



Winter Pennant

REGULATIONS
2025 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 \$115 (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 ie (the base list). Players who are listed as reserves will not be considered 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 Winter Pennant 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 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. Team Re-Grade

- 6.1 The Winter Pennant 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 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.
- 7.2 All players within Winter Pennant 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" means that players will play in the order of players with greater ability playing higher in the team than players of lesser ability.
- 8.2 Squads will be locked and Order of Merit shall be set by UTR. However, players may move one ranking position up or down (if you are listed as number two on League Manager, you would be eligible to play up or down one position if required without approval)
- 8.3 Any movement of a player that is more than one position to what is listed on League Manager will result in loss of sets.
- 8.4 All order of merit lists will be updated weekly by 5pm Thursday.
- 8.5 Players must be played in Order of Merit in all teams at all times.
- 8.6 The Winter Pennant Working Group may at its discretion review the Order of Merit for any team at any time.
- 8.7 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.
- 8.8 Disputes as to Order of Merit shall be determined by the Winter Pennant Working Group which may impose such penalty as deemed necessary.

9. Player of the Year

- 9.1 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.

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

10. Competition Rules for 2025

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

11. 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.

12. Amendment of Rules

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

13. Penalties

The Winter Pennant Working Group may apply penalties for any breaches of the Winter Pennant Competition Rules other than Code of Behaviour matters. The Winter Pennant Working Group 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.

