

2016 Pennant Finals Draws Saturday 3 September

Women's Finals

TIME	DATE	GRADE	MATCH	VENUE
9:00am	Saturday 3 September	Women's Grade 3 Grand Final	Royal South Yarra No 1 v MCC Tennis No 1	Kooyong Lawn *4 Courts
9:00am	Saturday 3 September	Women's Grade 4 Finals	Glencairn v St Mary's (Greensborough)	Glencairn
9:00am	Saturday 3 September	Women's Grade 5 Grand Final	Essendon v Canterbury	Kooyong Lawn *4 Courts

Men's Finals

TIME	DATE	GRADE	MATCH	VENUE
11:00am	Saturday 3 September	Men's Grade 2 Grand Final	Eildon Park v Geelong Lawn	Dendy Park *4 Courts
11:00am	Saturday 3 September	Men's Grade 3 Grand Final	Tennis World No 1 (AR) v Notting Hill Pinewood	Dendy Park *4 Courts
11:00am	Saturday 3 September	Men's Grade 4 Grand Final	Eildon Park v Beaumaris Lawn No 1	Dendy Park *4 Courts
12:30pm	Saturday 3 September	Men's Grade 5 Finals	Royal Park No 1 v Eaglemont No 2	Royal Park
12:30pm	Saturday 3 September	Men's Grade 5 Finals	Narre Warren North v Chadstone	Narre Warren North
12:30pm	Saturday 3 September	Men's Grade 6 Finals	Parkwood v Eaglemont	Parkwood
12:30pm	Saturday 3 September	Men's Grade 6 Finals	UCTC Diamond Creek v Whites Lane	UCTC Diamond Creek
12:30pm	Saturday 3 September	Men's Grade 7 Finals	Narre Warren North No 2 v East Coburg	Narre Warren North
12:30pm	Saturday 3 September	Men's Grade 7 Finals	Centenary Park v Altona	Centenary Park
12:30pm	Saturday 3 September	Men's Grade 8 Finals	Bentleigh Rec v Greensborough	Bentleigh Rec
12:30pm	Saturday 3 September	Men's Grade 8 Finals	Eildon Park v Gracedale Park	Eildon Park
11:00am	Saturday 3 September	Men's Grade 9 Grand Final	Sunbury Lawn v Monash University No 1	Royal South Yarra *4 Courts
11:00am	Saturday 3 September	Men's Grade 10 Grand Final	Mordialloc v North Ringwood	Royal South Yarra *4 Courts

All Clubs please note the following:

Sectional/Grade Finals match format

As communicated at the start of the season to ensure doubles rubbers are “live” in finals match results, for the Sectional and Grade Finals **the 2 doubles rubbers will be played first, followed by the 4 singles rubbers.**

All Finals matches are played until a match result is achieved only. Each match must be allocated a minimum 2 courts, and to extend to playing over 4 courts for the singles rubbers requires mutual agreement between both teams.

Doubles players may be different to singles players provided they have qualified with 4 matches. There is no requirement if there is a stronger doubles pair for them to be listed as the number 1 pair. There is no doubles order of merit in the men’s and women’s competition categories.

Men’s Open Doubles and Men’s Masters 45+ Doubles matches shall commence at 1:00pm and conclude at 7:30pm (unless mutually agreed to extend time)

Women’s finals matches shall commence at 9:00am and conclude at 4:00pm (unless mutually agreed to extend time).

The Men’s finals matches shall commence at 12:30pm and conclude at 7:30pm (unless mutually agreed to extend time. (and Sunday Women’s Sectional Finals)

Grade Grand Finals match format

There are 4 courts allocated to each Grade Grand Final. To commence 4 singles rubbers will be played across 4 courts. This will be followed by 2 doubles rubbers across 2 courts and then a reverse round of doubles (same player pairs required as first round of doubles).

A total of 8 rubbers is played for the day, but matches are only played until a match result is achieved.

A coin toss at the start of play will be used to determine who the home team is for all men’s and women’s Grade Grand Finals.

Men’s Grade Grand Finals shall commence at 11:00am and the Women’s at 9:00am (except the Women’s Grade 1 which starts at 11am)

- For Men’s Masters 45+ Doubles and Men’s Open Doubles the home team is deemed to be the higher finishing team.(First placed team)

Scoresheets

The names of players for ALL rubbers and the team captain shall be completed on the scoresheet prior to the commencement time. Both teams are responsible for the supplying of the scoresheet.

12 Noon Monday Entering Results On-Line in Match Centre/League Manager

The results for finals shall be entered online by the home team by **12:00pm Noon on the Monday following the match by the winning or leading team, and confirmed by the away team by 9:00pm Monday.**

TV welcomes your assistance with this to ensure finals fixtures can be released accordingly.

Allocation of Tennis Balls for Finals Matches

Each team shall supply one half of the number of balls required for the singles rubbers and one half of the balls for the doubles rubbers, and this will be decided by the toss of a coin. The winner of the first coin toss

shall choose one rubber that their team will provide new balls for. Further coin tosses will be completed until all new balls are assigned.

A team or player shall have the right to supply and use two new balls at the commencement of and for use in any set, other than first, of a rubber provided that team or player supplies balls of the same make and quality.

Finals Wet Weather Policy

Please note that for the 2016 finals series as per Pennant Condition of Play 6.17.1 that the match shall be abandoned after the expiration of any **one continuous** period of delay of **120 minutes** after the commencement time (unless BOTH captains mutually agree to extend the time).

An example of this is as follows:

A match has 3 rain delays. The first 2 delays are for 60 minutes each and the final one is 120 minutes. The match is not abandoned (without the mutual consent of both captain's) until the end of the 3rd rain delay, even though the first 2 rain delays totaled 120 minutes of rain delay. **It MUST be 120 Continuous**

minutes spent off court.

** Please note that for Home and away matches this was only 90 minutes.

Captains may abandon play earlier if this is mutually agreed upon. Teams should use their best endeavors to ensure a match result is achieved that weekend. Failure to achieve a match result may result in teams being required the next week to finish off the incomplete match in the morning and asked to play the next final that day also and/or play on a Saturday/Sunday at the discretion of Tennis Victoria.

Finals Venues

All Sectional and Grade Finals will be played at the home courts of the higher ranked team for Sectional Finals and higher ranked team in the Grade Finals. The Grade Grand Finals will be the only finals played at a neutral venue, wherever possible.

Grade Finals Series

The winners of the Sectional play off matches will then proceed to the Grade Finals Series to be played at the home courts of the higher "ranked" team **on a Saturday only**. Teams will be ranked based upon the number of points earned during the season with the higher ranked advancing team within a Section gaining an automatic ranking, and the lower ranked advancing team from within that section placed on the opposite side of the draw and not being ranked. Sections with 6 teams only will see the number 1 finishing team automatically advance to the Grade Finals Series.

Drawn Finals

If the match is drawn, a double tiebreak shall be played (with a tiebreak first to 7 points with a 2 point advantage played at 6 games all). Each team shall choose any two of the four doubles players who participated in the relevant match to compete in this deciding tiebreak set.

Afternoon Tea

It is an expectation that both teams are to supply afternoon tea for all finals matches.