

METRO LEAGUE REGULATIONS

2019/20 SEASON



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1. Introduction

The Metro League Competition will be a tiered structure with Metro League being open to the following Associations; SDTA, GDTA, EDTA, NETA, HTA, WDTA, Metro Lawn

The number of divisions in the Metro League competitions will be dependent on the number and strength of nominations.

2. Metro League Committee

- 2.1 The Metro League Committee will be made up of one representative per Association involved in the Metro League Competition, two independent representatives and one – two Tennis SA staff members.
- 2.2 The Metro League Committee is empowered to administer the competitions for Metro League.
- 2.3 The Metro League Committee may:
 - (a) Call for nominations from clubs for teams for each Metro League Competition and accept or decline nominations;
 - (b) Manage all Home and Away Season and Finals matches including setting match schedules, select and determine venues including specifying standards and audit requirements and administer Metro League Competition Regulations and Rules;
 - (c) Appoint persons to a role of administration of the Metro League competitions;
 - (d) Administer the Rules of Tennis for the competitions;
 - (e) Conduct investigations and hearings, impose remedies, suspensions and penalties for breaches of the Code of Behaviour or infringements of any other Rules or Policies and deal generally with disciplinary matters arising from Metro League matches.
- 2.4 For the purpose of the Season 2019/20 the members of the Metro League Administration are
 - (a) Neville Messenger (Chair);
 - (b) TBA, Tennis SA, Metro League Coordinator and Recording Secretary.
 - (c) Association Reps and Independents as per 2.1

3. *Nominations of Metro League Teams by Clubs*

- 3.1 A Tennis Club affiliated with Tennis SA may nominate a team to compete within the Metro League Competition.
- 3.2 Nominations shall be submitted online via League Manager.
- 3.3 Team Fee's for Metro League competitions will be \$130 (inc GST) per team. Clubs will receive an invoice once teams are final.
- 3.4 The Nomination will require a nominating club to name in Order of Merit the players which it proposes to play in its team.
- 3.5 If a player nominated by a club in the top four in the Order of Merit does not play a minimum of five matches, the Metro League Committee in its discretion will deduct two premiership points at the conclusion of the home and away season for each player who failed to play the minimum of five matches. Any team who have players in the above mentioned category who will not meet the minimum requirements are asked to submit any justification based on injury or illness, this must be supported by a Doctors Certificate or equivalent documentation.
- 3.6 No player nominated by a club may change clubs after grading of teams without the permission of the nominating club. Should the permission be sought by the player and denied by the club, the matter may be appealed to the Metro League Committee. Refer to match rule (2.9)

4. *Financials*

- 4.1 Each team must have paid in full all entry fees and/or registration fees that are due and payable for the season by the date directed by Tennis SA from time to time.
 - (a) Notwithstanding the above, Tennis SA may in its sole and ultimate discretion:
 - (a) Deduct premiership points from a team that has not paid in full any outstanding fees by Round 3 of competition; and
 - (b) May expel a team from the competition if that team has not paid in full any outstanding fees by Round 5 of competition.

5. *Selection of Teams to Compete in Metro League Competitions*

- 5.1 The Metro League Committee in its discretion may determine how many teams and select which clubs compete in the Metro League Competition (either Men's or Women's) applying the Selection Criteria annexed to these Rules. The Metro League Committee is not bound to accept any nomination
- 5.2 There is no appeal from the decision of the Metro League Committee.
- 5.3 If the nominated team player lists do not provide players at the required level, the Metro League Committee may decline nomination.

6. Registered players

- 6.1 Any Club who has teams competing in Metro League must have all those players registered in My Tennis by November 18.
 - (a) In the case a club has not registered players into My Tennis by November 18 penalties will be applied as per below
 - (b) No Premiership Points will be allocated from November 18, should players not be registered in My Tennis
 - (c) Newly added players to a team, must be registered within 7 days of play.
- 6.2 All players within Metro League must have their details recorded in full on League Manager.
- 6.3 Any club playing a player listed on Tennis S.A's list of ineligible players shall be penalised by losing any points the ineligible player has accrued and forfeit all sets played.

7. Order of Merit

- 7.1 "Order of Merit" means that players will play in the order of players with greater ability playing higher in the team than players of lesser ability. Order of Merit shall be determined primarily but not solely by current match results. Players not listed on the original team Order of Merit will be included after they play a match.
- 7.2 Players must be played in Order of Merit in all teams at all times.
- 7.3 No player may move more than one ranking position up or down in consecutive matches.
- 7.4 The Metro League Committee may at its discretion review the Order of Merit for any team at any time.
- 7.5 The Metro League Committee shall have the power to disapprove the Order of Merit within any team and within any club, and to adjust match results accordingly as it sees fit.
- 7.6 Disputes as to Order of Merit shall be determined by the Metro League Committee which may impose such penalty as deemed necessary.

8. Prizemoney

- 8.1 The Men's and Women's Metro League Open Division One will each receive \$500 in prize money.

9. Player of the Year

- 9.1 A Player of the Year award is also in place for the man and woman in each division with the best singles strike rate. To be eligible to win the Player of the Year award a player must have played in two thirds of matches.
- 9.2 Metro League Open Division One Men's and Women's Players of the Year will each receive a \$250 New Balance Voucher. Metro League Men's and Women's lower Divisions Players of the Year will each receive a \$50 New Balance Voucher.

10. *Presentations*

Presentations will be made to the Winning Metro League teams at the 2019/20 Tennis SA Awards Night.

11. *Competition Rules for 2019/2020*

The Competition Rules for Metro League matches for the Season 2019/2020 are annexed to these Regulations.

12. *Circumstances not covered*

Where any issue arises which is not addressed in the Regulations or in the Competition Rules, there is uncertainty about the application of the Regulations or the Competition Rules or it is necessary to resolve any dispute which has arisen in relation to the Regulations or the Competition Rules, the Metro League Committee has the power to determine the issue, the uncertainty or the dispute after giving the parties involved the opportunity to provide such information or submission as State League Committee considers appropriate.

13. *Amendment of Rules*

Metro League Committee can replace or amend the Competition Rules from time to time.