EDTA / NETA COMBINED RULES

2019/20 SEASON

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1. Schedule of Matches

1.1 15 home and away rounds will be played

1.2 First round commencing 12 October 2019

1.3 Last round before Christmas to be 14 December 2019

1.4 Break after 14 December 2019, and resuming on 1 February 2020

1.5 Last round to be played on 29 February 2020

1.6 Finals to be played over 3 weekends commencing 14 March with Grand Final on 28 March 2020

2. Eligibility / Registrations / Clearances

2.1 Players must be registered members of their club, and details must be recorded in full on League Manager by 9:00am on the Tuesday following the match.

2.2 Any team playing a player listed on Tennis SA's list of ineligible players shall be penalised by losing any points the ineligible player has accrued and forfeit all sets played.

2.3 If a club has more than one team in a division, a player may play three matches before being bound to a team. No player is permitted to change teams after the end of January.

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 New players into a team which are not in the initial squad list must be approved by Tennis SA. If Tennis SA is not notified before match day, you will have until 5:00 PM Monday to notify Tennis SA or penalties will be applied. 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.

2.6 Ex State League players are only eligible to play in Division 1. Requests by clubs for exemption may be made in writing to Tennis SA. If Tennis SA is not notified before match day, you will have until 5:00pm Monday to notify Tennis SA.

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. Match procedures

3.1 All matches where possible to start at 1 pm. When there are no late matches, 1pm matches can be played to completion.

Split-time 1:00pm commencement – All players are to be at the venue by 12.45 pm to have their hit up with match play to commence at 1:00 pm sharp. No sets are to commence after 3:30pm, but all sets in progress at this time are to be played to completion. However, if rain interruptions occur after 3:30pm then matches must finish and the result will stand.

Split-time 3:30pm commencement – All players are to be at the venue by 3.15 pm to have their hit up with match play to commence at 3:30pm sharp. No sets are to commence after 6:00pm, but all sets in progress at this time are to be played to completion. However, if rain interruptions occur after 6:00pm then matches must finish and the result will stand.

After 3.30pm, for every extended 15 minutes that a court is used for an early match, 15 minutes of time shall be added to the finishing time of 6 pm for late matches for the court affected.

3.2 1.33 courts per match, unless more courts are available at the venue.

3.3 Players must be ready to play at the stipulated match times.

3.4 After commencement, play is to be continuous. The order of play may be amended by prior agreement between the captains.

Singles Competition – Two Doubles – Four Singles

3.5 Teams may consist of up to 8 players.

3.6 Doubles – one 9 game set (12 point tiebreak at 8 all, 1st to 7 points with advantage of 2). Number 1 or 2 highest ranked player in order of merit, playing doubles on the day must play in the top doubles pairing. Other players are flexible to move.

3.7 Singles – one 9 game set (12 point tiebreak at 8 all, 1st to 7 points with advantage of 2).

3.8 Doubles shall be played first in all divisions. Forfeit of doubles rubber, except in the case of injury or sickness during the match, bottom double must be forfeited first. Where both captains agree, singles matches may go on court first.

3.9 A player injured in doubles can be replaced in singles with order of merit followed.

3.10 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.

3.11 Players not present and ready to play 15 minutes after the scheduled commencement time shall forfeit their doubles. Refer to rule 3.8.

3.12 Any team with less than 4 players present 1 hour after the scheduled commencement time shall forfeit singles from the lowest position.

Composite – Two Doubles – Four Singles

3.13 Teams may consist of up to 4 male and 4 female players

3.14 1 men's double and 1 women's double– one 9 game set (12 point tiebreak at 8 all, 1st to 7 points with advantage of 2).

3.15 2 men's singles and 2 women's Singles – one 9 game set (12 point tiebreak at 8 all, 1st to 7 points with advantage of 2).

3.16 Doubles shall be played first in all divisions.

3.17 A player injured in doubles can be replaced in singles with order of merit followed.

3.18 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.

3.19 Players not present and ready to play 15 minutes after the scheduled commencement time shall forfeit their doubles.

3.20 Any team with less than 4 players present 1 hour after the scheduled commencement time shall forfeit singles from the lowest position.

Doubles only Competition

3.21 Teams may consist of up to 6 players.

3.22 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

3.23 Rubbers 1 - 2 shall be one 9 game set – (12 point tie-break to be played at 8 all, 1st to 7 points with advantage of 2).

3.24 Rubbers 3-6 shall be one 6 game set – (12 point tie-break to be played at 6 all, 1st to 7 points with advantage of 2).

3.25 Players not present and ready to play 15 minutes after the scheduled commencement time shall forfeit their first set. Where both captains agree, an alternative rotation may be played first.

3.26 Players not present and ready to play 1 hour after the scheduled commencement time shall forfeit all sets.

3.27 Scoresheets must be written out before each rotation starts. If someone becomes injured or unable to play they may not substitute in a replacement within that rubber but they may have a replacement for the remainder of the rubbers. You may have the same pairing twice in a match if more than four players are used and that order of merit is followed.

Mixed only Competition

3.28 Teams may consist of up to 3 male and 3 female players.

3.29 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

3.30 Men's rubber shall be two 6 game sets (12 point tie-break to be played at 5 all, 1st to 7 points with advantage of 2).

3.31 Women's rubber shall be two 6 game sets (12 point tie-break to be played at 5 all, 1st to 7 points with advantage of 2).

3.32 Mixed Rubbers shall be one 9 game set – (12 point tie-break to be played at 8 all, 1st to 7 points with advantage of 2).

