



2022 Pennant

Rules & Conditions of Play

PENNANT RULE CHANGES FOR 2022

Updated trial regulations for Pennant competitions, which supersede any corresponding current regulations:

- Each Men's and Women's match will consist of two doubles and four singles rubbers. Doubles rubbers are to be an eight game pro-set (at eight games all a seven point tie-break will be played). Singles rubbers are to be the best of two tie-break sets. At six games all (in any set) a seven point tie-break will be played. At one set all, a match tie-break (10 point tie-break) will be played.
- All rubbers will be played with standard, advantage scoring.
- Both Men's and Women's doubles rubbers will be played first, followed by regular Pennant procedure for singles rubbers (away team picks first, home team second, away team third).
- A total of six players can be named to play. All players must be named prior to the beginning of the first rubber.
- Not all players need to be in attendance at the beginning of the match, but players must adhere to continuous play regulations as rubbers are completed.
- Two new balls from the Tennis Australia approved ball list should be used for each rubber unless both teams agree to use used balls.
- Each singles rubber will have three points on offer. If a rubber is won in straight sets, the winning team will receive three points. If the rubber is won in the match tiebreaker, the winning team will receive two points and the losing team will receive one. The match tiebreaker will not count as a set or a game towards the team results, only to determine the rubber result. Two points will be awarded for each doubles set. The team that has won the most rubbers, then sets, then games on the day will win four additional match points, for a total of 20 points per team match.
- Masters doubles rubbers will have three points on offer. If a rubber is won in straight sets, the winning team will receive three points. If the rubber is won in the match tiebreaker, the winning team will receive two points and the losing team will receive one. The match tiebreaker will not count as a set or a game towards the team results, only to determine the rubber result.
- Teams forfeiting a rubber will still be eligible to win the team match points.
- The format for finals matches will remain the same as home-and-away matches.
- The commencement time for women's Saturday morning matches has been changed to 8:30 am to ensure more matches are completed.

Permanent regulation updates:

- As a reminder of the change from last year, the conclusion time for women's 8:30 am Saturday matches has been moved to 1:30. The conclusion time for afternoon matches with lights has been moved back to 6:30 pm. Afternoon match commencement times will be 1 pm or at the completion of morning TV Pennant matches, whichever is later.
- Players nominated for Grade 1 or Grade 2 Men's or Women's Pennant will be required to play the amount of matches necessary to qualify for finals for their team. This has been lowered from 50% of matches.
- Six players will be allowed to participate in Masters doubles matches.
- Singles order of merit update requests will be permitted between rounds 1-10

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CONDITIONS OF PLAY – VICTORIAN PENNANT MATCHES (Men and Women)

1 GENERAL

Victorian Pennant shall be conducted for Clubs affiliated with Tennis Victoria in accordance with the following By-laws and Conditions of Play.

2 INTERPRETATION

The following terms and definitions shall have the following meanings:

- 2.1 "BY-LAWS" means the rules of the Victorian Pennant Teams Competition, which encompasses the regulations governing the Pennant, Doubles Pennant and Men's Masters 35+ Doubles Pennant Competitions as set out herein.
- 2.2 "CAPTAIN" (or "Team Captain") means a person who is nominated player in the team or may also be another person who is registered member of the team's Club, who is appointed by that team to represent them in relation to any decisions or coin tosses that may need to be made pursuant to these By-laws.
- (a) The player / person appointed to be the Team Captain may vary each week.
 - (b) The appointed Team Captain for each match must be nominated on the score sheet before play commences.
 - (c) Where a Team Captain is not in attendance to make the required decision, the remaining members in attendance in the Captain's absence shall appoint a substitute Captain to take his/her role until he/she is in attendance. Where only one team member is present (and that person is not the usual team Captain) that team member is the Captain until the appointed Captain arrives.
- 2.3 "CLUB" means any Tennis Body approved to play in the Pennant competition by Tennis Victoria, provided that the Tennis Body is affiliated with Tennis Victoria and:
- a) Its home courts are located within Metropolitan Melbourne (as defined by the TV Constitution: 'situated within the State of Victoria and located within a metropolitan local government area as recognised by the State Government from time to time, excluding the Mornington Peninsula Shire.') or
 - b) Its home courts are located outside Metropolitan Melbourne (as defined by the TV Constitution), but its "home Pennant courts" are located within Metropolitan Melbourne (as defined by the TV Constitution) or
 - c) Its home Pennant courts are located outside Metropolitan Melbourne (as defined by the TV Constitution) and is given special approval to participate in Pennant by Tennis Victoria. (Applications for non-metro club approval must be made in writing to Tennis Victoria, a minimum of 4 weeks prior to the team entry closing date). Note: any club that participated in Victorian Pennant in the three years prior to the current Pennant year is exempt from this process.
- 2.4 "COMMENCEMENT TIME" means the time prescribed by these By-laws for the start of play for defined types of matches (Note: home and away matches may have different times from Finals matches).

- 2.5 "CONCLUSION TIME" means the latest prescribed time by which a specified type of match must be completed or discontinued in accordance with these By-laws (Note: home and away matches may have different times from Finals matches).
- 2.6 "COMPETITION SOFTWARE" means the national computer software used by Tennis Victoria to conduct Victorian Pennant, including, but not limited to the registration of teams and players, payments of fees, registration of results and protests.
- 2.7 "DOUBLES PENNANT" means a doubles only tennis competition conducted by Tennis Victoria for clubs, teams and players pursuant to these Victorian Pennant By-laws;
- 2.8 "MATCH CLOCK" means the clubhouse clock (not a watch) located at the site where a match is to be played. If there is more than one clock, the home team captain must nominate which is the specified match clock. This clock shall be used as the official timepiece for the match unless the Team Captains by agreement elect to use a different timepiece (this may be a watch) which can be used near the match courts. Where the specified Match Clock is not working for reasons not in the control of the Home team (i.e. power failure or flat battery) the home team shall nominate a watch to substitute in place of it.
- 2.9 "MEN'S MASTERS 35+ DOUBLES PENNANT" means a doubles only tennis competition for men aged 35 years or more conducted by Tennis Victoria for clubs, teams and players pursuant to these Victorian Pennant By-laws;
- 2.10 "NOMINATED CLUB REPRESENTATIVE FOR WASHOUTS" means the person appointed by a club as an alternative contact to the home Captain who may make a decision with the mutual agreement of the visiting Captain to abandon play because of rain in accordance with the Abandoned Washout Procedure (see By-law 6.10.3). This person's contact details will be included in the Pennant Handbook and on Tennis Victoria's website.
- 2.11 "PENNANT" means a singles and doubles tennis competition conducted by Tennis Victoria for clubs, teams and players pursuant to these Victorian Pennant By-laws; except where its contents specify that it applies to either Doubles Pennant matches and/or Men's Masters 35+ Doubles Pennant only.
- 2.12 "COMPETITIONS COMMITTEE" means the Tennis Victoria Competitions Committee – as constituted pursuant to the By-laws of the Victorian Tennis Association.
- 2.13 "PENNANT HANDBOOK" means the book published on line by Tennis Victoria to give each team details about the Victorian Pennant competitions. Details will include but not be limited to club addresses, contact details, the fixtures, the Victorian Pennant Rules, Melbourne Light-up times for the season, and the team make-up of each Grade and Section.
- 2.14 "REFEREE" means a registered tennis official appointed by Tennis Victoria for the purposes of officiating at a specified Pennant, Doubles Pennant or Men's Masters 35+ Doubles Pennant match.
- (a) Where no umpires are present, any determination made by a Referee in relation to a question of fact shall be final.
- (b) Any determination made by a Referee in relation to a question of law shall be final save that the Referee shall not be required to make any determinations in relation to a team's makeup and/or singles order of merit. These considerations will be solely determined by Tennis Victoria in accordance with these By-laws.

- (c) Tennis Victoria will appoint Referees at Tennis Victoria's expense for all Grade Grand Finals. A club may request a Referee to be appointed for any other match (home or away or finals) and one will be appointed (subject to the availability of a Referee) at the expense of the club making the request. Any such request will need to be made prior to 5:00pm on the Wednesday preceding the relevant match to be officiated.

2.15 "REGISTERED PLAYER" means a person who is:

(a) Registered to play Victorian Pennant tennis with his/her team's club. The person need not be a financial member of that club. It is further noted as follows:

- (i) Where the player is part of the original nominated team, the club registration of that player must be registered as at the close of entries (see By-law 6.3),
- (ii) Where the player first plays for the team as an Emergency or as a Wildcard (see By-law 30) then that player's club registration must be registered as at the time he/she first plays for the team, or
- (iii) Where a player first plays for the team as an additional lower ranked player or as an additional player to replace a delisted player (see By-law 6.7) that player's club registration must be registered as at the time he/she first plays for the team, or
- (iv) Where the player joins the team as part of a club transfer (see By-law 32) the club transfer of registration must have been approved as at the time the player first plays for the team,
- (v) A player may be registered to play Victorian Pennant for more than one club, provided each different club registration is for a different Victorian Pennant Competition category.

(b) Nominated to play Victorian Pennant by his/her club, and

(c) Registered to play Victorian Pennant with Tennis Victoria.

2.16 "REPLACEMENT PLAYER" means a player who plays in a Victorian Pennant team as an Emergency, (By-law 30) a Substitute, (By-law 31) or a Wildcard (By-law 30).

2.17 "TEAM" means a minimum of four male players of the same club or a minimum of four female players of the same club who are nominated to play in a match.

2.18 "VICTORIAN PENNANT" means the weekly competitions of Pennant, Doubles Pennant and Men's Masters 35+ Doubles Pennant operated by Tennis Victoria and governed by the Competitions Committee pursuant to these Rules

2.19 The singular shall mean and include the plural and *vice versa* and any gender shall mean and include all other genders except where reference to a gender specific competition is referred to, in which case the stated gender shall only apply.

2.20 Unless otherwise specified, where a By-law permits the two team Captains to make a decision by agreement, this decision will instead be made by the Referee if one has been appointed to officiate the match.

