



TENNIS VICTORIA COUNTRY WEEK

12 - 16 February 2018

Hosted by

Swan Hill Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club

All matches conducted on permanent and temporary grass courts

Teams of 4 Men or 4 Women (up to 8 players per team)

Matches commence from 9:00am Monday, 12 February 2018

Entries close Monday, 15 January 2018

Fees must accompany Entry Forms to:

Tennis Victoria

Locked Bag 6001, Richmond, VIC 3121

Phone: (03) 8420 8420

Email: countryweek@tennis.com.au

Website: www.tennis.com.au/vic/countryweek

Tournament Director:

Andrew Reynolds

SUPPORTED BY THE TENNIS VICTORIA COUNTRY WEEK EVENT TEAM
Adam Crameri, Shelly Hart, Nick Hinneberg, Belinda Kleverlaan and Gabriella Tobias

Country Week Event Conditions

- 1 This event shall be played in accordance with the ITF Rules of Tennis except where altered by the regulations and conditions as follows.
- 2 This event shall be open to players who are registered participants of a Tennis Club, Centre or Association in country areas.
- 3 Team entries must be accompanied by the appropriate team fee or evidence of payment (eg. EFT payment) and the team entry form must be signed by the team captain.
- 4 Each team may nominate up to eight players only. The names of the players nominated must appear on the team entry form. Unless prior consent has been obtained from the Tournament Director, any team playing a non-nominated player, in any match, shall forfeit the set(s) that this player has played.
- 5 Teams may nominate in A, B Special, B, C Special or C grade, but the final classification and grading is at the discretion of the Tournament Director. In all grades, teams may be divided into two or more sections.
- 6 When a Club, Centre or Association has multiple teams entered, a nominated player cannot play in a lower grade than the team they are nominated for unless prior permission has been obtained from the Tournament Director.
- 7 When a Club, Centre or Association has two or more teams in the same grade, a player having played three matches with a team in that grade is then tied to that team only. Said player can play up in a higher graded team, but not down or across to another team.
- 8 All matches in all grades are to be doubles only with each pair of one team playing both pairs of the opposing team.
- 9 For all matches, one team is the Home team and the other team is the Away team.
- 10 All rubbers in all grades shall play an 8 game set, 7 all tie-break in the rounds, semi-finals and finals. No ad deuce ("sudden death deuce") will also be played in all sets (receiver's choice).
- 11 The personnel of the teams shall be nominated prior to the commencement of each match by recording their names on the official score sheet provided, and no alteration to the personnel of the team shall be allowed during the progress of a match except for illness, injury or other sufficient reason, and then only with the permission of the Tournament Director. Should the Tournament Director approve the substitution of another player, the team is to forfeit the uncompleted set and the substitute can take such player's place in the remaining unplayed set only.
- 12 If a team is 10 minutes late reporting to the Tournament Box for their match after being called, the team at fault shall lose 1 game for each 5 minutes thereafter and lose the first scheduled set 8-0 if unable to commence play within 30 minutes following the team being called. If a team is unable to field a complete team 60 minutes after the scheduled time of play, that team shall forfeit the match and no points shall be awarded to that team.
- 13 If a default is made by any team without, in the opinion of the Tournament Director, sufficient cause being shown, their opponents shall receive 6 points for a win, and shall be credited with 4 sets, 32 games and the match count for that teams players for finals eligibility.
- 14 All round matches will be of 3 hours duration. E.g. 9am to 12 noon. When time is called by the Tournament Box, matches are to finish (the game currently being played is to be completed only).
- 15 Teams must only use courts allocated for that match. Where available, a share court may also be used for some matches
- 16 The winner of each match shall be decided by the number of games won, and if the games be equal, then by the numbers of sets won. A point shall be awarded for each set won and two points awarded for winning the overall match. No points shall be awarded for a bye. No point(s) shall be awarded for an incomplete set, however, the games won will tally to the overall game total of the match
- 17 At the conclusion of each match, the captain of the winning team must hand in the official score sheet, signed by both team captains, to the Tournament Box. Should an addition error be discovered by the Tournament Box, the Tournament Director may call one of both Team captains to the Tournament Box to resolve any error. The Tournament Director reserves the right to amend the match result without consultation with the team captains.
- 18 In the event of any teams in a grade being equal on points at the conclusion of the rounds, the ladder shall be decided by total sets won and if equal, by the percentage of games won over games lost. If still equal, then the head to head result of the teams will be used to determine the placing. Should no head to head result exist, one pair nominated by each team shall play a tie-break to decide the higher placed team. All nominated players for this tie-break must met the eligibility to participate in the semi-finals.
- 19 To be eligible to participate in semi-finals or final, a player must have played in a minimum of three matches with that team. No player may play in more than one semi-final or final. In all finals matches in all grades, should rain interfere and cause matches to be abandoned after they have commenced, the following will apply: unless an overall team win result has been obtained, the team finishing higher on the ladder in the rounds, shall be declared the winner. Should finals be unable to be commenced, then the team finishing higher on the ladder in the rounds shall be declared the winner. Should there be a draw in any finals match, the first named pair on the score card shall play a tie-break to decide the winner of the match.
- 20 Tennis Australia approved tennis balls shall be used throughout the event.
- 21 Correct tennis attire must be worn. Tennis attire logos must not contravene Tennis Victoria or the Event sponsors.
- 22 Conditions 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10 and 19 may be altered at the discretion of the Tournament Director.
- 23 Any team that enters and participates in one or more match and then forfeits without reasonable cause may be fined \$100 for each match forfeited. Permission to forfeit can only be given by the Tournament Director.
- 24 *Conditions of play for players* – All matches shall be played under the ITF Rules Tennis as adopted by Tennis Victoria, Tennis Australia's Procedures for Matches without a Chair umpire, and the Tennis Australia Code of Behaviour. The Tennis Australia National Extreme Weather Policy shall also apply.
- 25 In the case of a team withdrawing because of forfeit, an average of points (to 2 decimal places), will be allocated to each of the remaining teams in this section, and will be added to their overall points total, after all round matches have been played.
- 26 *Team Captain's declaration:* I hereby give Tennis Victoria the unconditional right to use at it's discretion, photographic pictures and personal information on me in any form of media, art, advertising, trade, visual documentary, promotional material, merchandise or film coverage of any kind without compensation to me or further approval by me.