3.33 Players not present and ready to play 15 minutes after the scheduled commencement time shall forfeit their first set.

3.34 Players not present and ready to play 1 hour after the scheduled commencement time shall forfeit all sets.

3.35 Scoresheets must be written out before each rotation starts. If someone becomes injured or unable to play they may not substitute in a replacement within that rubber but they may have a replacement for the remainder of the rubbers. You may have the same pairing twice in a match if more than four players are used and that order of merit is followed.

4. Manager/Captain

4.1 Each team must have a Captain appointed for each match.

4.2 Each Team Captain must, prior to the scheduled start time of the match must complete the team score sheet by writing in their doubles pairing and must follow the same process for singles and exchange the score sheet with the Captain of the opposing team.

4.3 The Team Manager / Captain (this may be delegated) must attend from the commencement and remain at the match until the match is completed and will be responsible for the team abiding by Match Rules, Order of Merit and Code of Behaviour and any other policies as referred to in the EDTA / NETA Combined Rules.

5. Balls and Ball allocation

5.1 All balls must be of a type approved by Tennis Australia. The home team shall provide six new balls for the match. Finals: Each team to provide four new balls.

6. Scoring

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

7. Forfeits

7.1 Clubs are expected to fill teams each week, however Clubs are not required to fill teams from top down.

7.2 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 9:00am. The explanation must be submitted through League Manager in the comments section and disputed so it is flagged for the recording secretary. This must be submitted for the following Tuesday, or you be liable to lose four (4) Premiership points.

7.3 Any team forfeiting three matches may be removed from the competition

8. Weather implications

8.1 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 11:00am on the day of the scheduled match.

8.2 Matches will be cancelled when the forecast maximum temperature on match day (based on Adelaide West Terrace forecast), is issued by the Bureau of Meteorology at www.bom.gov.au at 9.00 am on the morning of matches, is 37' Celsius or more. If the said forecast includes a temperature of less than 37' Celsius then the Committee may still cancel the said round in the manner set out above.

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

a. Players must remain at the courts until at least one hour after the schedule start time before making any decision to abandon the match, unless both captains agree to abandon the match.

b. 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 match played);

c. 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)

8.4 In major round matches players must remain at the courts for 3 hours from commencement time before making any decision to abandon the match, unless both captains agree to abandon the match. No new sets to commence after 7:00pm, lights may be used. If no result is achieved the higher placed team will be considered the winner.

9. Results

9.1 Tennis SA will be using the Tennis Australia approved competition software, League Manager. Captains will be required to **enter or confirm** the results of their match on League Manager/ Match Centre by 9:00am on the Tuesday following the match. Penalty loss of two points to both teams not entering results by 9:00am Tuesday following the match will apply.

9.2 For every unspecified player entered with a match result will not be able to use this record for the purpose of qualification for finals unless the match is disputed to allow the known player's name to be included.

10. Match Disputes

All match disputes must be made by the Team Manager or Captain by email to Coordinator at Tennis SA (@tennis.com.au) by 9:00am on Tuesday following the match. For any Code of Behaviour Issues, refer to Rule 15.

Please be aware that all teams are responsible for following the rules and regulations stated. 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.

11. Premiership table

11.1 Four premiership points will be awarded for a winning match and two points for a draw plus one premiership point for each set won.

11.2 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 rubbers, then sets, then games.

12. Finals

12.1 The four teams securing the highest match ratio shall play off in the major rounds. Teams stated in Rules 12.3 – 12.6 will have the option of hosting a home final on courts of a standard approved by the Committee. If the team declines, the decision as to where the match is to be played shall be made by the Committee.

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. However if the team that finished 2nd defeats the team that finished 1st in the semi-finals, then that team will be deemed the highest ranked team in the Grand Final.

12.3 (A) The team finishing 1st plays the team finishing 2nd; Team finishing 1st will host a home final

12.4 (B) The team finishing 3nd plays the team finishing 4th; team finishing 3rd will host a home final

12.5 (C) the loser of (A) plays the winner of (B); the loser of (A) will host a home final

12.6 (D) The winner of (C) plays the winner of (A) in a Grand Final. The winner of (A) will host a home final

13. Finals Qualification

13.1 Nominations of teams including Singles order for each final round match must be in writing and in the hands of the Recording Secretary dhicks@tennis.com.au on the Tuesday preceding the programmed date of the match. A maximum of eight players are to be listed in order of merit including reserves as established in the Minor Rounds.

13.2 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.

13.3 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 (5) minor round matches in at EDTA / NETA Combined level, but does not include players deemed to be ranked higher than players in the team. In the event of 12 or less matches being played during the season, players will be required to play in no less than four (4) 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.

13.4 Any matches 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.

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) 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 the exercise of control over their own players in all respects relating to match play, discipline and sportsmanship, etc.

15. Penalties

The Committee may apply penalties for any breaches of the EDTA / NETA Combined Competition Rules other than Code of Behavior matters. The Committee 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.

16. General

Foot-faulting

16.1 In the case of a complaint against a player who is foot-faulting it is recommended that the matter be discussed between the two opposing captains and, if necessary, that one of the captains be asked to police it.

Net Straps

16.2 Net straps are compulsory for match play.

Attire

16.3 All players are required to adhere to acceptable standards of attire. Note that suitable attire does not include singlets, T-shirts with motifs or advertising material, football shorts or socks. The Committee shall set penalties for breaches of unacceptable tennis attire.