3 PENNANT

Pennant shall:



- 3.1 Be played on Saturday mornings and/or afternoons and / or Sunday mornings and/or afternoons in each year during such months as determined by Tennis Victoria; except where a Finals match has been postponed due to the Finals Wet Weather Procedure (By-law 17.1) or time, the scheduling for Finals the following week may include a week day at the discretion of Tennis Victoria (By-law 17).
- 3.2 Be played between separate male teams and be played between separate female teams.
- 3.3 Consist of:
- (a) Home and away matches, and
 - (b) Finals matches.
- 3.4 Consist of singles and doubles rubbers.
- 3.5 Be divided into Grades and Sections, if necessary, as follows:
- (a) Men's Grade 1 which shall consist of up to two Sections, both Sections to be played on Saturday afternoons unless otherwise specified by Tennis Victoria.
 - (b) Men's Grades 2 and 3 which shall consist of up to three Sections each, all of which are to be played on Saturday afternoons unless otherwise specified by Tennis Victoria.
 - (c) Men's Grade 4 which shall consist of up to four sections, three of which to be played on Saturday afternoons and one of which to be played on Sunday afternoons unless otherwise specified by Tennis Victoria.
 - (d) Men's Grade 5 which shall consist of up to six sections, up to five of which to be played on Saturday afternoons and up to two of which to be played on Sunday afternoons unless otherwise specified by Tennis Victoria.
 - (e) Men's Grade 6 and below shall have up to eight Sections per Grade to be played at times as determined by Tennis Victoria.
 - (f) Women's Grade 1 which shall consist of up to two Sections, both to be played on Saturday mornings unless otherwise specified by Tennis Victoria.
 - (g) Women's Grade 2 which shall consist of up to three Sections, two of which to be played on Saturday mornings and one of which to be played on Saturday afternoons unless otherwise specified by Tennis Victoria.
 - (h) Women's Grade 3 which shall consist of up to four Sections, up to three of which to be played on Saturday mornings, up to two of which to be played on Saturday afternoons and up to one of which to be played on Sunday afternoons unless otherwise specified by Tennis Victoria.
 - (i) Women's Grade 4 and below shall consist of up to eight Sections per Grade to be played at times as determined by Tennis Victoria.
 - (j) Men's Grades 1 to 5 and Women Grades 1 to 3, if necessary, shall consist of sections of up to eight teams unless otherwise specified by Tennis Victoria.

- (k) Men's Grades 6 and below and Women's Grades 4 and below, if necessary, shall consist of sections of up to eight teams, except that the lowest Grade in each year shall consist of sections of up to six teams as determined by Tennis Victoria.
 - (l) Each club will be limited to entering no more than two teams in each Section in Men's Grades 2 to 5 and Women's Grades 2 to 3.
 - (m) Each club will be limited to entering no more than three teams in Men's Grade 1 or Women's Grade 1.
 - (n) All Grades and Sections shall be placed in numerical sequence.
- 3.6 Locality considerations shall not be used as a factor when Tennis Victoria determines the team make-up of each Section in Men's Grades 1 to 5 and Women's Grades 1 to 3. Locality could be a factor that Tennis Victoria may consider when determining the team make-up of each Section in the lower Grades (noting that the lowest Grade in any year will be the Grade most likely to use locality zones as one of its factors).

4 DOUBLES PENNANT

Doubles Pennant shall:

- 4.1 Be played on Saturday mornings and/or afternoons and / or Sunday mornings and/or afternoons in each year during such months as determined by Tennis Victoria; except where a Finals match has been postponed due to the Finals Wet Weather Procedure (By-law 17.1) or time, the scheduling for Finals the following week may include a week day at the discretion of Tennis Victoria (By-law 17).
- 4.2 Be played between separate male teams and be played between separate female teams.
- 4.3 Consist of:
 - (a) Home and away matches, and
 - (b) Finals matches.
- 4.4 Consist of doubles rubbers only.
- 4.5 Be divided into Grades only. Each Grade shall consist of between 6 and 8 teams.
- 4.6 There shall be no order of merit in Doubles Pennant, however each team will nominate their No. 1 Pair and No.2 Pair which will not change during the match (except where a Substitute is used, see By-Law 31) Teams may vary the pairings from week to week.

5 MEN'S MASTERS 35+ DOUBLES PENNANT

Men's Masters 35+ Doubles Pennant shall:

- 5.1 Be played on Saturday and / or Sunday mornings and / or afternoons in each year during such months as determined by Tennis Victoria; except where a Finals match has been postponed due to the Finals Wet Weather Procedure (By-law 17.1) or time, the scheduling for Finals the following week may include a week day at the discretion of Tennis Victoria (By-law 17).



- 5.2 Be played between separate male teams only where players are aged 35 years or over (see also By-law 26.3 for full age details).
- 5.3 Consist of:
- (a) Home and away matches, and
 - (b) Finals matches.
- 5.4 Consist of doubles rubbers only.
- 5.5 Be divided into Grades only. Each Grade shall consist of between 6 and 8 teams.
- 5.6 There shall be no order of merit in Men's Masters 35+ Doubles Pennant, and each team shall nominate their pairings on the score sheet before the match commences. These nominations shall include different combinations of player pairings for the 3rd and 4th rubbers. No rubber may have identical pairings to a rubber previously played in the match. Each player must play two rubbers in the match.

6 ENTRIES

- 6.1 Each club shall be entitled to enter teams in Pennant, Doubles Pennant and Men's Masters 35+ Doubles Pennant.
- 6.2 An entry fee as determined by Tennis Victoria, for each team shall be paid to Tennis Victoria at the time of entry.
- 6.3 Entries shall close as determined by Tennis Victoria.
- 6.4 Each club entering teams shall submit to Tennis Victoria the names and other details of the proposed players for each team and provide such evidence as Tennis Victoria shall deem necessary in support of the suggested Grade in which the team should play. Proposed Pennant teams shall also submit their proposed singles playing order of merit at this time. Hereafter referred to as "the singles order of merit".
- 6.5 Players nominated in teams entered in Grades 1 or 2 of Pennant are expected to participate in at least the amount of home and away matches required to qualify for finals during the season in the Grade in which the player has been nominated. Failure to do so, without good and sufficient reason as determined by Tennis Victoria, may affect player eligibility for the following season. A penalty may be issued to any club where two or more players of any nominated team do not play at least the required number of home and away matches for the season. The penalty, monetary or otherwise, will be at the discretion of Tennis Victoria.
- 6.6 Tennis Victoria shall determine in its absolute discretion which Grade (and Section for Pennant) any team or player shall play and the singles order of merit, and shall notify each club accordingly. There shall be no order of merit for doubles.
- 6.7 Once a team has been approved by Tennis Victoria the team may not add any further members to their team unless he or she is included as approved by these By-laws. Teams may use Emergencies or a Wildcard (see By-law 30) to replace an ordinary team member but these players will not be considered part of the team. Emergencies may not strengthen a team from its initially approved standard; a Wildcard can strengthen the team.

- (a) At any time during the home and away season a club may apply to Tennis Victoria to have additional players added to a team. Any such player/s must be of a lower playing standard than the original lowest ranked player on the team. Tennis Victoria shall determine whether the players may be added to the team at their sole and absolute discretion.
 - (i) If approved and if the player is added to a Pennant team, Tennis Victoria will also assign a singles order of merit position to the additional player.
 - (b) Where a player is unable to play or continue playing for their Victorian Pennant team, whether by choice (club or player) or where the player suffers a long term injury or illness (unable to play for 6 weeks or more) that club may apply to Tennis Victoria to delist that player from their team and have an additional player appointed to the team. Tennis Victoria will decide in its absolute discretion as to whether the delisting will be permitted and may request evidence to assist them in determining the matter.
 - (i) Where permitted by Tennis Victoria, the additional player shall be of an equivalent or lower standard than the player being delisted.
 - (ii) Where an additional player is permitted to join a Pennant team, Tennis Victoria shall revise the team's singles order of merit to remove the delisted player and include the additional player.
 - (iii) A player who has played for a Wildcard eligible team as a Wildcard pursuant to By-law 30 may not become a team member for that team to replace a delisted player.
 - (iv) Once a player has been delisted for a period of six weeks that delisted player may return to play for the team as an Emergency under the terms and conditions of By-law 30 and/or as a Substitute pursuant to By-law 31. Where the delisted player has cited an injury or illness as the reason for being delisted, that player may not play for any other Victorian Pennant team during that six week period.
 - (c) Applications to add, replace and/or delist a player must be made to Tennis Victoria on the prescribed form on or before 12 noon on the Thursday preceding the match in which the club proposes playing the additional player. If Tennis Victoria has not been able to make a determination (for whatever reason) prior to the match being played, the nominated player may only play in that week's match as an Emergency, provided he/she satisfies the criteria set out in By-law 30.
- 6.8 Clubs may apply for a team's singles order of merit to be amended between Rounds 4 and 10 of the Pennant home and away season. At the conclusion of Round 10, no other changes may be made to a team's singles order of merit except at Tennis Victoria's direction or pursuant to By-laws 27.1, 27.4 or 32. Unapproved changes may lead to forfeiture of matches and/or further penalty, above the prescribed fine. These cannot be protested by clubs and approval is at the sole discretion of Tennis Victoria.
- 6.9 The maximum number of teams to be entered by clubs in any one season of play will be determined by the number of courts available with a limit of two teams for each two courts made available.
- 6.10 No entry will be accepted where a club has outstanding debt or fines with Tennis Victoria.

CONDITIONS OF PLAY FOR VICTORIAN PENNANT MATCHES

7 CONDITIONS OF PLAY IN HOME AND AWAY MATCHES

7.1 The weekly arrangements for the home and away season shall be as follows:

- (a) In Pennant each team in each section shall be scheduled to play each other team a minimum of two times. The first match in each season shall be singles and the second match doubles and each week alternating thereafter singles and then doubles shall be played at home club courts or away club courts as specified by the competition fixture.
- (b) In Doubles Pennant and Men's Masters 35+ Doubles Pennant each team in each Grade shall be scheduled to play each other a minimum of two times. Doubles matches shall be played every week and each match shall be played at home club courts or away club courts as specified by the competition fixture.

7.2 Each match shall consist of the following format.

- (a) For Men's and Women's Pennant, there will be four singles rubbers and two doubles rubbers. Singles rubbers will be the best of three sets, with the first two sets playing a tiebreak (first to seven points with a two-point advantage) at six games all. The third set will consist of a ten-point match tiebreaker (first to ten points with a two-point advantage). Doubles rubbers will be one eight game set with a tiebreak (first to seven points with a two-point advantage) played at eight games all.
- (b) For Doubles Pennant's doubles rubbers and Men's Masters 35+ Doubles Pennant's doubles rubbers, each rubber's format shall consist of two tiebreak sets (tiebreak of first to seven points with a two point advantage played at six games all) and a ten point match tiebreak (tiebreak of first to ten with two points advantage) played at one set all to decide the rubber.
- (c) The names of players for all rubbers and the team Captain shall be completed on the scoresheet prior to or at the Commencement time for the match except that the names of Substitutes should be subsequently added if required to be used.
- (d) Any player not in attendance at the match site at the Commencement time shall have "L" recorded against their name on the scoresheet for consideration by the other team.

