

Proposed Changes from the Executive

Points to change to 1 point for winner on games and standard wording

CURRENT

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PROPOSED (to replace each of the rules noted above but retain the same Rule number)

The method of awarding points shall be on the basis of one point per set won and one point for winning the most games overall. If the games are equal, each team will receive half of one point. The team with the highest number of points is deemed the winner. If the total points are equal, then the match is drawn.

Standardise wording for abandonments across all competitions – two different changes

- a. cancellation of semi-finals, and**
- b. winner of cancelled grand finals:**

CURRENT

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In the event of the COMPETITION COMMITTEE cancelling a final, the following will occur between the two teams competing; the one higher on the ladder at the end of the home & away season, will be deemed the winner. i.e. "Page" system – in the semi-finals 1 meets 2, and 3 meets 4: a cancellation will result in 1 going straight into the grand final, with 2 playing 3 in the preliminary final. 4 is knocked out. - in the preliminary final a cancellation will result in the higher team on the ladder, at the end of the home & away season, going straight into the grand final "Knock out" system – 1 meets 4 and 2 meets 3 in the semi-finals; a cancellation will result in – 1 and 2 playing in the grand final. Should the grand final be cancelled then the higher team on the ladder, at the end of the home & away season, will be deemed the winner. For sections with a lesser number of teams, the structure of the final series will be determined by the Competition Committee, with the same format applied as above.

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4.11.7 The weather committee will meet on Saturday when the weather is doubtful. An email shall be sent to the Junior Representatives OR allocated email addresses approx. ONE hour before the appointed starting time denoting the abandonment of that round. A notice will also be posted on the website and Tennis Geelong Facebook page.

In the event of the COMPETITION COMMITTEE cancelling a semi-final the competing team highest on the ladder, at the end of the home and away season, will be deemed the winner. i.e. "Page" system – in the semi-finals 1 meets 2, and 3 meets 4: a cancellation will result in 1 going straight into the grand final with 2 playing 3 in the preliminary final. 4 is knocked out. "Knock out" system – 1 meets 4 and 2 meets 3 in the semi-finals; a cancellation will result in teams 1 and 2 playing in the grand final. - in the preliminary final a cancellation will result in the home team going straight into the grand final. Should the grand final be cancelled then the home team will be deemed the winner. For sections with a lesser number of teams the structure of the final series will be determined

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In the event of the COMPETITION COMMITTEE cancelling a final, the following will occur between the two teams competing; the team higher on the ladder at the end of the home & away season, will be deemed the winner. i.e. "Knock out" system – 1 meets 4 and 2 meets 3 in the semi-finals; a cancellation will result in – 1 and 2 playing in the grand final.

Should the Grand Final be cancelled then the competing team that finished higher on the ladder, at the end of the home & away season, will be deemed the winner.

PROPOSED (with each Rule number retained as above)

For 2.9.9, 3.9.9, 4.11.7 and 5.9.9

Change to finals format if first week is abandoned: (First paragraph to remain up to)... Tennis Geelong Facebook page.

In the event of the COMPETITION COMMITTEE cancelling a semi-final in grades using the "Page" system (see By-Law 2.9.6, 3.9.6, 4.11.3), the finals will revert to the "Knock out" system, i.e. 1 meets 4 and 2 meets 3 in the next final. In the preliminary final, a cancellation will result in the home team going straight into the grand final.

In grades using the "Knock out" system, a cancellation of the semi-finals will result in the two home teams, i.e. 1 and 2, playing in the grand final. (Everything to remain from "Should the" but subject to rule change directly below also being approved) Should the

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Change to winner with grand final cancelled, and standard wording:

...Should the grand final be cancelled, then the home team is deemed the winner. For the "Page" system, this is the first team to win through to the grand final, and for the "Knock out" system, the competing team finishing higher on the ladder at the end of the home and away season.

Proposed changes to Junior By-Laws 2020

Current:

4.7 INCLEMENT WEATHER:

4.7.1 The Weather Committee shall meet at approximately 7.45 a.m. on Saturday to decide if matches are to be abandoned when the weather is wet or excessive heat prevails. An email shall be sent to Junior Representatives OR allocated email addresses approx. ONE hour before the appointed starting time denoting the abandonment of that round. A notice will also be posted on the website and Tennis Geelong Facebook page. An abandoned round will not be replayed and teams will receive four points each except when prior notification of a walkover has been given, in which case the team having given a walkover shall not receive any points. When a team has given prior notification of having insufficient players, the available points will be adjusted for those forfeited sets. A team having a bye will not receive any points.