ENTRIES CLOSE MONDAY, 15 JANUARY

Grades available:

Men's – Women's: B Grade

Men's – Women's: A Grade

Men's – Women's: C Special Grade

Men's – Women's: B Special Grade

Men's – Women's: C Grade

.....	Team in the	Grade competition
(Men's or Women's)	(e.g. A, B Special, B, C Special, C Grade)	

The Team will consist of the following players. If an Association, the name of the Club or Centre to which each player belongs must be stated:

TEAM NAME (MAX TWO WORDS – to be added to Association/Club/Centre name when multiple teams entered)

Entries to be lodged with: *Tennis Victoria, Locked 6001, Richmond VIC 3121*

PAYMENT OPTIONS: (Please indicate which payment method)

☐ Cheques/money orders can be made payable to *Tennis Victoria*

For electronic payment, use "CW18" and [Team name] as payment reference

Name Signed Date

Address Postcode

Phone/Mobile Email

☐ Credit Card type: (tick)

☐ Visa ☐ Mastercard

Card no.

I hereby confirm that all players are registered participants of the above Clubs/Centre and are eligible to compete in accordance with Country Week Event Conditions and that all players have read the Country Week Event Conditions

Expiry date __/__/__ CCV No. ___ Name on card: _____
 Amount: **\$200.00** Cardholder signature: _____

NOTE: Entries will not be accepted unless all above details are completed and Entry Fee has been paid. Any subsequent alteration to teams must be made in writing to Tennis Victoria.

TEAMS CONSIST OF 4 MEN OR 4 WOMEN (up to 8 players per team), NO SUBSTITUTION WITH OPPOSITE GENDER

NOTE: ALL PLAYERS MUST BE NOMINATED ON THIS ENTRY FORM. NO MORE THAN EIGHT PLAYERS MAY PLAY IN ANY ONE TEAM

TENNIS VICTORIA COUNTRY WEEK

In 2018, the daily Country Week Newsletter will return and we want your help with it. Below are examples of information we would love to share. If you can answer any of the questions below, please do and send back with your entry form, or feel free to submit further details with your entry.

Why do you keep coming back to Country Week?

Who is the longest serving Country Week member in your team? What year did they start?

Do you have family connections in your team? How does your team know each other? How did you all meet?

What makes your return to Country Week special in 2018? Are you celebrating an anniversary? A special birthday? How far are you travelling this year to get to Swan Hill?

What have been the highlights of the social event calendar at any Country Week you have attended?

Don't forget to check out the 2018 Country Week Social Event Calendar

Join the Tennis Victoria Country Week Facebook Group



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