7.3 In **Men's and Women's Pennant**, the following shall apply:

- (a) A minimum of four and maximum of six players from each team shall compete. Team matches may be played with only three players, but the appropriate rubbers will be forfeited.
- (b) Doubles rubbers will be played before singles rubbers, unless both teams agree to play singles rubbers first.
- (c) Each player in each team shall play in their assigned singles order of merit as previously approved by Tennis Victoria (Replacement players see By-law 7.3(c)).
- (d) Doubles rubbers will be played with no order of merit.

- (e) Replacement Players (see By-laws 30 and 31) must play in accordance with his/her playing standard in the proper order of highest to lowest when combined with the other nominated team members.
- (f) In singles, the No. 1 player of one team shall play the No. 1 player of the opposing team, the No. 2 player of one team shall play the No. 2 player of the opposing team, and so on. No player may play in a singles rubber that is below their assigned singles order of merit but they may play above it.
- (g) In doubles, the No. 1 pair of one team shall play the No. 1 pair of the opposing team, and the No. 2 pair of one team shall play the No. 2 pair of the opposing team.
- (h) Protests regarding whether a team has been strengthened by a Replacement Player or whether a player has played out of the correct singles order of merit must be made in accordance with By-law 34.
- (i) The Captain of the away team shall have the first choice to nominate the first, third, and fifth rubber to be played and the Captain of the home team shall have the second and fourth choice to nominate the rubbers to be played. The third, fourth, and fifth nominations shall be made without delay and no later than when the court from the first, second, third completed rubbers respectively are ready for play.
- (j) The Captain of the away team shall have the choice of courts for each rubber from those courts made available for the match by the home club.
- (k) Substitutions - In the event of an injury in the first 2 doubles rubbers, a team may substitute out the listed singles player with a replacement player and reshuffle the submitted singles order of merit on the proviso no singles rubbers have commenced. The resubmitted team with the substitution would then need to ensure it is in correct singles order of merit.

If any singles rubbers have commenced there is no reshuffle of the order, and the substitute player will be a straight swap for the injured player (the substitute player must be of a lower singles order of merit rank)

Case example: *If the No.4 player in Team A plays in the No.2 position singles rubber, then only team members ranked no. 5 or below on the singles order of merit or an Emergency (By-Law 30) who is of the same or lower standard to the No. 5 player can play in the No.3 and No.4 positions for singles rubbers.*

Case example: If Team A plays their No.4 player in the No.3 position, and their No.3 player in the No.4 position, they will lose the team match points and the rubber points for the No.4 position.

Case example: *If an Emergency player (By-law 30), plays the No.1 position singles rubber for Team B, Team B's No.1 player may not play a singles rubber in that match as if the No.1 player plays in a lower singles position (such as singles position No.2), Team B has been strengthened. In Wildcard eligible teams, a Wildcard player and a No.1 player may play in the same match.*

Case example: *Team A uses an Emergency and plays him at No.3 position in singles. Team A's normal No's 1 and 2 play in their correct order. Team B protests this on the following Monday, stating that the Emergency was equal in standard to Team A's No.1 player. Tennis Victoria agrees and therefore Team A loses the points won from the No. 3 position singles rubber and also the*



match points. Team A could only use that player as an Emergency or Substitute for their No.1 player.

Case example: Team A's No.2 position player is injured and an Emergency is used. The Emergency is lower in playing standard than the No.3 position player but higher than the No.4 player. Team A must play the Emergency at the No.3 singles position and promote their normal No.3 player to the No.2 singles position for that match otherwise the team will be playing out of their singles order of merit. The Emergency may not play at the No.2 singles position even though he/she is directly replacing that player in the team.

Case example: At 1:00pm for an afternoon home and away singles match, Team A arrives and advises Team B that their No.1 singles player is missing and he is unlikely to arrive for the day. Team B is given the No.1 singles rubber and the corresponding doubles rubber as a default. All other rubbers are played. For those rubbers, Team A's singles players may still play in their assigned singles order of merit, so that Team A's No.2 singles player may play Team B's No.2 singles player and is not required to be forced to play up in the No.1 position singles rubber.

7.4 For Men's Masters 35+ Doubles Pennant the following shall apply for matches:

- (a) Every week each team, prior to play, shall nominate four combinations of pairs (which must be four different pairs) made up from the minimum four to maximum six players in the team to play that week. Each pairing shall be categorised as either the first, second, third or fourth pair, but this is not an order of merit.
- (b) In every match the first pair of one team shall play the first pair of the opposing team, the second pair of one team shall play the second pair of the opposing team, the third pair of one team shall play the third pair and the fourth pair of one team shall play the fourth pair of the opposing team. No one player shall play more than two rubbers in a match. Once a specific combination of pairs have played each other, this combination may not be repeated to play again in another rubber.
- (c) No team may be strengthened by the inclusion of an Emergency (By-law 30) and/or a Substitute (By-Law 31).
- (d) Protests regarding whether a team has been strengthened by a Replacement Player must be made in accordance with By-law 34.
- (e) The Captain of the visiting team shall have the right to nominate the order in which each rubber is played.
- (d) The Captain of the visiting team shall have the choice of courts for each rubber from those courts made available for the match by the home club.

Case example: Team A nominates the following pairs: A/C, B/D, A/D, & B/C. Team B nominates E/F, G/H, E/H & F/G. These pairs are then played as follows:

1st Rubber- First Pair v First Pair – A/C v E/F

2nd Rubber- Second Pair v Second Pair – B/D v G/H

3rd Rubber- Any combination pair except the pairing from 1st or 2nd rubber A/D v E/H

4th Rubber- Remaining Pair v remaining Pair – B/C v F/G



8 TIME BETWEEN RUBBERS AND FOR FIRST RUBBERS BEING CALLED:

- 8.1 Once a match has commenced play, play should be continuous, except for the periods as set out in these By-laws.
- 8.2 Subject to inclement weather and By-law 8.4, the players for the first rubbers to be played must be on court and ready to play within fifteen minutes of the Commencement time (see also By-law 18 regarding attendance and no shows).
- 8.3 Subject to inclement weather, By-law 8.4 and the Substitution By-law (see 31.2), there shall be a maximum of fifteen minutes between all other rubbers, once players from previous rubbers (if any are required) are available (see also provisions of By-law 18 regarding no shows).
- 8.4 Where a rubber requires the nomination of a rubber to be played or a coin toss for a Grade Grand Final court allocation, the timing of the fifteen minutes shall be taken from the time the players are nominated and then called to court until they are on court and ready to play unless otherwise specified in the provisions of By-law 18 regarding no shows.
- 8.5 The Match Clock shall determine all timings set out in these provisions of By-law 8.

9 HIT-UP REST PERIODS AND TOILET AND CHANGE OF ATTIRE BREAKS

- 9.1 The maximum time permitted for a hit-up before commencement of each rubber is five minutes.
- 9.2 Play shall be continuous throughout each rubber and no rest period is permitted between sets, however, the courts played upon may be serviced between sets at the discretion of either player, team or club. Courts may only be serviced during a set if both players agree or if directed by the Referee.
- 9.3 A player is allowed to leave the court for a reasonable time for a toilet break on any change of ends during the rubber. A change of attire break may only be taken at a set break. When taking a toilet or change of attire break the player should advise his/her opponent and the Referee (if there is one), before he/she leaves the court. There is a limit of two breaks (whether toilet or change of attire break) per person per rubber in singles and two breaks (whether toilet or change of attire break) per team per rubber in doubles. A break taken during the warm-up of a rubber shall be considered one of the two breaks.

Case example: At 4/3 first set, Player A in a singles rubber takes a toilet break. At the end of the first set Player A then goes to the toilet to change his shorts because it is hot weather. Player A has now used all of his breaks for that rubber. Any further breaks are now on his own time (so 90 seconds on a change of ends or 2 minutes for a set break).

Case example: At 5/1 first set, Player A from Team C takes a toilet break in a singles rubber. Then at 4/3 second set both Player A and B from Team C go to the toilet. Team C now has no further official breaks for that rubber.

10 COMMENCEMENT AND CONCLUSION TIMES FOR MATCHES (HOME AND AWAY)

- 10.1 Matches shall be Commenced and Concluded at times to be determined by the Match Clock and unless otherwise approved by Tennis Victoria, as follows:



- (a) The Commencement time for morning home and away matches shall be not later than 8:30am (unless delayed by inclement weather see By-law 10.2). The Conclusion time for morning matches is that they shall be completed no later than 1:30pm. If a game has commenced before Conclusion time, that game must be completed. However, if courts are available to play after Conclusion time, then play may continue until a match result is achieved or until the match is complete. Any extension of play beyond Conclusion time must be by mutual agreement of both team Captains. For purposes of interpreting this By-law, a tiebreak game or a Match tiebreak game is a game and therefore must be completed once started.
- (b) The Commencement time for afternoon home and away matches shall be not later than 1:00pm or the conclusion of a morning Pennant match scheduled to play on the same courts, whichever is later (unless delayed by inclement weather see By-law 10.2). The Conclusion time for afternoon matches is that they shall be completed either, by Melbourne Light-Up time if no lights are available, or where there are lights available, by 6:30 pm. Venues are to use lights from a time mutually agreed between the Captains or at Melbourne Light Up time (whichever is earlier) until 6:30pm in an effort to achieve a match result. If a match result has not been achieved by 6:30pm (or Light-up time where there are no lights) and a game has commenced, that game must be completed and then all outstanding match and rubber points will be shared (By-law 11.4). For purposes of interpreting this By-law, a tiebreak game or a Match tiebreak game is a game and therefore must be completed once started.
- (c) In order for teams to use lit courts, the home team at its discretion may change the courts nominated for home play when lights are put on.
- (d) Where a morning match changes to different courts to complete the match or where an afternoon match changes to a different court to be under lights, if the new courts are a different surface to that which was originally played on then the team Captains must mutually agree to make this change (see also By-law 24.3).

10.2 **The Wet Weather Procedure** is as follows:

- (a) In the event that a match cannot commence or continue by reason of inclement weather, unless the Captains of both teams mutually agree to reduce or extend the time, the match shall be abandoned after the expiration of any one continuous period of delay of ninety minutes after the Commencement time, or from the time that play was interrupted.
- (b) In the alternative to By-law 10.2(a), where the Conclusion time occurs during a rain delay, play shall be abandoned for that day at the Conclusion time or when there are no lights available for use, then at Melbourne Light-Up time.
- (c) Once play has been abandoned for the day in home and away matches the scoring provisions of By-laws 11.3 and 11.4 shall apply.

