



Tennis SA Metro League

REGULATIONS
2025-26 season



1. Introduction

- 1.1 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
- 1.2 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 Please refer to the Metro League Terms of Reference as found on the Tennis SA Website
- 2.2 For the purpose of the Season **2025/26** the members of the Metro League Administration are
 - (a) Brandon Oster (Chair);
 - (b) Dylan Hicks, Tennis SA, Metro League Coordinator and Recording Secretary.
 - (c) Association Reps and Independents as per Metro League Terms of Reference

3. Nomination 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 \$150 (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. Players who are listed as reserves will not be taken into account when grading and require approval if they wish to play.
- 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 may impose penalties, including (but not limited to) ineligibility to be nominated as a base list player for the following season. Any team with players in the mentioned category who will not meet the minimum requirements must submit justification based on injury or illness, supported by a doctor's certificate or equivalent documentation.
- 3.6 To be nominated a player must be registered and have activated their Competitive Player Profile.
- 3.7 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 (3.9)

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. 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 competition

- 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). The Metro League Committee is not bound to accept any nomination.
- 5.2 Clubs may appeal the decision of the Metro League Committee for review within three days, however the final decision will be made by 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. Team Re-Grade

- 6.1 The Metro League Committee, at its discretion, may decide to re-grade teams following the completion of Round 5. This decision will be based on the teams' performances, whether overperforming or underperforming, and the consistent participation of the players originally listed during the grading process.

7. Registered players

- 7.1 Any Club that has teams competing in Metro League must have all those players registered in ClubSpark by the date directed by Tennis SA.
- (a) In the case a club has not registered players into ClubSpark 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 ClubSpark.
- (c) Newly added players to a team, must be registered within seven days of play.
- 7.2 All players within Metro League must have a Competitive Player Profile 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. Order of Merit

- 8.1 Order of Merit shall be determined primarily but not solely by current match results and UTR. Players not listed on the original team Order of Merit will be included after they play a match.
- 8.2 Players must be played in Order of Merit in all teams at all times.
- 8.3 No player may move more than one ranking position up or down in consecutive matches.
- 8.4 The Metro League Committee may at its discretion review the Order of Merit for any team at any time.
- 8.5 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.
- 8.6 Disputes as to Order of Merit shall be determined by the Metro League Committee which may impose such penalty as deemed necessary.

9. Prizemoney

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

10. Player of the Year

- 10.1 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.
- 10.2 Metro League Open Division One Men's and Women's Players of the Year will each receive \$250. Metro League Men's and Women's lower Divisions Players of the Year will each receive \$50.

11. Presentations

- 11.1 Presentations will be made to the Winning Metro League teams at the 2025/26 Tennis SA Awards Night.

12. Competition Rules for 2025/26

- 12.1 The Competition Rules for Metro League matches for Season 2025/26 are annexed to these Regulations.

13. Circumstances not covered

13.1 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 Metro League Committee considers appropriate.

14. Amendment of Rules

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

