



EDTA / NETA Combined Competition

REGULATIONS
2025/26 Season

1. **EDTA / NETA Combined Competitions Advisory Group**

- 1.1 The Competitions Advisory Group will be made up of two representative per Association involved in the competition and two Tennis SA staff members.
- 1.2 The Competitions Advisory group is empowered to administer the competitions for EDTA / NETA Combined Competitions.
- 1.3 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.

For Season 2025/26 the members of the EDTA / NETA Combined Administration are;
Amanda Zwiebel, Tennis SA (Chair), Coordinator and Recording Secretary

Association representatives as per 1.1;
 NETA, Brandon Oster and, Jason Todd

EDTA, Simon Turner and, Georgia-Lee Jarratt

2. **EDTA / NETA Combined Grading Advisory Group Clearances**

- 2.1 The Grading Advisory Group will be made up of two representatives from each Association and two Tennis SA staff members.

The Competition Advisory Group may:

Call for nominations from clubs for teams for each Competition and accept or decline nominations;

3. **Nominations of the EDTA/NETA Combined Teams by Clubs**

- 3.1 A Tennis Club affiliated with Tennis SA may nominate a team to compete within the EDTA / NETA Combined Competition.
- 3.2 Nominations shall be submitted online via League Manager.
- 3.3 Team Fee's for EDTA / NETA Combined competitions will be \$88 (plus 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 **All players nominated must have registered and activated their own Competitive Player Profile to compete**
- 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 Competitions Advisory Group. (also see match rule 2.5)

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. 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.

Notwithstanding the above, Tennis SA may in its sole and ultimate discretion:

Deduct premiership points from a team that has not paid in full any outstanding fees by Round 3 of competition; and May expel a team from the competition if that team has not paid in full any outstanding fees by Round 6 of competition.

5. Selection of Teams to Compete in EDTA/NETA Combined Competitions

- 5.1 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 Clubs may appeal the decision of the Grading Advisory Group for review, however the final decision will be made by the Competition Advisory Group.

- 5.2 Squads will be locked for the entirety of the season, if you need to update order of merit you will have to request Tennis SA to update it.

6. Registered Players

- 6.1 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.

- 6.2 All players within EDTA / NETA Combined must have their details 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. Affiliation

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

- 7.2 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

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. 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.

- 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 Competitions Advisory Group may at its discretion review the Order of Merit for any team at any time.
- 8.5 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.
- 8.6 Disputes as to Order of Merit shall be determined by the Competitions Advisory Group which may impose such penalty as deemed necessary.

9. Malcom Winneke Trophy

- 9.1 Voting Format: Voting for the Malcolm Winneke Trophy shall follow a 3–2–1 format, with team captains awarding 3 points to the top player, 2 points to the second, and 1 point to the third.
- 9.2 Voting Period: Votes must be cast during Rounds 12, 13, and 14. The final match of the season is Round 15.
- 9.3 Eligibility Criteria: Votes are to be submitted for opposition players who best demonstrate sportsmanship, court manners, attitude, and dress.
- 9.4 Submission Requirement: All votes must be lodged by team captains using the official voting form [[VOTE HERE](#)]. Submissions not made on the designated form will be deemed invalid.

10. Presentations

- Medallions are to be presented on the day at each venue.

11. Competition Rules for 2025/2026

The Competition Rules for EDTA / NETA Combined matches for the Season 2025/2026 are annexed to these Regulations.

12. Overflow courts for finals

If you are unable to cater for courts at your home venue, alternate courts must be acquired. If an alternate venue can't be acquired, Tennis SA can assist in sourcing an alternate venue.

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.