Case example: A match has 3 rain delays. The first 2 delays are for 45 minutes each and the final one is for 90 minutes. The match is not abandoned (without mutual consent of the Captains) until the end of the 3rd rain delay, even though the first 2 rain delays totalled 90 minutes of rain delay.

Case example: As per normal tennis protocols, where a court/s is/are unsafe and unfit for play, in this case because of the rain, play shall not recommence unless and until the court(s) is/are safe for play and this will be regarded as part of the timing for the continuous period of delay.



Players from both teams will be expected to help prepare the court/s. The home team may also nominate extra courts that are safe for play, if this will help enable play to recommence earlier.

10.3 The Abandoned Washout Procedure is as follows:

- (a) In the event of inclement weather the Captain of the home team and/or a home team's nominated club representatives (Washout or Pennant Secretary), can agree with the visiting Captain and/or nominated club representatives (Washout or Pennant Secretary) to declare the match a wash out without any member of either team having to turn up to the match site. This agreement can be made at any time within 48 hours of the Commencement time for the match. Team Captains should always endeavour to play matches wherever possible.
- (b) In the event of this type of washout, the visiting Captain or nominated club representatives (Washout or Pennant Secretary) must provide the home Captain or nominated club representatives (Washout or Pennant Secretary) with the names of his/her nominated team members for the match within 24 hours of the match being called a wash-out. This can be done via telephone, email, SMS text or fax.
- (c) Once play has been abandoned for the day the scoring provisions of By-laws 11.3 and 11.4 shall apply. The home team must enter the match result as per the contents of By-law 21.
- (d) If mutual agreement between the Captains or between the Nominated club representatives (Washout or Pennant Secretary) is not attained prior to the Commencement time for the match, the match will proceed as scheduled and the no show provisions of By-law 18 shall apply. The match may then subsequently become subject to The Wet Weather Procedure above.

11 METHOD OF SCORING IN HOME AND AWAY COMPLETED AND INCOMPLETE MATCHES

- 11.1 The winner of each completed match shall be the team who wins the greater number of (for purposes of determining the result of a match a Match tiebreak shall count towards rubber results but will not count as a set or a game):
 - (a) Rubbers: but if the number of rubbers won is equal, then
 - (b) Sets: but if the number of sets won is equal, then
 - (c) Games: but if the number of games won is equal, then the match shall be tied.
- 11.2 Twenty points shall be awarded for each completed Men's or Women's Pennant match, of which four points shall be awarded to the winning team. Sixteen points shall be awarded for each completed Masters Pennant match, of which four points shall be awarded to the winning team. Three points shall be available for each best of three set match, where three points are awarded for a straight set win, and two points are given to the winner for a three-set win and one point to the loser for a three-set loss. The winners of an eight-game set will receive two points. Where a match is tied, the total match points shall be split between each team.
- 11.3 Where, in the opinion of Tennis Victoria, by reason of weather or other good and sufficient reason a match cannot be commenced, the total match points will be split.
- 11.4 Where, in the opinion of Tennis Victoria, by reason of weather or other good and sufficient reason a match after being commenced cannot be completed then:

- (a) If no overall winning result has been obtained, two points shall be awarded to each team for the match. In addition, the amount of points in accordance with 11.2 shall be awarded to a team for each rubber they won and half the points in accordance with 11.2 shall be awarded to both teams for each incomplete rubber.
 - (b) If an overall winning result has been obtained, four points shall be awarded to the winning team. In addition, the amount of points in accordance with 11.2 shall be awarded to a team for each rubber they won and half the points in accordance with 11.2 shall be awarded to both teams for each incomplete rubber.
- 11.5 At the completion of the home and away matches, if any teams have the same number of points and this impacts on who will play in the Finals or a team's Finals position, then the tie shall be broken based on the team who has won the greater number of matches. If any teams are still equal then the tie shall be determined by the percentage of rubbers won over rubbers lost during the home and away season. If they are still equal then it will be decided on the percentage of sets won over sets lost. If still equal then it will be decided on the percentage of games won over games lost. If still equal head to head matches during the season will be considered, the result being first based on match points, then rubbers then sets. If still equal, a coin toss held at Tennis Victoria's office, will take place to determine positions. For the purposes of determining this By-law, a Match tiebreak shall count as both a set and a game.
- 11.6 Once the Finals teams have been decided pursuant to the above By-laws in 11.5, if one or more of those teams subsequently forfeit their Finals match no other team may be promoted to take their place in the Finals series.

12 PENNANT SECTIONAL FINALS

- 12.1 At the end of the home and away matches Sectional Finals matches shall be played between the Pennant teams finishing in Finals positions as follows:
 - (a) In an eight team Section, the teams finishing in first to fourth positions will play-off with 1 v 4, 2 v 3.
 - (b) In a six team section the team finishing first shall proceed straight into the Grade Finals Series and the teams finishing second and third shall play-off.
 - (c) The winner of each completed Sectional Final match shall be determined in accordance with By-law 14.1 (k)
 - (d) The winners of these play-off matches shall play in the Grade Finals Series.
- 12.2 Sectional Finals (including times) will be conducted in accordance with conditions of the Grade Finals series By-laws (13).

13 PENNANT GRADE FINALS SERIES

- 13.1 At the completion of the Sectional Finals the winners shall qualify to take part in the Grade Finals series.
- 13.2 In the event that a Grade has five or more sections, the Grade Finals series format will be determined by Tennis Victoria.

- 13.3 Once the Grade Series Finalists are known, Tennis Victoria shall rank the teams (ranking procedures to be announced on Tennis Victoria's website) and announce the draw and schedule for the Grade Finals series.
- 13.4 The Commencement and Conclusion times (shown by the Match Clock) and venues for the Sectional Finals and Grade Finals series shall be (unless otherwise determined by Tennis Victoria in their absolute discretion) as follows:
- (a) The Commencement time for Men's Sectional Finals and Grade Finals series matches shall be Saturday at 1:00pm. The Conclusion time shall be Saturday 7:30pm (unless mutually agreed by the Captains to extend this time) unless there are no lights available in which case the Conclusion time shall be Melbourne Light-Up time.
 - (b) The Commencement time for Women's Sectional Finals and Grade Finals series matches shall be 8:30am Saturday morning. The Conclusion time shall be Saturday 4:00pm (unless mutually agreed by the Captains to extend this time).
 - (c) All Sectional and Grade Finals Series matches, except the Grade Grand Finals shall be played at the home venue of higher ranked team in a Finals series match and this team shall be the home team. Where a club has insufficient courts to host all of the Grade Finals series matches they have earned the right to host by this By-law, the club shall nominate which of their teams will play their match at a neutral venue, such neutral venue to be determined by Tennis Victoria in their absolute discretion. Despite playing at a neutral venue, this team shall still be regarded as the home team for the match. Grade Grand Finals shall be played at neutral venues as determined by Tennis Victoria in their absolute discretion.
 - (d) Tennis Victoria in each case shall determine whether a Grade or Sectional Finals match (including a Grade Grand Final) shall be played on two or four courts. Where Tennis Victoria assigns four courts to a Finals match the respective teams will be required to use all four courts unless some of the courts become unsuitable for play because of inclement weather or other reason.
- 13.5 The Grade Finals Series shall be played out until there are two teams remaining in each Grade. These two teams have then qualified to play in their Grade's Grand Final.

14 PENNANT SECTIONAL AND GRADE FINALS SERIES MATCH CONDITIONS

- 14.1 Sectional and Grade Finals matches shall consist of the same format and times as regular season matches, except matches shall only be played until a match winning result has been achieved.
- 14.2 The winner of each completed Finals match shall be the team who wins the greater number of:
- (a) Rubbers, but if the number of rubbers won be equal, then
 - (b) Sets, but if the number of sets won be equal, then
 - (c) Games, but if the number of games won be equal, then
 - (d) A doubles tiebreak set shall be played (with a tiebreak of 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.

15 PENNANT GRADE GRAND FINALS



- 15.1 The last two remaining teams in each Grade, having played the Grade Finals series, shall then play off in a Grade Grand Final to determine the winner of the Grade Premiership.
- 15.2 Sectional and Grade Finals matches shall consist of the same format and times as regular season matches, except matches shall only be played until a match winning result has been achieved.
- 15.3 The winner of each completed Finals match shall be the team who wins the greater number of:
- (a) Rubbers, but if the number of rubbers won be equal, then
 - (b) Sets, but if the number of sets won be equal, then
 - (c) Games, but if the number of games won be equal, then
 - (d) A doubles tiebreak set shall be played (with a tiebreak of 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.
- 15.4 (a) Any team which plays in a Grade Grand Final in any Victorian Pennant Competition (except Grades 1 and 2) shall earn, for their respective club, the opportunity in the following Pennant season only, to enter a team in the next highest direct Grade for that team for the following season only, provided the composition of their nominated team for that following season includes a minimum of 50% of the players from the team who were eligible to play in the sectional finals and subject to By-law 3.5 and 26). If a club chooses to exercise this option, then By-law 6.6 shall not apply to the grading of that team. Eligible Clubs that wish to exercise this option in the following Pennant season must inform Tennis Victoria in writing of their intention as part of the team entry process prior to the team entry closing date.
- (b) Clubs whose team win a Grade Grand Final in Grade 2 shall earn, for their respective club, the opportunity in the following Pennant season only, to enter a team in the highest Grade for that team for the following season only, provided the composition of their nominated team for that following season includes a minimum of 50% of the players from the team who were eligible to play in the sectional finals and subject to By-law 3.5 and 26). If a club chooses to exercise this option, then By-law 6.6 shall not apply to the grading of that team. Eligible Clubs that wish to exercise this option in the following Pennant season must inform Tennis Victoria in writing of their intention as part of the team entry process prior to the team entry closing date.
- (c) Clubs whose teams win a Grade Grand Final in Grade 1 shall earn, for their respective club, the opportunity in the following Premier League season only to gain automatic entry into the Premier League competition.

16 DOUBLES PENNANT AND MEN'S MASTERS 35+ DOUBLES PENNANT GRADE FINALS AND GRADE GRAND FINALS:

- 16.1 Doubles Pennant and Men's Masters 35+ Doubles Pennant shall play Grade Finals and Grade Grand Finals only.
- 16.2 At the end of the home and away season, Grade Finals matches shall be played between the teams finishing in Finals positions as follows:
- (a) In an eight team Grade, the teams finishing in the top four positions will play-off in Semi Finals with 1 v 4, 2 v 3.

