



Rules and Regulations

Southern Tennis League (Singles)

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1.0 Objectives

1.1 The objective of Tennis TAS managed competitions is to provide opportunities for players of affiliated tennis clubs and enable them to have an equal opportunity to play against a similar playing standard. These tennis opportunities will serve as a platform for players to play more regular competitive tennis, represent their club and develop new friendships.

1.2 Players, teams, and spectators must at all times act in the best interest of the League and Tennis TAS and not at any time engage in conduct which brings or has the potential to bring the sport into disrepute.

2.0 Tennis Tasmania Roles & Responsibilities

2.1 Centrally managed and administered by Tennis TAS statewide.

2.2 All participants in Tennis TAS competitions are bound by these rules and regulations, ITF Rules of Play and Tennis Australia's national policies including:

- Tennis Anti-Corruption Program
- Extreme Weather Policy
- Tennis Australia's Code of Behaviour
- Tennis Australia's Member Protection Policy
- Tennis Australia's Social Media Policy
- Anti-Doping Policy

In the event that these regulations do not cover a rule/procedure, Players, Referees and Match Supervisors should refer to:

- The ITF Rules of Tennis (available via <http://www.itftennis.com/officiating/rulebooks/rulesoftennis.aspx>)
- The ITF Duties and Procedures via <http://www.itftennis.com/officiating/rulebooks/dutiesprocedures.aspx>)
- Tennis Australia Rules for non-umpired matches (<http://www.tennis.com.au/doc/tennis-etiquetteand-rules-for-non-umpiredmatches>);
- Tennis Australia Dress & Equipment Regulations
- [AR Tournaments Rules and Regulations](#), Publicity, Promotion and Use of Image

2.3 Matches, unless otherwise approved and advised by a League Coordinator, shall be played on such dates and on such courts as displayed on Tennis Australia's Competition Software, Match Centre.

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3.0 Head League Coordinator

3.1 Coordinate and administer the following:

- Reviewing the Grading of Players and Creating Divisions
- Create fixtures through Match Centre
- Report results online through Match Centre
- Ensure balls and trophies are ordered and available to winners at the end of each season
- Ensure all team formats are adhered to
- Communications to stakeholders in regards to upcoming season changes

3.2 For any questions regarding Tennis TAS administered competition please direct all correspondence to: Matt Lamont - Club Development Officer on matthew.lamont@tennis.com.au

4.0 Player Registration

4.1 All players are required to register to Match Centre to view fixtures and results

4.2 Signing Up to Match Centre:

- Login or register into [Match Centre](#) through your desktop or mobile.
- Verify Your Email as prompted.
- If you have already been using the existing Match Centre you won't need to create a new account.
- After you have logged in search for "Tennis Tasmania" to find the relevant competition. (Note: The Southern Tennis League will be visible to players when it has been published.)
- Players can view their results, fixtures and manage their profile

4.3 All players who nominate in any Tennis TAS managed competitions shall include all player details and required information set out in the nomination form. Tennis TAS may refuse to accept any incomplete individual or team nominations.

5.0 Player Eligibility

A player is eligible to play in Tasmanian Tennis Leagues if they meet the following criteria:

- They are an affiliated member with either i. Tennis Australia; or ii. The Member Association; or iii. Their Tennis Tasmania affiliated Club / Centre or Association
- They are aged 14 or above by the 1st January of the current year. Exceptions to this eligibility rule for players aged 12 or 13 need to be

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made to the Head League Coordinator. This will generally only be considered for players with an exceptional UTR for their age.

- They are in “good standing” with their Member Association;

6.0 Fees

6.1 Tennis Tasmania will set the fee for players to participate in this Competition

6.2 Payment is to be made through Match Centre during the registration process.

7.0 Player Grading and Changes

7.1 Players will be graded based on their UTR.

7.2 In exceptional circumstances, or in the event a player does not have a UTR, the League Coordinator will consult with the player to allocate a grade with the aim to enable a level playing experience for all players.

7.3 Tennis TAS is responsible for overseeing all players in each division and reserves the right to accept or deny any player nominated.

7.4 Tennis TAS reserves the right to accept or deny any nominated player and/or allocate the player to a higher or lower division.

8.0 Entering Results

8.1 Players are to enter results in to the Match Centre program within 24 hours of the completion of their match.

8.2 Both players from a match are required to verify the scores entered in Match Centre within 48 hours of the completion of the match.

8.3 Players should attempt to resolve any disagreement or discrepancies in the scoreline between themselves, and in conjunction with the Court Monitor if necessary. In the event that this does not resolve the issue, the League Coordinator should be notified as soon as possible.

8.4 For disputes that are raised within 48 hours of completion of a match, Tennis TAS will endeavour to settle any reasonable score disputes as fairly as possible.

8.5 No guarantee is made that disputes falling outside the 48 hour window will be addressed.

8.6 Tennis TAS reserves the right to amend any scorecards/errors that impact the overall result of any fixture outside of these deadlines.

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9.0 Match Formats

9.1 Format will be the following:

- Singles only
- Players are expected to be ready to play at the allocated time
- Each Rubber will be 2 normal sets, TB at 6-all. If at the conclusion of the second set, the scoreline is 1 set-all, a Match TB shall be played, first to 10 with a 2-point advantage.