Proposed:

4.7 *ADVERSE WEATHER – Home and Away*

4.7.1 *ABANDONED BY THE COMMITTEE*

The Weather Committee will meet at approximately 7.15 a.m. on Saturday to decide if matches are to be abandoned when the weather is wet or excessive heat prevails. An email will be sent to Junior Representatives OR allocated email addresses approx. 30 minutes before the appointed starting time denoting the abandonment of that round. A notice will also be posted on the website and Tennis Geelong Facebook page. An abandoned round will not be replayed and teams will receive three and a half ~~four~~ points each except when prior notification of a walkover has been given, in which case the team having given a walkover will not receive any points. When a team has given prior notification of having insufficient players, points will be split equally between the two teams, so as not to discourage the prior notification of missing players. A team having a bye will not receive any points.

REASON: Headings are now standardised between Juniors, Seniors and Midweek.

Due to the number of matches that now start at 8.00 a.m., the Weather Committee will meet at 7.15 a.m. on Saturday so that clubs can be notified before the start of 8.00 a.m. matches.

The Junior Competition Committee strongly encourages the prior notification of missing players, as a courtesy to the opposition team. This rule change means that teams notifying the opposition that they have missing players will not be disadvantaged in the case of the abandonment of that round.

Current:

4.7.2 In home and away matches, where court conditions or weather prevent continuation of play, by mutual agreement between the supervisors, the match can be abandoned. A match cannot be abandoned prior to one hour after the agreed start time when all team members listed must be in attendance. If the supervisors cannot agree as to play starting/continuing, then the decision shall be referred to the Competition Committee. Players are not obligated to play on unplayable courts. See Section 6 for definition. Sets not playable because of non-attendance will be forfeited. In the case of a match being abandoned, points are to be allocated for the sets played as per By-Law 4.5.1. Any points for sets not decided are to be shared. A team already in an unbeatable position with respect to games will be awarded the two points for games; otherwise one point will be awarded to each team.

Proposed:

4.7.2 INTERRUPTED MATCHES

In home and away matches, where the condition of allocated courts or adverse weather prevent the start of play, by mutual agreement between the team supervisors, the match can be abandoned. If a mutual decision cannot be reached, any abandonment of play must not be arranged until one hour after the listed starting time, and at this time all players must be in attendance. Nonattendance by a team/player at this time will result in those sets being forfeited.

If the continuation of play is stopped by adverse weather, play must recommence within 1 hour, otherwise the match is abandoned. Nonattendance by a team/player at this time shall result in those sets being forfeited.

If the team supervisors cannot agree as to play starting/continuing, then the decision shall be referred to the Competition Committee.

Players are not obligated to play on unplayable courts. See Section 6 for definition.

Matches may be played on one court only. See By-Law 1.2.

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Even if a match has not commenced, the names of those players who would have participated in the match must be entered in the CRS.

REASON: The existing rule only talked about continuation of play so this new rule is to remove confusion about the procedures that should occur if allocated courts are wet or it is raining before the start of play, as well as during the continuation of play. Provides a more detailed rule to follow during adverse weather.

Keep consistency with rest of rule. Clarifies team supervisor, not court supervisor.

Reminds players that Clubs only need to provide one court per match.

Player's names must still be recorded even if a match is a washout.

Proposed New By-Law:

4.7.3 UNPLAYABLE COURTS

In home and away matches, should all allocated courts be unplayable (see Section 6 for definition) due to excessive weather leading up to match day, and no other courts are available, the host club official may seek agreement from the official(s) of the visiting club(s), to cancel all matches allocated to the unplayable courts at that particular venue. If agreement is not reached, then Rule 4.7.2 applies.

The host club must enter results in the CRS and the away team confirm results in the CRS with both teams' players listed; these can be obtained when the agreement is reached verbally.

REASON: This new rule is similar to the Seniors and Midweek rule. If severe weather prior to match day renders all or some of the courts unplayable on match day, this rule allows matches to be called off without the visiting team having to arrive at the courts. Some clubs have courts of different surfaces, and some surfaces may be unplayable while other surfaces are not. The host club official will have a good knowledge of the host courts and how each surface performs under adverse weather conditions and so they are in the best position to advise visiting clubs if their allocated courts are unplayable. If the visiting club does not agree, then both the home and visiting teams must arrive at the host venue by the listed starting time and By-Law 4.7.2 will then apply.