- (b) In a six team Grade the team finishing first shall proceed straight into the Grade Grand Final match and the teams finishing second and third shall play-off.
 - (c) The winners of the play-offs shall play in their Grade's Grand Final.
- 16.3 All Finals matches shall consist of up to six players (except where a substitute is required pursuant to By-laws 17 and 31) playing four doubles rubbers played on the same day as follows:
 - (a) In Doubles Pennant all doubles rubbers will be played in accordance with By-law 7.2(a), (c) and (d) and the winner of each completed Finals match shall be determined in accordance with By-law 14.1(j). All Finals matches will only be played until a match winning result is achieved.
 - (b) In Men's Masters 35+ Doubles Pennant all doubles rubbers will be played in accordance with By-law 7.2(b), (c) and (d) and the winner of each completed Finals match shall be determined in accordance with By-law 14.1(j). For the purposes of determining a match result a Match tiebreak will be treated as both a set and a game. All Finals matches will only be played until a match winning result is achieved.
- 16.4 Times (as determined by the Match Clock) and venues for Doubles Pennant and Men's Masters 35+ Doubles Pennant Finals Matches shall be as follows:
 - (a) Men's Doubles Pennant Finals matches and Men's Masters 35+ Doubles Pennant matches will commence at 1.00pm on Saturday, on 2 courts unless otherwise determined by Tennis Victoria.
 - (b) Women's Doubles Pennant Finals matches will commence at 9:00am on Saturday, on 2 courts unless otherwise determined by Tennis Victoria.
 - (c) All Doubles Pennant and Men's Masters 35+ Doubles Pennant Finals matches, except the Grade Grand Finals shall be played at the home venue of higher ranked team in a Finals series match and this team shall be the home team. Where a club has insufficient courts to host all of the Grade Finals series matches they have earned the right to host by this By-law, the club shall nominate which of their teams will play their match at a neutral venue, such neutral venue to be determined by Tennis Victoria in their absolute discretion. Despite playing at a neutral venue, this team shall still be regarded as the home team for the match. Grade Grand Finals shall be played at neutral venues as determined by Tennis Victoria in their absolute discretion.
- 16.5 The conditions for play for Doubles Pennant Finals matches and Men's Masters 35+ Doubles Pennant Finals matches shall be as follows:
 - (a) Four doubles rubbers shall be played between pairs from each team as follows:
 - (i) For Doubles Pennant each team shall have two doubles pairs and, as per By-law 7.4(a), each team shall assign their own No.1 and No.2 pair; noting that there is no order of merit in doubles. The pairs shall play each other as per By-law 7.4(b). The order of play shall be chosen as set out in By-law 16.5(d).
 - (ii) For Men's Masters 35+ Doubles Pennant the rubbers shall be played between pairs from each team. Each team shall have four doubles pairs made up from up to five team members as per By-law 7.5(a). The pairs will play each other as per By-law 7.5(b); noting

that there is no order of merit in doubles. The order of play shall be chosen as set out in By-law 16.5(d) below.

- (iii) Replacement Players may be used in Finals matches in accordance with By-laws 17, 27, 30 and 31
- (iv) Protests regarding whether a team has been strengthened by a Replacement Player must be made in accordance with By-law 34.
- (b) The home team shall be as per By-law 16.4(c). Where a match is postponed because of light, time or the Finals Wet Weather Procedure (By-law 17.1), new decisions may be made for any rubber that had not been commenced. In each case the following shall apply:
 - (i) The Captain of the away team shall have the first choice to nominate the first rubber to be played and the Captain of the home team shall have the second choice to nominate the second rubber to be played. The Captain of the away team shall have the third choice to nominate the third rubber to be played. The third nomination shall be made without delay and no later than when the court from the first completed rubber is ready for play.
 - (ii) The Captain of the away team shall have the choice of courts for each rubber from those courts made available for the match by the home club.
- (a) The winner of each completed Finals match shall be determined in accordance with By-law 14.1 (j).
- (b) Finals shall be played on two courts at neutral venues as determined by Tennis Victoria in their absolute discretion.
- (c) The Commencement and Conclusion times (as determined by the Match Clock) shall be as follows:
 - (i) The Commencement time for Men's Finals matches shall be Saturday at 1.00pm. The Conclusion time shall be Saturday 7:30pm (unless mutually agreed by the Captains to extend this time) unless there are no lights available in which case the Conclusion time shall be Melbourne Light-Up time.
 - (ii) The Commencement time for Women's Finals matches shall be Saturday at 9:00am. The Conclusion time shall be Saturday 3:30pm (unless mutually agreed by the team Captains to extend this time).

17 ABANDONED, POSTPONED AND RESCHEDULED VICTORIAN PENNANT FINALS

17.1 The Finals Wet Weather Procedure is as follows:

- (a) The Wet Weather Procedure shall apply to all Victorian Pennant Finals matches (including Grade Grand Finals) save the rain delay which shall invoke this clause shall be 120 minutes of continuous rain delay and not 90 minutes.
- (b) Where some members of a team were at the Finals site at the Commencement time but one or more team members has/have not attended the site before play is abandoned but their



rubber/s was/were not called to be played no penalty applies and the rubbers may be re-scheduled and a different player/s may be used on the next occasion.

(c) If a player is defaulted because of punctuality before play is abandoned, any rubber he/she were still required to play but which had not been called need not be played by them in the re-scheduled Finals match (see also case examples after By-law 18.7).

(d) The provisions of By-law 17.3(d) regarding substitute players in rescheduled Finals matches shall also apply.

17.2 The Abandoned Washout Procedure shall not apply to any Finals match, including the Pennant Grade Grand Finals.

17.3 Where a result has not been reached in a Victorian Pennant Finals match by their scheduled Conclusion time or a match has been abandoned due to bad light or washed out pursuant to the Finals Wet Weather Procedure (By-law 17.1) the following applies:

(a) Tennis Victoria may in their absolute discretion for those teams affected, schedule two Pennant Sectional and/or Victorian Pennant Grade Finals matches (one to be finished) to be played on consecutive days during the following week which may include a week day or it may be both days of the following weekend.

(b) In the alternative, where a Pennant Sectional or Victorian Pennant Grade Finals match scheduled to be played on a Saturday does not achieve a result or is washed out pursuant to the Finals Wet Weather Procedure this match may be played the following day only with the agreement of both Team Captains at a site and time that they both agree upon. This decision may not be made by a Referee.

(c) For a Victorian Pennant Grade Grand Final the following applies:

(i) Tennis Victoria may in their absolute discretion for those teams affected schedule the Grade Grand Final to be completed on any day at any time during the following week, including either a week day or a Sunday on the following weekend. Tennis Victoria may also schedule a second optional day, time and place in the event that the match is again not completed.

(ii) In this alternative above, this match may be played the following day only with the agreement of both Team Captains at a site and time that they both agree upon. This decision may not be made by a Referee.

(d) For any rescheduled Victorian Pennant Finals match pursuant to this By-law the following applies:

(i) Any player who has played at least one point in an unfinished rubber before the match was postponed must return to resume that rubber when the match is rescheduled.

(ii) Any player who is nominated to play a rubber which has not started at the time play is abandoned need not play in the rescheduled match, this includes where the player is a doubles player and he/she has already completed one rubber.

(iii) Where an originally nominated player does not play in a rescheduled match:

- (I) Where no rubbers were commenced in the original match, any qualified Finals player may replace the original player in the rescheduled match. In singles, the substitute player must play in the correct singles order.
- (II) Where at least one rubber had been commenced in the original match, the substitute player may only be of an equal or lower playing standard to the player they are replacing. Further, in the case of singles, the substitute player must play in the correct singles order (By-law 14.1).
- (III) A qualified Wildcard player may be a substitute for a Wildcard player provided the original Wildcard has not already started or played a rubber and further that he or she plays in the correct singles order.
- (IV) A qualified Wildcard player may be a substitute for an ordinary team member provided there is no other Wildcard nominated to play in the team, that he/she plays in the correct singles order and that there was no play at all in the abandoned match.

Case example: A Pennant Finals match is postponed after some play because of rain. At the time play is abandoned the No.1 and the No.3 singles rubbers have commenced but have not been completed. The No.2 and the No.4 singles rubbers have not started. Team A had nominated their No.1, No.2, No.4 and No.5 players to play these rubbers. Accordingly No.1 and No.4 players must play in the rescheduled match. In the rescheduled match, the No.2 player can only be replaced by the team's No.3 player or a qualified Emergency who is not better than the No. 3 player and better than the No.4 player. The No.5 player can only be replaced with a No.6 or lower ranked player, even where the substitute player is a qualified Emergency.

Case example: In a Pennant Grade Final series match, despite gloomy skies play starts. Although the doubles rubbers are interrupted by 90 minutes of rain they are completed. Two singles rubbers are commenced but then the rain starts again and after 2 hours of rain play is finally abandoned for the day. Team A had nominated their 2, 3, 4 and 5 players to play singles. Only the 2nd and 3rd singles rubbers (players 3 & 4) had started. If the No. 2 player cannot play in the rescheduled match he/she can only be replaced by a player of equal playing standard who has qualified to play Finals. Any other player would either strengthen the team or players would be playing out of singles order of merit. If the singles rubbers had not started at all, then Team A could nominate any 4 players who had qualified to play Finals.

Case example: In a Pennant Grade Grand Final, it has been raining since Commencement time and play has not been able to start. The No.2 player for Team A does not arrive at all, but play is abandoned after 2 hours of rain and his match is never called. Team A therefore does not lose this rubber and it can be rescheduled with the other rubbers. Both teams may nominate entirely different Finals teams the next week. In this case if the No.1 player had not been nominated for this match he may replace the No.2 player in the next match. Either team may nominate a stronger team than nominated the first week. Nominated doubles pairings may also be changed.

Case example: In a Women's Grade 1 Grand Final Pennant Final's match, play is abandoned because of rain after the completion of all of the singles rubbers. A Wildcard player was used at No.1 in the singles rubbers for Team A. The Wildcard player is not available to play in the rescheduled match. A different but qualified Wildcard player may not be a substitute for the Wildcard player in the doubles rubbers for Team A as play has started and this would mean that more than one Wildcard player would be used for that match.

- (iv) Where a match has been postponed to another day the same balls will be used to recommence any unfinished rubber unless both team Captains agree to use new balls.



This decision may not be made by a Referee appointed to either match. The new balls will be provided by the team that originally provided the new balls.

