



# TENNIS VICTORIA COUNTRY WEEK

**10 - 14 February 2020**

Hosted by  
**Wodonga Tennis Centre**

*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, 10 February 2020***

***Entries close Monday, 13 January 2020***

**Fees must accompany Entry Forms to:**

**Tennis Victoria**

**Locked Bag 6001, Richmond, VIC 3121**

**Phone: (03) 8420 8420**

**Email: [countryweek@tennis.com.au](mailto:countryweek@tennis.com.au)**

**Website: [www.tennis.com.au/vic/countryweek](http://www.tennis.com.au/vic/countryweek)**



**Country Week - the time of your life**

## **Country Week Event Conditions and Rules**

- 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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.
- 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 must hand in the official score sheet, signed by both team captains, to the Tournament Box. Should an addition or any other error be discovered by the Tournament Box, the Tournament Director may call one or 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.
- 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](http://tennis.com.au/vic)



# 2020 Country Week Team Entry Form

ENTRIES CLOSE - MONDAY 13 JANUARY 2020

ENTRY FEE \$200 PER TEAM (Inc. GST)



## Grades available:

Men's & Women's: A Grade

Men's & Women's: B Grade

Men's & Women's: C Special Grade

Men's & Women's: B Special Grade

Men's & Women's: C Grade

All players who are entered on this official entry form will be covered under Tennis Victoria's personal accident insurance policy for the duration of the event.

The ..... nominates to enter a .....  
(Name of Club, Centre or Association) if applicable (Men's or Women's)

Team in the ..... Grade ..... competition  
(A, B Special, B, C Special or C Grade) (1, 2, 3, 4, 5)

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

PLAYER DETAILS			PREVIOUS COUNTRY WEEKS	
PLAYER NAME			GRADE	NOTES (inc previous playing history)
FIRST & LAST NAME	DOB (dd/mm/yyyy)	EMAIL	CLUB / CENTRE (if applicable)	

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

Entries to be completed and sent to **countryweek@tennis.com.au**

## TO BE COMPLETED BY THE TEAM CAPTAIN: (BLOCK LETTERS)

## PAYMENT OPTIONS: (Please indicate which payment method)

Name ..... Phone / Mobile .....

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

Address ..... Suburb ..... Postcode .....

☐ Tennis Victoria Bank details: ANZ BSB: 013410 Acc No: 836649117

Email .....

For electronic payment, use "CW20" and [Team name] as payment reference

Signed ..... Date .....

I hereby confirm that all players listed above are eligible to compete in accordance with Country Week Event Conditions and that all players have read the Country Week Event Conditions

☐ Credit Card type: (tick) Visa ☐ Mastercard ☐

Card No.

**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.

The NAME AND CLUB of any Substitute player and the Grade last played must be given in writing to Tennis Victoria.

TEAMS CONSIST OF 4 MEN OR 4 WOMEN, 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**

Expiry date     CCV No.    Amount **\$200.00**

Name on card .....

Cardholder signature .....

# TENNIS VICTORIA COUNTRY WEEK

In 2020, 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 playing 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 2020? Are you celebrating an anniversary? A special birthday? How far are you travelling this year to get to Country Week?

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

**Don't forget to check out the 2020 Country Week Social Event Calendar**

Join the Tennis Victoria Country Week Facebook Group



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