Current:

4.7.3 If the temperature reaches 34 degrees, play can cease without mutual agreement and points for uncompleted set/s will be divided equally.

The following website is the only site to be used to determine the temperature.

<http://www.eldersweather.com.au/radar/> Enter the town or postcode you are playing in and if the temperature is 34 degrees or higher then play can cease as above, you must not hold up play to check the temperature, this can only be done at change of ends in a timely manner. If the time, according to By-Law 4.7.2 has passed, you must wait half an hour to see if the weather changes before abandoning the remainder of your sets. Any games completed up until that time must be entered on the score sheet. Sets not finished will be divided equally. However by mutual agreement, you can continue playing.

Proposed:

4.7.4 EXCESSIVE HEAT

If the temperature reaches 34°C, play can cease without mutual agreement. If 34°C is reached, half an hour must pass to determine any weather changes before abandoning the remainder of the sets. Points for uncompleted set/s will be divided equally. Any games completed up until that time must be entered on the score sheet. However, if there is mutual agreement, play can continue regardless of temperature.

The following website is the only site to be used to determine the temperature: <http://www.eldersweather.com.au/radar/> Enter the town or postcode you are playing in to check the current temperature. You must not hold up play to check the temperature, this can only be done at change of ends in a timely manner.

REASON: Rule has been renumbered and reworded to make it clearer that players should wait for 30 minutes before abandoning play.

Current:

4.9 LATE REGISTRATION:

Clubs must email late registration forms by the closing time for the respective entering of results in the CRS as notified by the Junior Competition Committee each season. It is the responsibility of the club playing the late registration to enter the player in the CRS. If a club plays a player who is considered too good for the grade participated, then he/she may be regraded by the committee. (By-law 1.14.2)

Proposed:

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Clubs must submit late registrations using the Google document link posted on the Tennis Geelong website by the closing time for the respective entering of results in the CRS as notified by the Junior Competition Committee each season. It is the responsibility of the club playing the late registration to enter the player in the CRS. If a club plays a player who is considered too good for the grade participated, then he/she may be regraded by the committee. (By-law 1.14.2)

REASON: Late registration forms are no longer used and instead late registrations are now entered via a Google Forms document using a link posted on the Tennis Geelong website.

Current:

4.11.3 The finals series shall be played by the four sides scoring the most premiership points at the end of the home and away matches. If two or more teams score the same number of points, the placing shall be decided by percentages. Percentages shall be determined in the following order: firstly games then sets.

Finals for eight team grades format shall be played under the – “Page system”, i.e. 1 meets 2, and 3 meets 4 in the semi-finals: loser of 1 and 2 plays the winner of 3 and 4 in the preliminary final and the winner of the preliminary final plays the winner of 1 and 2 in the grand final.

Finals in six team grade format shall be played under the – “Knock out” system, i.e. 1 meets 4 and 2 meets 3 in the semi-finals; winner of each semi-final to play in the grand final.

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REASON: Addresses the possibility of 8-team sections using the Knock out system if the semi-finals are cancelled by the Competition Committee.

Current:

4.11.10 BOYS/GIRLS GRADES If a draw is the result at the end of play in a finals series match in all grades, the #1 and #2 players will play a straight six (6) game set of doubles to decide the match. The deciding set shall be a tie-breaker at 5-all for all grades as directed by the Junior Competition Committee, and a straight 6 game set for all grades as directed by the Junior Competition Committee at the start of each season. Where more than one player has been used in the #1 and/or #2 positions, either of the players concerned may play in the additional set.

Proposed:

4.11.10 BOYS/GIRLS GRADES If a draw is the result at the end of play in a finals series match in all grades, the 1st and 2nd singles players will play a six (6) game set of doubles to decide the match. The deciding set shall be a tie-breaker at 5-all for all grades as directed by the Junior Competition Committee, and a straight 6 game set for all grades as directed by the Junior Competition Committee at the start of each season.

REASON: Removes confusion as to who plays in the deciding set if there is a draw at the end of play in a final series match, now that doubles pairings are at the discretion of each team and independent of the singles playing order.