18 ATTENDANCE AND NO SHOW PROVISIONS

- 18.1 All timing requirements for this By-law shall be determined by the Match Clock, or where a Referee has been appointed by the timing device used by the Referee.
- 18.2 Where a match has not been previously abandoned due to the Abandoned Washout Procedure and even if it is raining at the Commencement time and the courts are not fit for play (but they may become fit for play), the following shall apply:
- (a) For Home and away matches, singles matches must have at least one player from each team in attendance and doubles matches must have at least two players from each team in attendance at the specified venue within 15 minutes of the Commencement time specified for the match. Where there is a failure to do so the match shall be declared a default against that team and the provisions of By-laws 18.12 and 20.1 shall apply. No rubbers shall be played and the offending team shall default that match.
 - (b) For Finals matches where doubles matches are scheduled to commence first then at least two of the nominated doubles players must be in attendance at the place specified for the match by Tennis Victoria within 15 minutes of the Commencement time otherwise the whole match will be declared a default by the offending team and no rubbers will be played.
 - (c) For Finals matches where singles matches are scheduled to commence first then at least one player nominated singles player must be in attendance at the place specified for the match by Tennis Victoria within 15 minutes of the Commencement time otherwise the whole match will be declared a default by the offending team and no rubbers will be played.
- 18.3 In home and away matches, if both teams have the required number of representatives (By-law 18.2(a)) in attendance at the Commencement time, then the two Captains shall meet without delay and nominate the first rubbers to be played. The nominated players for these rubbers will then have 15 minutes from the nomination to be ready to play, subject to inclement weather. If this first rubber nomination is delayed by a late arriving team, then once the nominations are made the players shall only have 15 minutes from the Commencement time to be ready to play. A nominated rubber is defaulted by a team if their player (singles) fails or player(s) (for doubles) fail to be ready to play within the specified time. If the nomination for the first two rubbers takes place before the Commencement time, then the players will have until 15 minutes from the Commencement time to be ready to play.

In the home and away series, once a rubber is lost by a no show default by this process or any of the following no show By-laws, the offending team will still be eligible to win the match and the match points and the remaining rubbers (By-law 18.6) must still be played (subject to inclement weather or a default for another reason) and points for these singles or doubles rubbers may still be won.

Case example: In an afternoon singles match only 2 out of 4 of Team B's singles players have arrived at 1:05pm. All of Team A's players have been present since 1pm. At 1:05pm, the Captain of Team A nominates one of the missing Team B's singles players to play one of the first 2 rubbers. If that missing Team B's player is not on court ready to start the warm-up by 1:15pm (i.e. 15 minutes from the Commencement time when Team A players are ready to play), then that rubber is forfeited by Team B.



Case example: In an afternoon match both teams have at least 1 player in attendance at 1:00pm. At 1:10pm, after a mutually agreed lengthy team warm-up, the 2 Captains meet to nominate the first 2 rubbers to be played. The players for those 2 rubbers now have until 1:25pm to be ready to play.

Case example: In a morning match, one Team Captain is ready to nominate the rubbers to be played first at 8:30am and the other Captain continues to warm-up with her team and ignores her (because she may have some missing players). When the rubbers are nominated the players shall be required to be ready to play by 8:45am, as rubber nominations must be made without delay.

Case example: A rubber nomination is made at 1:00pm. At 1:15pm, player No.2 from Team B is onsite but is not ready to play and has not commenced the warm-up. Player No.2 from Team A is on-court, in tennis attire and waiting to start the warm-up. Team A may choose to take this rubber as a forfeit by Team B at his/her discretion. Being in the car park or being in the change-room getting changed is not being ready for play. If Player No.2 from Team B starts the warm-up with Team A No.2 after 1.15pm, Team A may not change this decision and try to subsequently claim the rubber as a no show.

- 18.4 In Finals matches if both teams have a team member in attendance at the Commencement time, then the two Captains shall meet without delay and do the coin toss for home and away teams and ball allocation and direct the courts to be used for each rubber. Once the courts are chosen the players for these rubbers will then have 15 minutes from the court nomination to be ready to play, subject to inclement weather or bad light. If this court allocation process is delayed by a late arriving team, then once the nomination is made the players shall only have 15 minutes from the Commencement time to be ready to play. A nominated rubber is defaulted by a team if their player (singles) fails or players (doubles) fail to be ready to play within the specified time. If the court nomination for the first rubbers takes place before the Commencement time, then the players will have until 15 minutes from the Commencement time to be ready to play. In a Finals match, even though a rubber may be lost through default by this process (or any of the following no show By-laws) the offending team may still win the match overall (By-law 18.13) based on the results of the rubbers that are subsequently played; so the remaining rubbers that can be played should be played (see By-law 18.6).

- 18.5 Following the completion of any of the first rubbers (including by default) the provisions of By-law 8 regarding the time between rubbers shall apply. Any player or players not ready to play within 15 minutes (unless the Substitution By-law 31 applies) as specified by that By-law shall default that rubber for his/her team.

Case example: The first singles rubber is completed at 2:05pm. At 2:10pm when the court is ready for play Team B's captain nominates the 3rd rubber to be played on this free court. The players for this rubber must be ready to play by 2:25pm (subject to inclement weather) or the rubber shall be forfeited by the offending team.

Case example: The 2nd singles rubber is completed and the court is ready for play at 2:30pm. Subject to inclement weather, the 4th singles rubber must commence their warm-up by 2:45pm as there is no Captain's nomination required for this remaining rubber.

Case example: At 1:15pm Player A has been defaulted from his rubber as he was not ready to play the first rubber within the time required. The away team Captain must then without delay nominate the 3rd rubber to be played. The players for this 3rd rubber must then be ready to play by 1:30pm.



- 18.6 When a team defaults a rubber/s (and not the whole match) because of punctuality the remaining rubbers that can be played will still be played.
- 18.7 Where a player has been defaulted because of punctuality, he/she need not attend the match site at some time before the conclusion of the match (including where the match is abandoned because of rain or time). However if that player was nominated to play in another rubber in that match that player is still subject to the same no show provisions of By-law 18 for that rubber and their position may not be replaced by a Substitute in accordance with By-law 31 (except where a Finals match is abandoned and rescheduled to a different day – see By-law 17).

Case example: *The No.1 player of Team A was called for his afternoon singles rubber at 1:00pm and does not arrive at the site at all before the match finishes. Team B accepts the rubber as a default at 1:15pm. All other rubbers are played. All of the scores from these other rubbers are kept and used as required by the home and away or Finals scoring procedures as relevant. Team A may still win the match overall even though their No.1 Player never arrived at the site.*

Case example: *It is raining when both teams arrive at 1:00pm for an afternoon match and the courts are not fit for play. At this time Player C from Team B has not arrived but Team B otherwise has all of their players present and all of Team A's players are present. Despite enthusiastic and determined efforts to dry the courts, at 3:00pm it is clear that the courts are never going to be dry that day so play is abandoned without any rubber starting. At this time Player C still has not arrived. This match is tied and the points are shared despite Player C never arriving as Player C was never called to court as the courts were never ready for play.*

Case example: *Team A and Team B arrive at 1:00pm for an afternoon singles match. Team B is missing Player C who is to play the No.3 singles rubber. Knowing Player C is missing, Team A does not choose the No.3 rubber to be played, nor does Team B. Before the first 2 rubbers finish, rain starts and play is never resumed. After 90 minutes of continuous rain delay the match is abandoned and Player C has still not arrived. The match is tied and the points are shared as Player C was never called for a rubber. If this were a Finals match, the match would be rescheduled by Tennis Victoria and only the players who had started their rubbers would be required to attend the following week for those rubbers. All other team positions may be replaced.*

Case example: *Team A and Team B arrive at 1:00pm for an afternoon doubles match. Team B is missing Player C who is to play in the No.2 doubles pair. At 1:15pm when Player C is still not there, Team A accept Player C's first doubles rubber as a default. Player C still has another doubles rubber to play. Before Player C's pair's next opponents are available to play, it starts to rain. This rain delay lasts for 90 continuous minutes so play is abandoned for the day. Team A gets both the match and the rubber points for the forfeited doubles rubber, but all other points are shared as Player C was not called for his/her next rubber. If this happened in a Finals match (including if someone had to play a singles rubber or if someone is defaulted from a singles rubber and still had to play a doubles rubber) the rubbers which had not commenced or finished would be re-scheduled for the next week. Only the players involved in incomplete rubbers would have to attend for the postponed match; it would be optional for all other players.*

- 18.8 Where a team fails to record a player as arriving late on the score sheet as required by By-law 7.2(c) that player shall forfeit that rubber when the omission is discovered, unless the opposition team choose to play the rubber (refer By-law 18.9)

- 18.9 Where a team elects to play a rubber that may be awarded to them as a default or forfeit because of an opposing player's late arrival (including failure to record a player as arriving late on the score sheet), once the relevant rubber has commenced (1 point played) that team may not subsequently claim that rubber as a default for punctuality reasons. In this instance the Captain of the team electing to play shall record in the comments section of the score sheet that the team chose to decline the default. The score sheet may be used as evidence by the opposing team in any Protest subsequently made pursuant to By-law 34 to prove their opposition's subsequent play was voluntary.
- 18.10 Any rubber declared to be a default or forfeit pursuant to the no show By-laws in 18 shall be recorded as won by the other team on the score sheet without a scoreline, but a notation of 'default'. On the Competition Software it shall be recorded as a forfeited rubber with no scores inputted against the result.
- 18.11 If a team wishes to dispute any defaults made pursuant to the provisions of By-law 18, all rubbers that are the subject of the disputed default shall be played under protest. Tennis Victoria shall subsequently, in accordance with these By-laws, make a decision regarding the affected rubbers. The team claiming the rubber/s or match as a default shall record their unwillingness to play the subject rubbers or match by recording the rubbers or match as "played under protest" in the comments section of the score sheet. This may be used in evidence before Tennis Victoria that their subsequent play was involuntary. Tennis Victoria will not make any such determination regarding the disputed defaults unless all of requirements in the Protest provisions in By-law 34 are complied with. Failing to write this on the score sheet will not preclude a subsequent protest being made.
- 18.12 In a home and away match where a team is defaulted pursuant to By-law 18.2(a) or where a rubber is forfeited pursuant to By-laws 18.3, 18.4, 18.5, 26 (eligibility of a player), or 7.3(b) (singles order of merit), unless otherwise determined by Tennis Victoria as a result of any protest which may be lodged, four points shall be awarded for the match to the team not in default, and in addition, the correct points for each rubber forfeited shall be awarded to the team not in default. In addition, the correct points shall be awarded for each rubber won by either team.
- 18.13 In a Finals match, where some rubbers are lost due to a punctuality or a behavioural default that offending team may still win the match overall in accordance with By-law 14.1(k). (Due to Singles/Double rubbers being played on same day).
- 18.14 Where under the provisions of By-law 18 hereof both teams are in default, Tennis Victoria shall determine the points to be awarded for the match (if any) and the fine (if any) to be imposed.

