EDTA JUNIOR RULES

2020/21 SEASON

1. Schedule of Matches

1.1 14 minor round matches will be played

1.2 First round commencing 16-17 October 2020

1.3 Last round before Christmas to be 11-12 December 2020

1.4 Break after 11-12 December 2020, and resuming on 29-30 January 2021

1.5 Last round to be played on 26-27 February 2021

1.6 Finals to be played over 3 weekends commencing 12-13 March with Grand Final on 26-27 March 2021

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 The junior competition is open to players aged under 18 years. For eligibility, age is taken to be as at the first match of the relevant season.

2.3 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.

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

2.5 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.

2.6 New players into a team who 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 opposed. 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.

2.7 State League players who have played in the current calendar year cannot play in the EDTA Junior Competition.

2.8 A player cannot play in a Friday night and a Saturday morning match of the EDTA junior competition during the same round of matches.

2.9 All clubs are to abide by the COVID-19 Community Tennis Guidelines for Continued Play and COVID-19 Competition Regulations for South Australia. Removal from the competition could occur if guidelines are not followed.

3. Match procedures

3.1 Friday night 6:00pm commencement - All players are to be at the venue by 5.45 pm to report to the allocated venue supervisor before the scheduled start time. Matches must conclude by 10:30pm and the result will stand.

Saturday Morning Split-time 8:15am commencement – All players are to be at the venue by 8.00am to report to the allocated venue supervisor before the scheduled start time. Matches must conclude by 10:15am and the result will stand.

Saturday Morning Split-time 10:15am commencement – All players are to be at the venue by 10.00am to report to the allocated venue supervisor before the scheduled start time. Matches must conclude by 12:15pm and the result will stand. Matches may be put back 5 minutes to allow for a changeover period, if required by the venue supervisor.

3.2 Minimum of 1.5 courts available on Friday nights and minimum 2 courts available per match Saturday mornings.

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

3.4 Supervisors are required to rotate the singles order of play (where possible) on a weekly basis in fairness to all players in a team.

3.5 After commencement, play is to be continuous. The order of play may be amended by prior agreement between team managers and approval by the venue supervisor.

3.6 Whilst a match is in progress, no player(s) may leave the court without the approval of the Venue Supervisor. Failure to do so may result in forfeiting the set(s) in progress at the discretion of the venue supervisor.

3.7 If a player is injured in the course of a set and cannot continue, the set must be forfeited. However, the fifth named player can replace the player for the remainder of the match. The score sheet should be amended to indicate this.

Friday Night (Yellow Ball) – under 18 years (boys and girls) – 4 singles and 2 doubles

3.8 Teams may consist of up to 5 players.

3.9 Singles & Doubles – one six game set (12 point tiebreak at 5 all, 1st to 7 points with advantage of 2). Number 1 or 2 singles player in order of merit does not have to play in the top doubles pairing.

3.10 Matches should commence with the 2 doubles sets followed by the 4 singles sets. Where 2 courts are allocated per match, the venue supervisor can change the order of play with a single being played before a doubles in the event of the non-attendance of players, to allow 2 matches to commence. Forfeits cannot be claimed if a single can be played on an available court.

3.11 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.

3.12 In the event of any sets having to be forfeited due to non-attendance of players, those forfeits shall commence from the bottom. If a set needs to be forfeited, the player to receive the forfeit must be present.

Saturday Morning (Orange Ball) Mixed Gender - 2 singles and 1 double

3.13 Teams may consist of up to 3 players. A player may play one or two sets.

3.14 Singles & Doubles – one straight 4 game set with no tiebreaker (i.e. the set is finished when the score reaches 4 games to 3). No Advantage – Receivers choice, if a game gets to deuce the winner of the next point will win the game. The receiver will get to choose which side of the court they will receive the serve from.

3.15 Matches should commence with singles matches first, followed by doubles.

3.16 in the event of any sets having to be forfeited due to non-attendance of players, those forfeits shall commence from the bottom. If a set needs to be forfeited, the player to receive the forfeit must be present.

Saturday Morning (Green Ball) Mixed Gender – 4 singles and 2 doubles

3.17 Teams may consist of up to 5 players.

3.18 Singles & Doubles – one straight 6 game set with no tiebreaker (i.e. the set is finished when the score reaches 6 games to 5). No Advantage – Receivers choice, if a game gets to deuce the winner of the next point will win the game. The receiver will get to choose which side of the court they will receive the serve from.

