

# **EDTA / NETA Combined REGULATIONS**

2021/22 SEASON



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## 1. **Introduction**

The EDTA / NETA Combined Competition will be a tiered structure with the competition being open to the following Associations; Eastern Districts Tennis Association and North East Tennis Association

## 2. **EDTA / NETA Combined Competitions Advisory Group**

- 2.1 The Competitions Advisory Group will be made up of two representative per Association involved in the competition and two Tennis SA staff members.
- 2.2 The Competitions Advisory group is empowered to administer the competitions for EDTA / NETA Combined Competitions.
- 2.3 The Competitions Advisory Group may:
  - (a) 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 EDTA / NETA Combined Competition Regulations and Rules;
  - (b) Administer the Rules of Tennis for the competitions;
  - (c) 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 EDTA / NETA Combined matches.
- 2.4 For Season 2021/22 the members of the EDTA / NETA Combined Administration are
  - (a) Dylan Hicks, Tennis SA (Chair), Coordinator and Recording Secretary
  - (b) Luke Doughty, Tennis SA
  - (c) Association Reps as per 2.1
    - NETA, Brandon Oster, and Jason Todd
    - EDTA, Gary Stratford, and Simon Turner

## 3. **EDTA / NETA Combined Grading Advisory Group**

- 3.1 The Grading Advisory Group will be made up of two representatives from each Association and two Tennis SA staff members.
- 3.2 The Competition Advisory Group may:
  - (a) Call for nominations from clubs for teams for each Competition and accept or decline nominations;

#### **4. *Nominations of EDTA / NETA Combined Teams by Clubs***

- 4.1 A Tennis Club affiliated with Tennis SA may nominate a team to compete within the EDTA / NETA Combined Competition.
- 4.2 Nominations shall be submitted online via League Manager.
- 4.3 Team Fee's for EDTA / NETA Combined competitions will be **\$83 (plus GST)** per team. Clubs will receive an invoice once teams are final.
- 4.4 The Nomination will require a nominating club to name in Order of Merit the players which it proposes to play in its team. Players who are listed as reserves will not be taken into account when grading and require approval if they wish to play.
- 4.5 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 Competitions Advisory Group. (also see match rule 2.5)
- 4.6 Ex State League players are only eligible to play in Division 1. Requests by clubs for exemption may be made in writing to the Grading Advisory Group.
- 4.7 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.

#### **5. *Financials***

- 5.1 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.  
  
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 6 of competition.

#### **6. *Selection of Teams to Compete in EDTA / NETA Combined Competitions***

- 6.1 The Grading Advisory Group in its discretion may determine how many teams and select which clubs compete in the EDTA / NETA Combined Competitions applying the Selection Criteria annexed to these Rules. The Competitions Advisory Group is not bound to accept any nomination
- 6.2 Clubs may appeal the decision of the Grading Advisory Group for review, however the final decision will be made by the Competition Advisory Group.

## **7. Registered players**

- 7.1 Any Club who has teams competing in EDTA / NETA Combined must have all those players registered in a Tennis Australia approved database management system by the date directed by Tennis SA.
- (a) In the case a club has not registered players into a Tennis Australia approved database management system by the date directed by Tennis SA penalties will be applied as per below
- (b) No Premiership Points will be allocated, should players not be registered in a Tennis Australia approved database management system
- (c) Newly added players to a team, must be registered within 7 days of play.
- 7.2 All players within EDTA / NETA Combined must have their details recorded in full on League Manager.
- 7.3 Any club 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.

## **8. Affiliation**

- 8.1 Any Club who has teams competing in EDTA / NETA Combined must have affiliation fees paid by the date directed by Tennis SA.

In the case a club has not paid affiliation fees by the date directed by Tennis SA penalties will be applied as per below

- (a) No Premiership Points will be allocated, should affiliation fees not be paid

## **9. Order of Merit**

- 9.1 "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.
- 9.2 Players must be played in Order of Merit in all teams at all times.
- 9.3 No player may move more than one ranking position up or down in consecutive matches.
- 9.4 The Competitions Advisory Group may at its discretion review the Order of Merit for any team at any time.
- 9.5 The Competition Advisory Group 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.
- 9.6 Disputes as to Order of Merit shall be determined by the Competitions Advisory Group which may impose such penalty as deemed necessary.

## **10. *Malcolm Winneke Trophy***

10.1 At the conclusion of the season, team captains are required to lodge their votes for the top three players from 1-3 for the Malcolm Winneke Trophy for Opposition Players who displayed the best sportsmanship, court manners, attitude, and dress.

## **11. *Presentations***

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## **12. *Competition Rules for 2021/2022***

The Competition Rules for EDTA / NETA Combined matches for the Season 2021/2022 are annexed to these Regulations.

## **13. *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 Competitions Advisory Group 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 Competitions Advisory Group considers appropriate.

## **14. *Amendment of Rules***

Competitions Advisory Group can replace or amend the Competition Rules from time to time.