Proposed changes to Midweek By-Laws 2020

Current:

3.6 PLAYER INJURY/ILLNESS:

3.6.1 In home and away matches: in the event of a player being legitimately unable to commence or continue in a match, one woman substitute may be used in all matches where applicable. They must be available within thirty (30) minutes and replace the injured player for the remaining set(s). Interrupted sets are to be forfeited. The injured or ill player can take no further.

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REASON: Clarification regarding how to enter result in Match Centre.

Current:

3.8 ADVERSE WEATHER – Home & Away:

3.8.1 ABANDONED BY THE COMMITTEE

- The Competition Committee shall decide if matches are to be abandoned when extreme weather conditions prevail. An email shall be sent to Midweek Representatives AND/OR allocated email addresses approx. TWO hours before the appointed starting time denoting the abandonment of that round. A notice will also be posted on the website and Tennis Geelong Facebook page.
- Abandoned matches will not be replayed.
- These matches cannot be used to qualify players as no score is to be entered into the CRS.
- Points will be divided equally, except when prior notification of a walkover has been given, refer by-law 3.7.5.
- A team having a bye will not receive any points.

Proposed:

The Competition Committee shall decide if matches are to be abandoned when extreme weather conditions prevail. An email shall be sent to Midweek Representatives AND/OR allocated email addresses approx. ONE hour before the appointed starting time denoting the abandonment of that round. A notice will also be posted on the website and Tennis Geelong Facebook page.

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- These matches cannot be used to qualify players as no score is to be entered into the CRS.
- Points will be divided equally, except when prior notification of a walkover has been given, refer by-law 3.7.5.
- A team having a bye will not receive any points.

REASON: One hour's notice is sufficient time.

Current:

3.8.2 INTERRUPTED MATCHES

- In home and away matches, any abandonment of play must not be arranged until one hour after the appointed starting time (unless otherwise agreed by both captains), and at this time all players must be in attendance. Nonattendance by a team/player at this time shall result in those sets being forfeited.
- Completed sets and games of the abandoned match will stand; points for uncompleted sets will be divided equally. Players and results of both completed and incomplete sets must be entered and confirmed via the CRS.
- A team already in an unbeatable position with respect to games will be awarded the two points for games; otherwise one point shall be awarded to each team.

- Players are not obligated to play on unplayable courts. See Section 6 for definition.
- If the captains cannot agree as to play starting/continuing, then the decision shall be referred to the Competition Committee.

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- A team already in an unbeatable position with respect to games will be awarded the onetwo points for games; otherwise one-half point shall be awarded to each team.
- Players are not obligated to play on unplayable courts. See Section 6 for definition.
- If the captains cannot agree as to play starting/continuing, then the decision shall be referred to the Competition Committee.

REASON: Clarification regarding what score to enter in Match Centre if set/s abandoned.

Current:

3.9 FINALS:

3.9.1 A player must play in nine (9) sets with their club to qualify for the finals in that season. Special permission may be granted by the Competition Committee, after submission of a written request, on a case by case basis. A player must not play below the lowest grade competed in during the season, without the approval of the Competition Committee.

3.9.2 The Competition Committee shall allocate two courts for finals use; full use must be made of both courts for the entire match.

3.9.3 Clubs should make sure their clubrooms, courts and facilities are open for visiting teams at least 30 minutes prior to starting.

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3.9.2 The Competition Committee shall allocate two courts for finals use; full use must be made of both courts for the entire match.

3.9.3 Clubs should make sure their clubrooms, courts and facilities are open for visiting teams at least 30 minutes prior to starting. A fine of \$50 will be imposed on a club if their clubrooms are not open 30 minutes prior to starting.

REASON: Addition of penalty for failing to open up clubrooms 30 minutes prior to starting.

Current:

3.9.11 In the event of a player being legitimately unable to commence or continue in a final, one qualified substitute may be played. The approval of the umpire in charge must be obtained prior to a substitute participating in a match. All substitutes' names must be written on the score sheets, indicating the relevant sets they participated in, this can be written on the back of the score sheet, these reasons must be transferred into the comments section of the CRS. The substitute must be both immediately available and qualified to play. The injured or ill player can take no further part in the match. Interrupted sets are to be forfeited. This substitute player may be the additional player referred to in by-law 3.2.2. In finals that have been postponed, the Competition Secretary must be notified prior to a substitute participating in a match.

