



# Tennis Victoria Country Week

*Frequently Asked Questions  
(FAQs)*

**13 - 17 February 2023  
Yarrawonga**

## **Where do I check in for my match?**

Before each match you will need to check in at the Tournament Box. This is where you will collect your scorecards and match balls. The Yarrowonga LTC Tournament Box is located in the JC Lowe Oval Scoreboard next to the on the western side of the permanent courts.

The Tournament Box at Victoria Park is adjacent to the oval.

## **Which teams receive the balls and which teams receive the scorecard?**

The first team checking in will receive the balls. The second team checking in will receive the scorecard.

## **What time can I check in for my teams' match?**

Check in for each time slot opens 30 minutes before the round start time.

- Check in opens at 8:30am for 9:00am matches.
- Check in opens at 11:45am for 12:15pm matches.
- Check in opens at 3:00pm for 3:30pm matches.

## **How many balls do we get for each round?**

Each match will use two (2) new Dunlop Australian Open tennis balls.

## **How are share court/s allocated?**

Teams must only use the courts allocated for that match. Where possible, an extra court may also be used for some matches as advised by the Tournament Box before play commences. The extra court must be shared fairly amongst the teams in that grade. Access and use of the extra court(s) will be the discretion of Tournament Box before the round commences.

Extra courts are to be shared with all teams within the grade. The first complete checked in match starts with the share court and then another match can utilize it.

The second team checking in to complete a match will be given balls for the share courts.

When you have finished a match on the share court. Please leave the share court balls on the court.

## **What is the scoring format?**

All rubbers in all grades shall play an 8 game set. If scores are level at 7 all, a tie – break (first to 7 points with a 2pt advantage) is played. This applies to all rounds and all finals matches.

## **How is the winner of the match determined?**

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.

## **The match is over, who takes the scoreboard and balls back to the Tournament Box?**

After both captains have completed the scorecard, including adding the scores and signing, the winning team takes the scoreboard and balls back to the Tournament Box.

## **What is the order of play for each round?**

The team listed on the match schedule first is the home team, and the team listed second is the away team. The order of play is listed on the scoresheet and is listed below:

- Home 1&2 play Away 1&2
- Home 3&4 play Away 3&4
- Home 1&2 play Away 3&4
- Home 3&4 play Away 1&2

## **Do I need to fill out the scoresheet before play starts?**

Yes, the players of the teams shall be nominated prior to the commencement of each match by recording their full 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.

## **Can we play a fifth player in a round?**

Yes, you can. The intent of this rule is to allow more than 4 players to play a round. Teams are permitted to play a fifth player by substituting them in the round matches. This player must be named on the scorecard prior to the round commencing. The player may take the place of another player in the team, allowing only 2 players to play 1 rubber each. Your remaining players must remain consistent for both rubbers. Matches played will contribute to players eligibility. Teams may use the 'fifth player' ruling in all round matches only.

Both Team Captains must ensure all players in both teams are aware of the players being substituted in and out of the team prior to the match commencing. Players can be substituted in any/all rounds, and the rubber played will be included in your finals eligibility.

## **What happens if a player is injured during their set?**

If a player becomes injured during their set, the Tournament Director will need to 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, they cannot be substituted by another player for the next set unless they have been named before the round begins.

## **Is there first aid if a player is injured or unwell?**

Primary Healthcare providers will be onsite at both venues to assist with all injury and first aid concerns. All treatable incidents will be recorded and detailed for insurance purposes.

We also have accident cover for all players. Insurance forms will be available to complete if necessary.

Should you require First Aid assistance, please alert a Tennis Victoria staff member.

## **What happens if we haven't finished playing when the round finishes?**

If your team is still playing when time is called for the round, you will need to finish the game you are on. If you are in a tie-breaker, you may complete the tie-breaker.

If your set is unfinished the game/s played will count towards the final score but the point for the set/s will not be awarded to either team. The Tournament Box will announce a 15 minute warning before the round ends.

## **How is the ladder calculated?**

Ladders are calculated first by match points from rounds. If multiple teams are on equal points, the ladder is next determined by sets won. If still equal, game percentage (Games For / Games Againstx100) is calculated.

## **How many matches do you need to play to qualify for finals?**

To participate in the semi-finals and/or final, a player must have played in at least three matches with that team.

## **Adding players to team lists.**

This is to be requested directly to the Tournament Director before noon on day two. This is at the Tournament Director's discretion and teams have a maximum of 8 players on the team list unless requested otherwise.

## **Will the fixtures, results and ladders be posted online?**

Yes all fixtures, results and ladders will be available on Match Centre. They will also be available on the Tennis Victoria Country Week Team App channel.

1. Match Centre - [leagues.tennis.com.au](http://leagues.tennis.com.au)
  - a. You will need to be logged into your Tennis account to view the fixtures, results and ladders on Match Centre. If you don't have one you can create one. Please contact [countryweek@tennis.com.au](mailto:countryweek@tennis.com.au) if you would like more information on how to create a Tennis account.
  - b. Search for Country Week, click on the league e.g. men's or womens and then select the grade you wish to view.

## **How can we communicate and stay connected with the tournament?**

There is a [Tennis Victoria Country Week Facebook Group](#). On Facebook, search "Tennis Victoria Country Week" and request to join. Upon requesting to join the group you will be will asked to answer an access question. This is to ensure the group stays available to Country Week players only.

We also use Team App to communicate all news, updates and tournament information such as fixtures, results and ladders in the lead up to and throughout the week. We encourage all players to download Team App to their mobile phone and search Tennis Victoria Country Week prior to the tournament commencing.

## **How do the finals work?**

The Top 4 teams of each grade go through to the finals.

The Semi Finals are played on Thursday at 4pm.

1<sup>st</sup> on Ladder v 4<sup>th</sup> on Ladder

2<sup>nd</sup> on Ladder v 3<sup>rd</sup> on Ladder

The winner of each match plays in the Grand Final on Friday at 9am.

All finals are played on one court and compete until a result is reached.

## **What Social events are planned for the week?**

The social calendar is listed on the Tennis Victoria Country Week Facebook group, Tennis Victoria Country Week Team App and online at [www.tennis.com.au/vic/countryweek](http://www.tennis.com.au/vic/countryweek)

## **Can I bring food and alcohol to the tennis courts?**

You may bring food, water and non-alcoholic drinks with you to the courts. Due to liquor licensing conditions, no BYO alcohol is permitted in either venue at Yarrowonga Lawn Tennis Club/JC Lowe Oval or Victoria Park precinct.

## **Will there be water available?**

There will be water available for purchase at both venues as well as water stations to re-fill drink bottles.

## **Is food available for purchase?**

A variety of food options will be available at both venues for purchase including hot and cold options.

## **My match starts early, is there coffee available?**

Yes, there will be coffee carts at both venues for the early mornings. Make sure you get there early to avoid the queues.