19 PLAYING OUT OF ORDER AND STRENGTHENING A TEAM

- 19.1 Where a team plays a player in a match who is determined by Tennis Victoria to have strengthened the team in breach of these By-laws, any games, sets and rubber/s won by the player determined to have strengthened the team, will be forfeited and the match points, if won by that player's team, will be also forfeited and awarded to the opposing team. This By-law applies to home and away and Finals matches. The offending team's club will also be liable to a fine. All other rubbers played in accordance with the By-laws will stand. For it to be considered by Tennis Victoria a club must submit a protest.
- 19.2 Where a Pennant team plays a player/s out of the singles order of merit in breach of these By-laws, any games, sets and rubber(s) won by any player/s determined to have played out of the singles order of merit, will be forfeited and the match points, if won by that player's team, will

be also forfeited and awarded to the opposing team. This By-law applies to home and away and Finals matches. The offending team's club will also be liable to a fine. All other rubbers played in accordance with the By-laws will stand. For it to be considered by Tennis Victoria a club must submit a protest.

- 19.3 Where a team plays more than the maximum number of four players for doubles in breach of these By-laws, all games, sets, rubbers and the match points won by that team will be forfeited and awarded to the opposing team. This By-law applies to home and away and Finals matches. The offending team's club will also be liable to a fine. This By-law does not apply where substitutions are made pursuant to By-laws 17 and 31.

- 19.4 Where a Wildcard eligible team breaches the Wildcard provision of these By-laws (By-law 30.4) in that they:

- (a) Play a Wildcard player without nominating them as a Wildcard on the score sheet;
- (b) Play more than one Wildcard player in a match,
- (c) Play a Wildcard player out of the singles order of merit;

Any games, sets and rubber(s) won by any Wildcard player, determined to have breached the Wildcard provision of these By-laws, will be forfeited and the match points, if won by that player's team, will be also forfeited and awarded to the opposing team. This By-law applies to home and away and Finals matches. The offending team's club will also be liable to a fine.

- 19.5 Protests regarding whether a team has been strengthened by a Replacement Player, played out of singles order or played more than the permitted number of doubles players in a team must be made in accordance with By-law 34.

20 DEFAULTS BY TEAMS/PLAYERS

- 20.1 Where a team fails to appear and defaults a match pursuant to provisions of By-laws 17 or defaults a match pursuant to the eligibility provisions of By-laws 26 and 27, it shall not only be deemed defaulted, but also the club will be liable for a fine and the team not in default shall be awarded all rubbers, sets and games and all the points for the match.

- 20.2 Where a team fails to appear for any three matches in any one season, or it be disqualified by Tennis Victoria, that team shall be disqualified from playing any further matches in that season and the club shall be liable for a fine, and any points awarded to that team or its opposing teams previously during that season shall be declared void and not be counted.

- 20.3 Where a team voluntarily withdraws from a Section and/or Grade during the home and away season, if this team has not played every other team in the Section or Grade at least once then all games, sets and rubbers from their matches will be declared void and not counted. Where the withdrawing team has played each other team in their Section or Grade at least once then all games, sets, rubbers and points from the first half of the home and away season shall remain as won or lost and be counted, and all remaining games, sets, rubbers and points shall be declared void and not counted.

- (a) Any team that withdraws after the season has commenced may be liable for a fine.

Case example: Following the completion of a match against Team B for week 8 in a 14 round home and away season, Team A in Grade 2 Section 2, realise they cannot field a team for the



remainder of the season and advise Tennis Victoria they are withdrawing their team for the remainder of the season. All results for matches played up to and including week 7 will remain as played and all points will remain as awarded. The result of the match against Team B in week 8 is declared void and not counted at all.

- 20.4 Where a player is defaulted during a rubber for reasons other than punctuality that player shall also be defaulted from any further rubbers that he/she was originally nominated to play in that match (noting also the rule regarding Substitution in By-law 31.1). This By-law applies even where the Wet Weather Procedure or the Finals Wet Weather Procedure is used and further play in other rubbers is abandoned for the day. This By-law shall also apply where a Finals match is postponed to be played another day (By-law 17). Any rubbers lost pursuant to the original default shall remain defaulted.
- 20.5 Where a player is defaulted for reasons other than punctuality, the player shall forfeit all remaining games in the rubber where the offence occurred. Any further rubber that the player is then required to forfeit shall be recorded with a score line of 6/0, 6/0 to the other team on the score sheet. That rubber shall be recorded as forfeited in the competition software. The offending player's team may still win the match overall. This provision applies to both home and away and Finals matches.

Case example: *Player B from Team C is defaulted for verbal abuse at 4/2 up in the first set of his singles rubber in a Grade Grand Final. The score line for this rubber is recorded as 6/4, 6/0 to Team D*

Case example: *Player B is defaulted as above. Player B was also nominated to play 2 doubles rubbers that day. Player B immediately also forfeits those 2 further doubles rubbers. Before the match has finished, play is abandoned because of rain and all unfinished rubbers need to be re-scheduled. All 3 rubbers already forfeited remain forfeited.*

21 RESULTS OF MATCHES

- 21.1 Immediately after the completion of all matches whether or not a result is determined, the result score sheet shall be completed and signed by the Captain of each team.
- 21.2 The home club shall ensure that each result is entered via the Competition Software system by no later than 12:00pm on Monday following the completion of the match. If not entered by 12:00pm on the Monday following the match, a late result score sheet fine will apply.
- 21.3 The away club shall confirm each result via the Competition Software system by no later than 5:00pm on the Tuesday following the completion of the match. If not confirmed by 5:00pm on the Tuesday following the match, a late result score sheet fine may apply.
- 21.4 In the event of a match not being commenced or being incomplete, the result score sheet shall as far as practicable be completed and must include each player's name and score (if any) of each completed or incomplete rubber and state the reasons for the match not being commenced or completed. These details must also be completed via the Competition Software system online by the above times.
- 21.5 The results of each last round home and away match shall be entered online by the home club by 12.00 Noon on the Monday following that match. The opposing team shall confirm the result by 9:00pm on that Monday. If not entered and confirmed following the match by the above times, a late result score sheet fine may apply.

- 21.6 The results of each finals match shall be entered online by the winning or leading team by 12.00 Noon on the Monday following that match. The opposing team shall confirm the result by 9:00pm on that Monday. If not entered and confirmed following the match by the above times, a late result score sheet fine may apply.

22 PLACES AND DATES FOR MATCHES

- 22.1 Matches including matches not commenced or being incomplete shall be played at places, dates and times as Tennis Victoria in its absolute discretion determine, noting that it may not be the same time or day as was adopted during the home and away matches.
- 22.2 Should a match not be commenced or be commenced but not completed at a place, date or time otherwise than as determined by Tennis Victoria, then the team in default (if any) shall be deemed to be defaulted unless otherwise determined by Tennis Victoria and points awarded (if any) for the match shall be determined by Tennis Victoria in its absolute discretion.
- 22.3 No alteration shall be made to the place, date or time of a match without the approval of Tennis Victoria or unless these By-laws allow for Team Captains to mutually agree to such a change.

23 MAKE OF AND NUMBER OF BALLS FOR USE IN EACH MATCH

- 23.1 The only tennis balls permitted for use are those nationally approved makes adopted by Tennis Victoria for use in Pennant. Tennis Victoria shall advise clubs prior to the commencement of each season of the make or makes adopted for that season.
- 23.2 Two new balls shall be supplied at the commencement of each rubber for home and away and all Finals matches unless agreed upon by both teams.
- 23.3 For home and away and finals matches, balls of the same make shall be supplied by the home team.
- 23.4 Any 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 the first, of a rubber provided that team or player supplies balls of the same make, model, quality and colour as previously used in the rubber.

24 NUMBER OF COURTS NECESSARY

- 24.1 Unless otherwise determined by Tennis Victoria, matches shall be played on club courts.
- 24.2 Two courts shall be made available for each home and away match and additional or substitute courts may be used for play if approved by Captains of both teams.
- 24.3 Each court for each rubber of each match shall be of identical type and surface unless mutually agreed by both Team Captains.

25 CONDITION OF COURTS AND CLUBS

- 25.1 Matches shall be played on surfaces and at places as determined by Tennis Victoria.
- 25.2 The type, quality and condition of courts used in Pennant and the condition of the clubhouse, dressing room and toilet facilities of each club shall be of a proper and suitable standard as determined from time to time by Tennis Victoria.

- 25.3 Each club shall use their best endeavours to ensure there is a working Match Clock at any site to be used by their teams as home courts. The Match clock shall be set to Australian Eastern Standard Time; except if a match should be scheduled during the Victorian Daylight Savings period the Match Clock shall be set to the Australian Eastern (Daylight Savings) Standard time. Tennis Victoria may penalise, in any way it deems appropriate, any club, team and/or player who intentionally alters the time on a Match Clock to detrimentally impact a timing requirement pursuant to these By-laws.
- 25.4 Each home team shall provide morning or afternoon tea at the completion of a match to the visiting team.

26 ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS FOR VICTORIAN PENNANT

- 26.1 To be eligible to play Victorian Pennant whether prior to or after its commencement in any season, a person must be a player as defined in By-law 2.15.
- 26.2 Any team that plays in a match with a person not being a player as defined in By-law 2.15 hereof shall be deemed defaulted and the club liable for a fine and the team not in default shall be awarded all rubbers, sets and games and points for the match, unless otherwise determined by Tennis Victoria.
- 26.3 To be eligible for Men's Masters 35+ Doubles Pennant a player must be male and at least 35 years old by the 31st of December in the year that the competition is played. All other Victorian Pennant Competitions are Open age groups.
- 26.4 A player may only play for one club in each separate Victorian Pennant Competition but may during the same season play for up to three different clubs in total, being one club in each different Victorian Pennant Competition.
- (a) The first club a player plays for in a particular Victorian Pennant Competition is the only club that player can play for in that competition.
- (b) Where a player has already played for one club in a particular Victorian Pennant Competition, any match he/she subsequently plays for another club in the same Victorian Pennant Competition shall be forfeited and all games, sets, rubbers and match points will be awarded to the opposing team(s) and the club may be fined.

