

Tennis Victoria Country Week

Event Conditions and Rules

15 – 19 February 2021





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- 1 This event shall be played in accordance with the ITF Rules of Tennis except where altered by the regulations, policies and conditions as follows.
- 2 Team entries must be accompanied by the appropriate team fee or evidence of payment (e.g. EFT payment) and the team entry form must be signed by the team captain.
- 3 Each team may nominate up to eight players only. The names of the players nominated must appear on the team entry form. If 8 players have all played at least 1 game for the same team, then the team captain must obtain the Tournament Director's approval to play a 9th player in either a round or in the semi-final or final (and subject to clause 19). 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.
- 4 Teams may nominate in A, Special B, B, Special C or C grade, but the final classification and grading is at the discretion of the Tournament Director.
- 5 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.
- 6 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 in a lower graded team or in another team in that same grade.
- 7 All matches in all grades are to be doubles only with each pair of one team playing both pairs of the opposing team.
- 8 For all matches, one team is the Home team and the other team is the Away team.
- 9 All rubbers in all grades shall play an 8 game set, 7 all tie-break in the rounds, semi-finals and finals.



- 10 The players 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 players 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 (games played will stand) and the substitute can take such player's place in the remaining un-played set only. If a player completes a set then they cannot be substituted by another player for the next set. During the home and away rounds each team is allowed x 2 player substitutions maximum. Prior to the commencement of the round of play, both team captains must be aware of the player substitute to be enacted after the first doubles and before the reverse doubles matches. TV will record and monitor player substitutes to ensure all teams only action this twice in the preliminary rounds. Players subbed in and out will have this round added to their matches/eligibility for finals"
- 11 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 (4 available players named on the scorecard for that round), 60 minutes after the scheduled time of play, that team shall forfeit the match and no points shall be awarded to that team.
- 12 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.
- 13 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 or tie-breaker currently being played is to be completed only).
- 14 Teams must only use courts allocated for that match. Where available, a share court may also be used for some matches. The share court/s must be shared evenly / fairly amongst the teams in that grade. First use of the share court will be given to the first complete match (both the home and the away team) that has checked in at the tournament box. When there is a second share court the second complete match (both the home and the away team) that has checked in at the tournament box will get first use of the second share court.
- 15 The winner of each match shall be decided by the number of games won, and if equal on games, then by the number of sets won. A point shall be awarded for each set won and two points awarded for winning the overall match. At least one set must be completed to award the overall win points. If a minimum of one set is not completed in a round, no win points will be allocated. No point(s) shall be awarded for a bye. No point(s) shall be awarded for an incomplete set due to inclement weather or due to time constraints at the end of each round, however, the games won will tally to the overall game total of the match.



- 16 At the conclusion of each match, the captain of the winning team after confirming with the opposition captain must enter the scores via the online Match Centre. Should an addition or any other error be discovered by the Tournament office, the Tournament Director may call one or both Team captains to the Tournament office to resolve any error. The Tournament Director reserves the right to amend the match result without consultation with the team captains.
- 17 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 7 point tie-break to decide the higher placed team. All nominated players for this tie-break must meet the eligibility to participate in the semi-finals.
- 18 In the semi-finals and finals only, in the event of a drawn outcome, the first named pairs (pair 1&2) on the score sheet shall play a first to 7 point tie-break to decide the winner of the match.
- 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 inclement weather 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. All semi-final & finals matches are to be played to a result only.
- 20 Tennis Australia approved tennis balls shall be used throughout the event.
- 21 Team names, uniforms or logo's displayed on tennis attire must be appropriate and not contravene Tennis Victoria or Event sponsors. This decision will be at the Tournament Directors' discretion.
- 22 Conditions 3, 5, 6, 9, 18 and 21 may be altered at the discretion of the Tournament Director.
- 23 Any team that enters and participates in one or more match and then intends to forfeit, must inform the Tournament Box at their earliest at convenience of their intention to withdraw from the rest of the tournament. Permission to forfeit must be given by the Tournament Director.
- 24 In the case of a team withdrawing because of forfeit, an average of points (to 2 decimal places), sets and games of the opposing teams that have completed matches against the withdrawn team, will be allocated to each of the remaining teams in this grade, and will be added to their overall totals, after each day's matches have been played.



- 25 Conditions of participation for players – All matches shall be played under the Country Week Conditions of Participation, 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 Policy and Disciplinary Policy. The Tennis Australia National Extreme Weather Policy shall also apply. A copy of these documents is available from tennis.com.au/vic