided by points ratio, then sets, then games.

The position of each team in Doubles Only Competition is decided by points ratio, then sets, then games. Semi-Finals and Grand Finals are to be scheduled with higher ranked team playing at home courts where possible and at the discretion of Tennis SA.

Week 1.            Semi-Final 1.        1v4

                      Semi-Final 2.        2v3

Week 2.            Grand Final.        Winner of Semi-Final 1 v Winner of Semi-Final 2.

**12.2)** In the event of a drawn match in the finals. (i.e.). Equal number of rubbers, sets and games, the winner shall be the higher placed team at the conclusion of the minor round.

The third Saturday will be reserved to complete Grand Finals matches not completed due to the weather. All players will be expected to be available if this situation eventuates.

**See Rule 10 for further details.**

## 13. AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS

**13.1)** Any question arising from or in connection with the interpretation or construction of these rules and regulations shall be determined by the Winter Pennant Advisory Group in its absolute discretion.

**13.2)** The Winter Pennant Advisory Group may alter or amend these rules and regulations from time to time without prior notice.

## 14. CODE OF BEHAVIOUR ISSUES

**14.1)** All matches must be played in accordance with the Tennis Australia Code of Behaviour for Weekly Competitions.

**14.2)** All Code of Behavior reports must be sent by email to Darren Sahb at Tennis SA ([dsahb@tennis.com.au](mailto:dsahb@tennis.com.au)) by Monday midday following the match in which the incident took place.

**14.3)** Tennis SA may appoint a Tribunal to deal with any Code of Behavior reports.

**14.4)** Team Captains and Team Managers are responsible for:

**(a)** Educating all players in their team on their responsibilities in the Tennis Australia National Policies (particularly the Code of Behaviour and Disciplinary Policy) and

**(b)** Managing all players in their team in relation to match play and sportsmanship

## 15. APPEALS

A party may appeal a determination made by the Winter Pennant Advisory Group pursuant to Rule 9.3, by providing written notice to Tennis SA within three working days of the determination. The written notice of appeal must contain a precise statement as to the basis and nature of the appeal. If the determination is appealable, Tennis SA may refer the matter to Tennis Australia. Tennis Australia will have the final determination on any appeal against a Winter Pennant Advisory Group's determination.

## 16. 2021 LIGHT UP TIMES

If the light Up times are reached and matches are still being played, either team can call off the match and the current score will stand. Subject to By-law 10

Month	Date	Round	Time
May	1 <sup>st</sup>	1	5:33pm
	8 <sup>th</sup>	2	5:26pm
	15 <sup>th</sup>	3	5:20pm
	22 <sup>nd</sup>	4	5:16pm
	29 <sup>th</sup>	5	5:13pm
June	5 <sup>th</sup>	6	5:11pm
	19 <sup>th</sup>	7	5:11pm
	26 <sup>th</sup>	8	5:12pm
July	3 <sup>rd</sup>	9	5:15pm
	17 <sup>th</sup>	10	5:23pm
	24 <sup>th</sup>	11	5:28pm
	31 <sup>st</sup>	12	5:33pm
August	7 <sup>th</sup>	13	5:38pm
	14 <sup>th</sup>	14	5:43pm
	21 <sup>st</sup>	FINALS	5:48pm
	28 <sup>th</sup>	FINALS	5:53pm