3.19 Matches should commence with the 2 doubles sets followed by the 4 singles sets. Where 2 courts are allocated per match, the venue supervisor can change the order of play with a single being played before a doubles in the event of the non-attendance of players, to allow 2 matches to commence. Forfeits cannot be claimed if a single can be played on an available court.

3.20 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

3.21 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.

3.22 in the event of any sets having to be forfeited due to non-attendance of players, those forfeits shall commence from the bottom. If a set needs to be forfeited, the player to receive the forfeit must be present.

Saturday Morning (Yellow Ball) – (Boys) 4 singles and 2 doubles

3.23 Teams may consist of up to 5 players.

3.24 Players aged under 13 years of any sex or gender identity will be allowed to participate in any yellow ball competitions.

3.25 Singles & Doubles – one straight 6 game set with no tiebreaker (i.e. the set is finished when the score reaches 6 games to 5).

3.26 Matches should commence with the 2 doubles sets followed by the 4 singles sets. Where 2 courts are allocated per match, the venue supervisor can change the order of play with a single being played before a doubles in the event of the non-attendance of players, to allow 2 matches to commence. Forfeits cannot be claimed if a single can be played on an available court.

3.27 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

3.28 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.

3.29 In the event of any sets having to be forfeited due to non-attendance of players, those forfeits shall commence from the bottom. If a set needs to be forfeited, the player to receive the forfeit must be present.

Saturday Morning (Yellow Ball) – (Girls) 2 singles, 1 double and 2 reverse singles

3.30 Teams may consist of up to 3 players. A player may play between 1 and 3 sets. A player can only play once in the opening singles and once in the reverse singles.

3.31 Players aged under 13 years of any sex or gender identity will be allowed to participate in any yellow ball competitions.

3.31 Singles & Doubles – one straight 6 game set with no tiebreaker (i.e. the set is finished when the score reaches 6 games to 5).

3.32 Matches should commence with singles matches first, followed by doubles and then reverse singles.

3.33 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.

3.34 in the event of any sets having to be forfeited due to non-attendance of players, those forfeits shall commence from the bottom. If a set needs to be forfeited, the player to receive the forfeit must be present.

4. Team Manager

4.1 Each team must have a Team Manager appointed for each match

4.2 The Team Manager must attend from the commencement and remain at the match until the match is completed and will be responsible for the team

5. Balls and Ball allocation

5.1 On Friday nights: 8 cans of balls (32 balls) will be provided to the venue per team prior to the commencement of the first round. Excess balls will be retained at venues for finals.

5.2 On Saturday mornings: each yellow-ball team will provide to their allocated venue 3 cans (12 balls) of approved balls for all Saturday morning matches. The third can will be retained to replace lost / damaged balls and for finals.

5.3 Orange-ball and Green-ball venues will be provided with balls for matches by the EDTA for all Saturday morning matches.

5.4 All yellow-ball teams represented in FINALS may be asked to provide additional balls (2 per team) should the pre-season allocation be depleted.

6. Scoring

6.1 Matches shall be decided by sets and 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 set shall notify the opposing team and venue supervisor 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 following Tuesday, 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 ;

Friday 4:00pm – Friday Night (Yellow Ball)

Supervisors may cancel matches after a 4pm TSA announcement only if they believe their courts will be unsafe for play. If courts can be prepared to enable safe play and weather conditions improve, matches should commence as programmed. However cancellations can take place at any time between 4 and 6 given the prevalent conditions. Any cancellation should be advised by text or email to Tennis SA when a supervisor has made that decision.

Mobile – 0401 022 754
Email – dhicks@tennis.com.au

Saturday 7:00am – Saturday Morning Split-time 8:15am commencement

Saturday 9:00am– Saturday Morning Split-time 10:15am commencement

8.2 Matches will be cancelled when the projected forecast maximum temperature for match time (based on Adelaide West Terrace forecast), is issued by the Bureau of Meteorology at www.bom.gov.au is 36' Celsius or more. If the said forecast includes a temperature of less than 36' Celsius then Tennis SA may still also so 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. On the day set down for such, the matter shall be referred to the venue supervisor for decision. Players must remain at the courts until the venue supervisor has made the decision to abandon the match. No match shall abandoned before 7:00pm on Friday or 9:00am on Saturday, except in the event of cancellation due to excessive heat.

b. If neither team is in an unbeatable position, no sets 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);

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 set won, and the unplayed or unfinished sets will be deemed split between each team.

