

# TENNIS VICTORIA DEMERSEAGUE 2021 Season Information

# **Tennis Victoria Premier League Information**

The state's highest level of inter-club competition, Tennis Victoria Premier League, returns for the dates of 19-21 and 26-28 November. The team application deadline is 19 October.

## 2021 Match Dates

Friday, 19 November – Round 1 Saturday, 20 November – Round 2 Sunday, 21 November – Round 3 Friday, 26 November – Round 4 Saturday, 27 November – Round 5 Sunday, 28 November – Grand Final

## **Number of Team Licenses**

The 2021 season will have 6 team licenses in both men's and women's competitions,

## **Match Format**

Each team match will have three rubbers played at once over three courts. There will be four players per team playing two singles rubbers and one doubles rubber. All rubbers will be best of two sets, with a ten-point match tiebreaker instead of a full third set, and regular advantage scoring.

## **Prize Money**

A total prize money pool of \$20,000 will be offered. For both the men's and women's competitions the prize award will be as follows:

- First place team: \$6000
- Second place team: \$3000
- Third place team: \$1000

#### **Rule Changes**

There are no rule changes for 2021 besides the format change and that there will be no semifinal match. Teams finishing first and second on the ladder will advance to the Grand Final, and the team finishing third will be awarded the third place prize money.

#### **Super Rounds**

Super Rounds will be held at clubs once again in 2021. The match format requires three courts, but only around two hours of time to play. If a club has a combined men's and women's Super Round, one division will play at one time in a time slot with the other division following. We'd strongly recommend clubs to have later afternoon or early evening timeslots – 4 pm or 5 pm starts would be encouraged.

With six teams playing at once, it would be preferred for clubs to have nine courts to host. Please enquire if your club cannot provide nine courts.

#### **Community Engagement Award**

The Tennis Victoria Community Engagement award will again be awarded to the club with the best men's Super Round and the best women's Super Round, with each award being worth \$2000 in prize money.



## Ace Award

The Tennis Victoria Ace Award will be given to the male and female player that has the best season based on the following points system for each rubber win: #1 singles = 4 points #2 singles = 3 points #1 doubles = 2.5 points

# Registration

The cost per team to participate in the 2021 Premier League season will be \$200 per team. All registration forms must be submitted to Tennis Victoria with players listed in proposed singles order of merit by no later than midnight Tuesday 19 October. Team fees will be invoiced once team selections are finalised. A minimum of five players must be submitted per team. In the event of an oversubscribed amount of team entries received, Tennis Victoria will use an internal selection process that utilises the Tennis Australia Rating System and Universal Tennis ratings as criteria to grade the six strongest teams.

## **Announcement of Selected Teams/Fixture**

The selected teams and tournament fixture will be announced by Friday 22 October.

## **Tennis Victoria Premier League Timeline**

Tuesday 19 October – Closing date of team submissions Friday 22 October – Announcement of selected teams and Super Round Fixture 19-21 and 26-28 November – 2021 TVPL Competition

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