

FAST4 Tennis

FAST4 Tennis is a defined national product to be delivered by clubs and venues. It is aimed at getting lapsed / time poor players back into the sport. **FAST4 Tennis** is a great way to attract these players and then retain them, generating more revenue for your club.

What?

FAST4 Tennis is FAST, FUN and FRIENDLY. It is a TEAM competition comprising:

- Four player teams (any number on team list)
- All doubles (same gender or unisex)
- Team names and colours
- 75% compression balls
- 90 mins (4 sets of FAST4) and music
- 8 week season at centralised venue

Rules & Regulations

Scoring will be numerical (1,2,3,4) rather than 15,30,40

- **Play Lets** (in doubles either of the receiving pair can play the let)
- **No AD scoring** (at 3-3 "next point wins" and receivers decide which side)
- **Tiebreaker at 3 games all (first to 5 points)**
 - 2 points serving each (starting deuce side)
 - If Tiebreaker reaches 4-4 it's "next point wins" and players spin racquet with winning pair deciding who serves; receivers decide which side.
- **First to 4 games wins the set**

FAST4 Tennis also features a Power Play

- **Power Play** (each player has the ability to nominate a "Power Play" once per set when serving)
 - The winner of the Power Play point receives **2 points**.

Match Structure & Duration

Teams of 4 play sets of doubles against an opposing team each week. There are a total of eight sets played. Each player plays with all their teammates across two courts with one doubles combination repeated. For example Team Red vs Team Blue would look like:

Court 1			Court 2		
1&2	v	1&2	(1 set)	3&4	v 3&4 (1 set)
1&3	v	1&3	(1 set)	2&4	v 2&4 (1 set)
1&4	v	1&4	(1 set)	2&3	v 2&3 (1 set)
1&2	v	1&2	(1 set)	3&4	v 3&4 (1 set)

An average set takes approx. 15 minutes with longer sets taking up to 22 minutes. All matches should be completed within 60 – 90 minutes. 90 minutes total allows for changeovers between matches and a short warm up prior to the first match. Players are encouraged to keep playing / hitting if there is a small wait for their teammates to finish.

Level Playing Field – Standard Based

Players select their standard and are matched appropriately. If an individual wishes to be placed in a team they can choose to sign up solo! Likewise, 2 or 3 players can sign up and request to be placed in a team. A great way to make some new friends. 75% compression balls are used to promote longer rallies and better match skill levels. It has been tested with all levels and results in a more enjoyable experience.

When?

Launching nationally in Jan 2016 with a consumer focus via professional exhibition matches. **FAST4 Tennis** seasons run for 8 weeks and it is recommended they fit in with the school terms with 2 seasons over summer.

- Season one to begin at the commencement of Term 4 (mid October)
- Season two to begin at the commencement of Term 1 (early/mid February)

Benefits

Each **FAST4 Tennis** Deliverer will be provided with the following pack for their **first** season. The cost of the pack will be \$149 (actual value of \$459):

- 1 x box of balls (75% compression)
- 2 x **FAST4 Tennis** Deliverer Shirts and caps
- 6 x **FAST4 Tennis** net signage
- Online support and marketing support
- Opportunity to be drawn for money can't buy experiences and incentive program

Online Registration & Payments

TA will provide access to its online registration and payment system for players to sign up to **FAST4 Tennis** and pay the team fees via credit card.

Deliverers can set their own team fees. An administration fee of 1.3% is deducted through the online system (and should be incorporated by Deliverers when setting the team fee). Proceeds from team fees will then be distributed to Deliverers following completion of the second week of each season. Deliverers must provide bank details so funds can be transferred.

All information gathered through the online sign up will feed into the Competition Management Software (League Manager). This will significantly assist administration. All players will receive a national rating.

Key Dates

Phase 1 (targeted Deliverers)

- Packs delivered: **Oct 1, 2015**
- Seasons commence the week of **Oct 19, 2015**

Phase 2 (Feb implementation)

- Deliverer Registrations Open: **Oct 1, 2015** Close: **Dec 21, 2015**
- Packs delivered: **Jan 2016**
- Seasons commence nationally – week of **Feb 8 or Feb 15, 2016**

Expectations

- Adhere to delivering the product as outlined above and as per these national guidelines
- Use of Tennis Australia's online registration and payment systems and Competition Management Software (League Manager)