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

All venues must have equipment available for wet weather to dry courts. Every effort should be made to sweep or squeegee the courts before considering cancellation. If there has been no cancellation made by the Court Supervisor, matches shall proceed as scheduled.

9. Score Sheets and Recording Results

9.1 Score Sheets will be provided by the Venue Supervisor at the venue allocated. Each individual Team is required to print and bring their own scoresheet to the venue for their information and may take a photo of the Venue Supervisors or club representatives scoresheet at the conclusion of the match.

9.2 Team Managers or club representatives 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.

9.3 Any 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.

9.4 The venue is to retain the score sheets.

9.5 Team Managers in consultation with players are required to lodge their vote for the Semmens Award for one player from the opposition who displayed the best sportsmanship, court manners, attitude and dress by 9:00am on the Tuesday following the match. If a team does not record a vote, they will not receive any votes from their opposition.

10. Match Disputes

All match disputes must be made to the venue supervisor for decision.

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. In Orange Ball, one point shall be awarded for each set won with no premiership points awarded for the winning match.

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 Orange Ball will not play finals and the premiership will be awarded to the team with the highest points and if then equal, the highest number of games.

12.2 In all other Competitons The four teams securing the highest match ratio shall play off in the major round.

12.3 A Major Round draw shall be decided by both teams nominating their best doubles pairing and a match tiebreak (first to 10 points with an advantage of 2 points) played to decide the match.

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

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

12.6 (C) the loser of (A) plays the winner of (B);

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

13. Finals Qualification

13.1 Nominations of teams including Singles order and Doubles pairings for each final round match must be in writing and in the hands of the Recording Secretary 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 four (4) minor round matches at EDTA Junior level.

13.4 Any player who has not played 2 matches of a division in a current season must not then play in a major round match of that division or lower.

13.5 Any player having played their last 3 minor round matches in a higher division in the current season may not the play in a major round match of a lower division.

13.6 No player having played in a major round match of one division in the current season may play in a major round match of a lower division without a permit from Tennis SA.

13.7 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 Tennis SA may appoint a Tribunal to deal with any Code of Behaviour reports.

14.3 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

Tennis SA may apply penalties for any breaches of the EDTA Junior Competition Rules other than Code of Behavior matters. Tennis SA 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. Venue Supervisors, General Duties

16.1 Venue Supervisors shall ensure courts are prepared for match play and be in attendance during the times allocated. Supervisors should be visible at all times and available to players.

16.2 Supervisors shall administer the filling out of Score Sheets and will verify and sign the retained Score Sheets at the completion of matches, ensuring all details are correct and readable.

16.3 Supervisors shall remind players/teams of the requirement to enter their team sheet to Match Centre by 9:00am on the Tuesday following the match.

16.4 The venue supervisor may in the event of observed bad sportsmanship or line calling, in the first instance, warn the offending player(s). He/she will then monitor the match and may over-rule blatant bad calls. Tactical coaching is not permitted during play, and should be pointed out as soon as it is observed.

16.5 A player may be disqualified (removed from the court) if persistent bad sportsmanship occurs, e.g. swearing, racquet-throwing or ball abuse.

16.6 Parental interference will not be tolerated and Supervisors have the authority to request parents refrain from speaking with players and standing in a position considered too close or intimidating players i.e. standing or seated closer than 1.5 metres from the fence. Should this interference not cease the supervisor will then declare the match in favour of the team of the opponent receiving the unfair interference.

16.7 Queries on the rules and match procedure are to be referred to the Venue Supervisor by the team manager as soon as possible after any incident has occurred.

16.8 All Venue Supervisors are to abide by the COVID-19 Community Tennis Guidelines for Continued Play and COVID-19 Competition Regulations for South Australia.

17. Attire

17.1 All players are required to wear the approved Club shirt, accompanied by either white, black or navy blue shorts / skirts as appropriate, unless a different colour is part of the approved club uniform. Football shorts or socks are not considered suitable attire. Penalties can range from warnings and points loss.