Proposed:

3.9.11 In the event of a player being legitimately unable to commence or continue in a final, one qualified substitute may be played. The approval of the **referee** must be obtained prior to a substitute participating in a match.

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REASON: Deleting reference to an umpire and substituting the word referee.

Current:

3.10 UMPIRING:

3.10.1 Umpiring in home and away matches with only a central umpire is optional. If an umpire is requested by either team, the home team shall umpire that set and thereafter each club shall have an umpire officiating in each alternative set. Central umpires are permitted to call foot faults.

3.10.2 The Competition Committee shall appoint 2 Referees for all finals matches as follows: SECTION OF EIGHT: The teams finishing 6th and 7th and 8th are to supply 4 umpires each to umpire the semi-finals. The team finishing 5th is to supply 4 umpires and the team eliminated from the semi-finals is to supply 2 umpires to umpire the preliminary final. The team losing the preliminary final is to supply 4 umpires together with the remaining 2 from the eliminated semi-final to umpire the grand final. SECTION OF SEVEN: the teams finishing 5th, 6th and 7th are to supply 4 umpires each to umpire the semi-finals. The team winning their way into the grand final is to supply 4 umpires to umpire the preliminary final in a different grade, where deemed practical by the Competition Committee. The team eliminated from the semi-final is supply 2 umpires to umpire the preliminary final. The team losing the preliminary final is to supply 4 umpires together with the remaining 2 from the eliminated semi-final to umpire the grand final. SECTION OF SIX: The teams finishing 5th and 6th are to supply 4 umpires each to umpire the semi-finals. The eliminated teams of the semi-finals are to supply 4 umpires each to umpire the Grand Final. SECTIONS LESS THAN SIX to be determined by the Competition Committee.

3.10.3 Umpire Definition

- An umpire can be any person as long as they are not a member of the competing clubs.
- The number of umpires required from each team is the same number of players in a team when competing during the home and away season.
- Failure to supply the correct number of umpires shall result in a fine of \$20.00 per absent umpire. The umpires must sign the relevant umpire sheet as proof of attendance and this should be verified by each of the captains.
 - A note must be entered in the comments section of the CRS by the winning team indicating the number of umpires provided by each club.
 - The Competition Committee can vary the above in the best interest of the Association, or if more than one team from any one club exists in one grade, provided the clubs are notified three (3) days in advance of the match concerned.
 - Clubs will be advised of details accordingly.

3.10.4 When one team is in an unbeatable position any unplayed sets do not require umpires. Any rescheduled finals do not require the attendance of umpires.

3.10.5 The Competition Committee may nominate a referee for each match of the Finals series.

3.10.6 The 2 Referees have the following responsibilities: Collection of team sheets consisting of personnel of teams in correct order of play. Collection of the balls from opposing captains. Transferring of names from each sheet and recording results of the sets as completed. Ensuring correct players are on court for each set. Umpiring sets if requested. Ensuring that the match is conducted in accordance with the Code of Conduct.

3.10.7 The 2 Referees are in sole control of the match and their decisions are final.

Proposed:

3.10 Referees

3.10.1 Referees are to be provided for finals matches.

3.10.2 The Competition Committee require 2 Referees for each finals match.

3.10.3 Referee Definition

- A referee for a final cannot be a member of one of the competing clubs.
- The club/s responsible for refereeing the match will be required to provide two referees.
- Clubs must select suitable people as referees with reference to the responsibilities of a referee in section 3.10.5 below.
- Clubs are to provide the names of the referees to the Competition Committee on the Thursday prior to the finals match and competing clubs will be advised by email of the names of the referees for the finals match.
- Failure to supply the correct number of referees shall result in a fine of \$60.00 per absent referee. The referees must sign the relevant score sheet as proof of attendance and this should be verified by each of the captains and in the CRS.
- The Competition Committee can vary the above in the best interest of the Association provided clubs are notified three (3) days prior to the match.

3.10.4 When one team is in an unbeatable position any unplayed sets do not require oversight by the referees. Any rescheduled finals do not require the attendance of referees.

3.10.5 Referees have the following responsibilities:

- Collection of team sheets consisting of personnel of teams in correct order of play.
- Collection of the balls from opposing captains.
- Transferring of names from each sheet and recording results of the sets as completed.
- Ensuring correct players are on court for each set.
- Resolving any issues that occur during the match ensuring that the rules of tennis and the Tennis Geelong by-laws are followed.
- Approving the use of an emergency in the event of an injury to a player.
- Umpiring sets if requested.
- Ensuring that the match is conducted in accordance with the Code of Conduct.

