



# Winter Pennant

REGULATIONS  
2024 season



## 1. Management

- 1.1 Winter Pennant is a Tennis SA administrated competition. Tennis SA shall control all matches and resolve all disputes

## 2. Winter Pennant Working Group

- 2.1 Please refer to the Winter Pennant Terms of Reference as found on the Tennis SA Website
- 2.2 For the purpose of the Season 2024 the members of the Winter Pennant Working Group are
  - (a) Mike Daws (Chair);
  - (b) Brandon Oster, Working Group Member
  - (c) Liz Campbell, Working Group Member
  - (d) Mitchell Reilly, Tennis SA, Winter Pennant Coordinator and Recording Secretary.
  - (e) Dylan Hicks, Tennis SA, Head of Tournaments, Competitions & Officiating.

## 3. Nominations of Winter Pennant Teams by Clubs

- 3.1 A Tennis Club affiliated with Tennis SA may nominate a team to compete within the Winter Pennant Competition.
- 3.2 Nominations shall be submitted online via League Manager.
- 3.3 Team Fees for Winter Pennant competitions will be \$113 (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 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 Winter Pennant Working Group. Refer to match rule (2.5)

## 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 Winter Pennant Competition

- 5.1 The Grading Group in its discretion may determine how many teams and select which clubs compete in the Winter Pennant Competition. The Grading Group is not bound to accept any nomination.
- 5.2 Clubs may appeal the decision of the Grading Group for review within two working days of the grading being released. However, the final decision will be made by the Grading Group.
- 5.3 The Winter Pennant Working Group reserves the right to increase the number of open divisions due to the strength of teams in the Blue & Gold zones.

## 6. Registered players

- 6.1 Any Club who has teams competing in Winter Pennant must have all those players registered in a Tennis Australia approved database management system.

- (a) In the case a club has not registered players into a Tennis Australia approved database management system
- (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.

6.2 All players within Winter Pennant must have a Competitive Player Profile recorded in full on League Manager.

6.3 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.

## 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 Winter Pennant Working Group may at its discretion review the Order of Merit for any team at any time.
- 7.5 The Winter Pennant Working 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.
- 7.6 Disputes as to Order of Merit shall be determined by the Winter Pennant Working Group which may impose such penalty as deemed necessary.

## 8. Player of the Year

8.1 The Player of the Year award is in place for the following categories:

- Open Men's Divisions
- Open Women's Divisions
- Blue Zone Men's Divisions
- Blue Zone Women's Divisions
- Gold Zone Men's Divisions
- Gold Zone Women's Divisions
- Best Males Doubles Player (must compete in doubles only competition)
- Best Women's Doubles Player (must compete in doubles only competition)

The Player of the Year will be awarded to the player who has won the most rubbers in the minor round. If equal on rubbers, the award will be determined by sets, and then games. To be eligible to win the Player of the Year award a player must have played in two thirds of matches.

8.2 Winter Pennant Men's and Women's Players of the Year will each receive \$50.

## 9. Competition Rules for 2024

The Competition Rules for Winter Pennant matches for the Season 2024 are annexed to these Regulations.

## 10. 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 Winter Pennant Working 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 Winter Pennant Working Group considers appropriate.

#### 11. Amendment of Rules

Winter Pennant Working Group can replace or amend the Competition Rules from time to time.

#### 12. 2024 LIGHT UP TIMES

If the light up times are reached and matches are still being played, either team can call off the match and the current score will stand. Subject to Weather Rule

Month	Date	Round	Time
May	4 <sup>th</sup>	1	5:31pm
	11 <sup>th</sup>	2	5:24pm
	18 <sup>th</sup>	3	5:19pm
	25 <sup>th</sup>	4	5:15pm
June	1 <sup>st</sup>	5	5:12pm
	15 <sup>th</sup>	6	5:11pm
	22 <sup>nd</sup>	7	5:12pm
	29 <sup>th</sup>	8	5:14pm
July	6 <sup>th</sup>	9	5:17pm
	20 <sup>th</sup>	10	5:26pm
	27 <sup>th</sup>	11	5:30pm
August	3 <sup>rd</sup>	12	5:36pm
	10 <sup>th</sup>	13	5:41pm
	17 <sup>th</sup>	14	5:46pm
	24 <sup>th</sup>	FINALS	5:51pm
	31 <sup>st</sup>	FINALS	5:56pm

