

## Tennis Victoria Premier League Information

The state's highest level inter-club competition Tennis Victoria Premier League returns and will commence on Saturday 11 November with team nominations now open and closing on Thursday 5 October.

### Season Dates

Round 1- Saturday 11 November  
Round 2- Sunday 12 November  
Round 3- Saturday 18 November  
Round 4- Sunday 19 November  
Round 5- Friday 24 November

Preliminary Finals (Team 2 v 3) - Sunday 26 November  
Final- Saturday 2 December (Venue TBA)

After consultation and approval with clubs the dates schedule provides considerable spacing from the AO Wildcard Playoff which starts on Monday 11 December and the 18's Nationals which commences on Monday 4 December. The schedule also has a larger focus on Saturday and Sunday home and away rounds after receiving of feedback from clubs/players post last season.

### ***Tournament Considerations:***

AO Wildcard Starts Monday 11 December  
Platinum Hardcourt Championships- Mon 27 Nov to 1 Dec  
AMT Silver Melbourne Park Sat 4 Nov – 7 Nov  
18's Nationals Starts Monday 4 December

### Number of Team Licenses

The season will see 6 team licenses in both the men's and women's competitions and will feature 5 Super Rounds. Tennis Victoria is looking to allocate one of the positions in the men's and women's competitions to a Country All Stars team if submitted and meets selection criteria.

### Match Format

The same match format as in previous seasons will continue again for this season.  
The Doubles rubbers will be 2 tie break sets with a match tie break (first to ten points, two points clear) if tied at one set all and sudden death deuce (receivers choice) on all doubles games.  
The Singles rubbers will be played as best of 3 tie break sets.  
Matches where 4 courts are available shall have the singles rubbers played across all 4 courts.

### Prize Money

A total prizemoney pool of \$20,000 will be on offer. For both the men's and women's competitions \$6000 awarded to the winning team and \$3000 to the runners up and the third placed team will receive \$1000.

## Super Rounds

All clubs will be allocated one home Super Round, where all matches of that round will be played at their venue. Clubs that submit both a men's and women's team **may** only be granted one home Super Round for either their men's or women's teams. TV will consult with selected clubs on their day preference, **noting clubs with the larger amount of courts will most likely be allocated a night fixture.**

## Registration

The cost per team entry will be \$200 for the season. All Club Registration Forms must be submitted to Tennis Victoria with players listed in singles order of merit by no later than midnight Thursday 5 October with full payment of team entry fee. A minimum of 6 players names must be submitted. In the event of an oversubscribed amount of team entries received, this will be forwarded to the Competitions Committee to select the 6 strongest teams.

Wilson tennis balls will be provided by TV for all Rounds.

## Announcement of Selected Teams/Fixtures

The selected teams and Super Round fixture will be announced on Monday 9 October

## Tennis Victoria Premier League Time Line

**Thursday 13 July** – Release of 2017-18 TVPL Team Information & Registration Forms

**Thursday 5 October**- Closing date of Team Submissions

**Monday 9 October**- Announcement of selected teams and Super Round Fixture

**Saturday 11 November**- 2017-18 TVPL Season commences

**Sunday 26 November**- 2017-18 TVPL Semi Finals (2v3)

**Saturday 2 December** – 2017-18 TVPL Men's & Women's Finals

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