3.10.6 The referees are in sole control of the match and their decisions are final.

REASON: Removing all references to umpires and replacing with referees and taking into account the way referees will be selected and their roles during finals.

Proposed changes to Senior By-Laws 2020

Rules that are required to be put up under rule 1.8 adopted at the last AGM.

No Umpires for Senior Finals.

Remove section 2.10 which relates to umpires and renumber sections 2.11 and 2.12.

Order of play for additional players.

Mixed Teams

Current:

2.2.3.1 Where a team has available more than the required number of qualified players, the team is permitted to play an additional one man and one woman. An additional player is only permitted to participate in either two mixed doubles sets or one women's/men's doubles set, except in the event of sickness or injury to a player, then the additional player may substitute for the player unable to continue (see By-Law 2.6.1). This By-Law also applies in finals matches.

Proposed:

2.2.3.1 Where a team has available more than the required number of qualified players, the team is permitted to play an additional one man and one woman. ~~An additional player is only permitted to participate in either two mixed doubles sets or one women's/men's doubles set, except in the event of sickness or injury to a player, then the additional player may substitute for the player unable to continue (see By-Law 2.6.1). This By-Law also applies in finals matches. Should a team want to play an extra player (man or lady) then all three of these players can play two sets (they do not have to and can only play one if that is preferred by the team)– this must be decided prior to the start of play. In terms of finals qualification, the specific number of sets played counts. This By-Law also applies in finals matches.~~

~~2.2.3.1.1 The only restriction on the order of play as outlined in rule 2.2.3.1 is that the same combination of players in a mixed pair cannot play together twice in one fixture.~~

REASON: Allows flexibility as to how additional players can be used in matches.

Men's Teams

Current:

2.2.4.1 Where a team has available more than the required number of qualified players, the team is permitted to play an additional one player. Where a team has available more than the required number of qualified players, the team is permitted to play an additional one player. The additional player is permitted to participate in any position in either Set 1 or 2, as listed in the Order of Play (see By-Law 2.3.4), except in the event of sickness or injury to a player, then the additional player may substitute for the player unable to continue (see By-Law 2.6.1). This By-Law also applies in finals matches.

Proposed:

2.2.4.1 Where a team has available more than the required number of qualified players, the team is permitted to play an additional one player. ~~Where a team has available more than the required number of qualified players, the team is permitted to play an additional one player. The additional player is permitted to participate in any position in either Set 1 or 2, as listed in the Order of Play (see By-Law 2.3.4), except in the event of sickness or injury to a player, then the additional player may substitute for the player unable to continue (see By-Law 2.6.1). Two players can (they do not have to and can play one set if that is what the team prefers) play three sets and three players can all play two sets – this must be decided prior to the start of play. In terms of finals qualification, the specific number of sets played counts, please take care when qualifying players for finals.~~ This By-Law also applies in finals matches

~~2.2.4.1.1 The only restriction on the order of play as outlined in rule 2.2.4.1 is that the same combination of players in a pair cannot play together twice in one fixture.~~

REASON: Allows flexibility as to how an additional player can be used in matches.

Fill-ins in Finals.

Current:

2.9.1 A player must play in nine (9) sets with their club to qualify for the finals in that season. Special permission may be granted by the Competition Committee, after submission of a written request, on a case by case basis. A player must not play below the lowest grade competed in during the season without the approval of the Competition Committee.

This means that all players who play in another team in a final, for whatever reason, must be approved by the Match Committee.

Proposed:

2.9.1 A player must play in nine (9) sets with their club to qualify for the finals in that season. Special permission may be granted by the Competition Committee, after submission of a written request, on a case by case basis. ~~A player must not play below the lowest grade competed in during the season without the approval of the Competition Committee. Any player who plays in a final for a team they are not registered for (either at the start of the season or as a late registration) and does not get approval from the Competition Committee will forfeit their sets.~~

This means that all players who play in another team in a final, for whatever reason, must be approved by the Match Committee.

REASON: Clarification on players in finals to be registered for their team.

Proposed Rule change to be trialled under rule 1.8.

Player pool for Senior Competition.