10.0 Match Scheduling

10.1 Match schedules will be published on Match Centre prior to the competition starting.

10.2 Matches should be played on the set Dates and Times as determined by Tennis TAS.

10.3 In the event one, or both players are unable to play at the set Date or Time, players **must** notify their opponent, as well as the League Coordinator no less than 24 hours prior to the scheduled match. Failure to do so may result in a Forfeit Loss.

10.3a Players should attempt to reschedule the match to be played within 7 days of the initially scheduled match.

10.3b Both players should do their best to reschedule the match at a time which is mutually convenient.

10.3c In the event the match cannot be rescheduled, the player who was unavailable at the initial Set Date and Time shall be deemed to have forfeited.

10.4 At the discretion of Tennis TAS, due to weather or other significant circumstance, a 'make up round' will be inserted in place of the Finals, with the Finals to take place one week later than initially advised.

11.0 Player Injury

11.1 If a player is injured/ill and forced to retire from a Rubber, the retiring player may not return to participate in any other Rubber and/or that match.

12.0 Weather Implications

12.1 In the event of extreme weather a notification will be made on the Southern Tennis League - Singles Facebook page an hour before scheduled play.

12.2 Matches will be cancelled in accordance with the Tennis Australia Heat Policy.

12.3 If matches are interrupted a decision will be made by a League Coordinator as to whether to delay, postpone or abandon current or remaining matches.

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12.4 If all matches are abandoned, Tennis TAS will endeavor to reschedule to another time that it deems fit.

12.5 If a match starts, but is unable to be resumed within 60 minutes of an interruption occurring due to an outside influence (i.e., weather), the match will be awarded to the players as follows depending on when the interruption occurred:

a. In the first set - the points will be shared

b. In the second set – if the player who won the first set is leading the second set by 2 games or more, full points will be awarded to that player. If the player who won the first set, but is not leading the second set by 2 games or more, points will be shared.

12.6 If a weather cancellation is to take place on Grand Final day then the match will be played on the Reserve Day.

12.7 If there is a weather cancellation on the Reserve Day, the higher placed team will be considered the winner.

13.0 Defaults

13.1 Unless otherwise agreed between the players, where a player fails to appear for a Match within 30 minutes of the scheduled commencement time of the Match, the Match shall be deemed defaulted and the player not in default shall be awarded all Rubbers, sets and games and all the points for the Match.

14.0 Forfeits

14.1 A player proposing to forfeit a match (typically within 24 hours of the scheduled start time; refer section 10) shall notify the opposing team as soon as possible.

15.0 Withdrawals

15.1 If a player withdraws after the competition has commenced, Tennis TAS will act in absolute discretion in determining adjustments to ladder positions and fixtures to accommodate for the player withdrawal.

16.0 Code Behaviour Issues

16.1 All matches shall be played in accordance with the Tennis Australia Code of Behaviour for Weekly Competitions.

16.2 If an incident occurs, any player or spectator who witnessed the incident is to notify the Head League Coordinator by 11:59pm Monday following the match in which the incident took place.

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16.3 Tennis TAS may liaise with external parties to deal with any Code of Behaviour reports.

16.4 Where applicable, Team Managers/Captains are responsible for the exercise of control over their own players in all respects relating to match play, discipline and sportsmanship.

17.0 Courts Standards

17.1 Clubs shall be responsible for providing courts and facilities that are suitable for the Hobart Singles League.

17.2 The League Coordinators will liaise with club coordinators to determine availability of courts prior to season commencement.

18.0 Venue Appearance and Amenities

18.1 Venues must be safe, neat and tidy. This includes the following areas:

- Entrance
- Gardens and grounds
- Courts and surrounds
- Clubhouse and equipment
- Change rooms, showers and toilets
- Notice boards
- Venues must provide an appropriately stocked first aid kit at each venue

19.0 Lighting

19.1 All clubs that are subject to local Council light restrictions or curfews, must advise Tennis TAS when nominating teams for a night competition. With prior approval from Tennis TAS, operations and in mutual agreement with Away Team, such fixtures may commence earlier than advertised start time. Any unfinished rubbers shall be recorded as Incomplete. Clubs should make every effort to ensure that sufficient court time is available to complete a fixture.

20.0 Match Balls

20.1 Tennis Tasmania will supply tennis balls (TA Approved) for the competition season.

21.0 Finals

21.1 Finals will be played over one weekend. In the event of a washout, matches will be postponed to the following week.

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21.2 In the event of a tie on the ladder, final positions shall be determined by:

- On the number of match wins. If these are equal, then;
- On the number of rubbers won. If these are equal, then;
- On the number of sets won. If these are equal, then;
- On the number of games won. If these are equal, then;
- Total rubbers won, then total sets won, then total games won on head to head results over the qualifying rounds

21.3 If match is abandoned or unable to be rescheduled the higher ranked team will be awarded as winners.

22.0 Premiership Table

22.1 Premiership points will be as following:

- 2 points for match win
- 0 points for match loss
- 0 points for bye
- 2 points for Win off Forfeit
- 0 points for Loss off Forfeit

23.0 Laws of the Game

23.1 All matches shall be played under the Rules of Tennis.

23.2 If rules are breached the Head League Coordinators will liaise with Tennis TAS to make a final decision as to what penalties are enforced.

24.0 COVID SAFE PLAYING PROCEDURES

24.1 You must adhere to all current Tasmanian Government COVID regulations.

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