Case example: *Player A may play for Club B in Pennant, Club C in Doubles Pennant and Club D in Masters 35+ Doubles Pennant. In this case Player A cannot be an Emergency for Club C in Pennant, but he can be an Emergency for Club B in Pennant for a different Grade to the team he is nominated to play in.*

Case example: *Player A cannot play for Club B and Club C in Pennant.*

Case example: *Player A can be part of nominated teams for Club B in Pennant, Club C in Doubles Pennant and then be an Emergency for Club D in Masters 35+ Doubles Pennant.*

27 ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS FOR ALL FINALS MATCHES

- 27.1 A player shall be eligible to play with a team in Finals matches only if that player has played, or in the case of an incomplete match or a match not commenced was nominated to play, at least four home and away matches for one club in a particular Victorian Pennant Competition in that

season, except for By-law 27.1 (d). This By-law shall also apply to Wildcard players (By-law 30) playing in Wildcard eligible teams.

- (a) If a player has played four or more matches for a club that has two teams in the same Grade, that player may only play Finals matches for the first team he/she plays a Finals match for. Once that team loses in the Finals series he/she may not play in the other team in the same Grade.
- (b) If a player has played four or more matches in two or more different Grades, once he/she plays a Finals match he/she may only play in Finals matches in subsequent Finals rounds where the team he/she is nominated to play for is the same team or a team in a higher Grade. Once a player has played a Finals match, he/she may not play in a lower Grade Finals match without the permission of Tennis Victoria.
- (c) In Pennant, where an Emergency (By-law 30) qualifies to play Finals by playing four or more home and away matches for a club, the Emergency must play in the correct singles order and may only be used to replace a player of equal or higher playing standard to them.
- (d) For Victorian Pennant Competition categories that have a 10 week season, a player shall be eligible to play with a team in Finals matches if that player has played, or in the case of an incomplete match or a match not commenced was nominated to play, at least three home and away matches for one club.

Case example: Player B plays 2 matches for his Pennant team in Grade 4 Section 2 and 2 matches for his club's Grade 3 Section 2 team. This player may play finals for either team (subject to the singles order of merit) as he has played 4 Pennant matches for his club. Once Player B plays for the Grade 3 team in Finals he is no longer eligible to play for the Grade 4 team.

Case example: Player A plays 4 matches for his Grade 2 Doubles Pennant team and 4 matches as an Emergency for his club's Grade 1 Doubles Pennant team. Player A may only play Finals for the Grade 1 Doubles Pennant team as he has played 4 or more matches for a higher Grade than Grade 2.

Case example: Player B plays 2 matches for Club A in Men's Pennant, 2 matches for Club C in Doubles Pennant and 1 match for Men's Masters 35+ Doubles Pennant for Club D. Player A may not play Finals for any of these teams unless approved by Tennis Victoria (By-law 27.4) as although he has played 5 home and away matches, they have been for different clubs and different competitions and he has not yet played 4 matches for any one club or in any one Competition category to qualify for Finals.

Case example: Player A who is only registered to play for Club B has played 4 matches for Club B's Grade 3 Pennant Team and has played 2 matches for Club B's Grade 2 Doubles Pennant team. Although Player A has played 6 Victorian Pennant matches for Club B, Player A may only play Finals in the Grade 3 Pennant Team as it is the only competition he has played 4 matches in.

Case example: Player B has qualified to play as an Emergency for a Grade 2 section 1 team in Men's Pennant. Player B's playing standard is equal to the team's No.1 player, Player A. Player A and Player B cannot both play in the same Finals team, despite both having qualified to play, as this would strengthen the team and in the case of singles, 1 of them would be playing out of order at No.2.

- 27.2 Where a player retires during a rubber and a Substitute is used (see By-law 31) for his/her remaining rubber, then both players will be credited as having played a match for that team for purposes of eligibility for the Finals.
- 27.3 Where a player is defaulted from a rubber because of punctuality that player's nomination to play that match shall not be credited to his/her eligibility for Finals match unless he/she plays another rubber in that match (e.g. the second doubles match).
- 27.4 Notwithstanding the provisions of By-law 27.1 hereof, a player may be deemed by Tennis Victoria to be eligible to play in any team in finals matches where exceptional circumstances are established to the satisfaction of Tennis Victoria. At that time, if the approval is for a player to be an additional team member of a Pennant team then Tennis Victoria shall also assign a singles order of merit for that player in accordance with By-law 6.8.

28 PLAYERS COMPETING IN DIFFERENT GRADES

- 28.1 A player shall not play in any team of a lower grade than the team in which that player was originally entered during any one season in Pennant, Doubles Pennant or Men's Masters 35+ Doubles Pennant without the approval of Tennis Victoria being first obtained.
- 28.2 A player is permitted to play in any team of a higher grade than the team in which that player was originally entered during any one season in Pennant, Doubles Pennant or Men's Masters 35+ Doubles Pennant provided that if that player plays at least four matches in a particular higher grade, that player shall thereafter in that season only be eligible to play in that higher grade or in any team of a higher grade without the approval of Tennis Victoria being first obtained.

Case example: Player A plays Doubles Pennant in Grade 3. Player fills in and plays as an Emergency for 2 matches in Grade 2 and 3 matches in Grade 1. Player A may still play in his Grade 3 team as although he has played 5 matches in higher Grades they have not been 4 matches in the one higher Grade. If Player A played a 4th match in Grade 1, he would only be able to play in Grade 1 thereafter.

29 PLAYERS CHANGING TEAMS IN A GRADE

- 29.1 Where a club has two or more teams in the same Grade, a player shall not play as a formal nominated team member in any team other than the team in which that player was originally entered during any one season in Pennant, Doubles Pennant or Men's Masters 35+ Doubles Pennant without the approval of Tennis Victoria being first obtained. Any breach of this will result in loss of match win points and rubbers of that player.
- 29.2 A player may play in two teams in the same Grade for the same club where he/she does so as an Emergency in one or both of the teams. Once that player has played four times for either team, they are no longer eligible to play for another team in the same grade.

30 EMERGENCY PLAYERS

- 30.1 A player may play as an emergency in a team provided that player is a registered member of that club as per By-law 2.15 (a) and (c). There are two categories of emergencies:
- (a) Emergency. This category of emergency applies to all Victorian Pennant teams and is referred to in these By-laws as "Emergency".

- (b) Wildcard. This category of Emergency applies only to and may only be used by teams in the highest Grade in each Victorian Pennant Competition and is referred to in these By-laws as "Wildcard". Teams in this category are referred to in these By-laws as "Wildcard eligible teams".

30.2 A player may play an unlimited number of matches as an Emergency or as a Wildcard in a team in any one season, except as in 29.2. When a player plays as an Emergency or a Wildcard in a team it shall be recorded on the score sheet in each match as follows:

- (a) For an Emergency as "E".
- (b) For a Wildcard as "W".

It is the team's responsibility to record these details on the score sheet.

30.3 Restrictions regarding the use of Emergencies apply as follows:

- (a) Players who are Emergencies should be of no more than equivalent standard of the Grade being played and in the case of singles no more than the playing standard of the player being replaced.
 - (i) Emergencies shall play in a team in order of merit for singles rubbers and should not strengthen the team.
 - (ii) In doubles, Emergencies must not strengthen the team so that the team thereby becomes too strong for the Grade being played, despite there being no order of merit in doubles.
 - (iii) In singles and doubles, an Emergency should not give an unreasonable advantage or disadvantage to his or her team or to another team in that Section/Grade.
- (b) A Player who plays four or more matches as an Emergency for a Grade shall not be permitted to play in a lower Grade team (as an Emergency or a team member) thereafter.
- (c) An Emergency shall not be considered a team member of any team he/she plays for as an Emergency unless he or she is approved as an additional team member by Tennis Victoria pursuant to By-law 6.7. In the case of Pennant, this means that in singles, he or she can only replace a team member of an equal or higher playing standard to them.
- (d) An Emergency may play in a team even where a Wildcard is also used in the same team. More than one Emergency may be used by a team in the same match.

Case example: In a Women's Pennant match, Player E, an Emergency, is the same playing standard as the team's No.2 player. Player E can only play for the team if either the No.1 or No.2 players do not play, otherwise she will strengthen the team and 1 player (the No.1 or No.2 player) will be playing out of singles order of merit at No.3.

Case example: In a Pennant Finals match, Player E has a playing standard equal to the team's No.1 player and has qualified to play as an Emergency for the team. Player E is not nominated to play singles, but he is nominated to play doubles as the partner of Player A, the No.1 singles player. Player D, who is the team's No.4 singles player, is not nominated to play doubles but he is nominated to play singles. Although there is no order of merit in doubles, this is not permitted as

the overall standard of the team has been strengthened by the inclusion of Player E. Player E may play doubles instead of Player A.

30.4 The use and restrictions for using a Wildcard are as follows:

- (a) If a player with a playing standard of singles position one or two and who is considered a higher playing standard than a team's No.2 player is used as an emergency, he or she will be designated as a Wildcard and is permitted to play even if he/she strengthens the team.

Case example: *Generally speaking in all cases it is intended that a regular ITF Pro-circuit (or above) player or a recently retired professional player would be included in this category but these are not the only matters that will be considered. It is possible where a team has a strong No. 1 player that the Wildcard may be lower in standard to him or her but he/she may still be designated a Wildcard. In this case the Wildcard may play at No.2 in singles when the No.1 is also playing in the team.*

Case example: *In the case of Men's Masters 35+ Doubles Pennant and Doubles Pennant, the Wildcard player may include someone who is or was playing on the ITF Seniors Circuit.*

Case example: *In the case of Men's Masters 35+ Doubles Pennant and Doubles Pennant where there is no order of merit, the Wildcard player, not only might be a player who plays or played on any Professional Circuit, he or she may be a player who Tennis Victoria assesses to be of a sufficiently higher grade to the other players in the Number 1 Grade, that this warrants them being declared to be a Wildcard player.*

- (b) A team may only nominate one Wildcard to play in their team each match; including, where he/she is qualified to play, the Finals series (except where there is a substitution in a rescheduled match pursuant to By-law 17).
- (c) When nominated to play singles in Pennant, a Wildcard must play in the correct singles order, which includes playing at No.1 where he/she is a higher ranked player than the No.1 player. A Wildcard and a No.1 player may be nominated to play in the same match together. When nominated to play in doubles in any competition a Wildcard may play in either pairing.

Case example: *The following combinations are allowed:*

Position – Player		Position – Player		Position – Player	
1	Wildcard	1	Wildcard	1	No.1
2	No.1 <i>lower than 1)</i>	2	No.1	2	Wildcard (where WC is
3	No.2	3	Emergency (=4)	3	No.2
4	No.3	4	Emergency (=5)	4	No.4

Case example: *The following combinations are not allowed:*

Position – Player		Position – Player	
1	Wildcard	1	Wildcard
2	Wildcard	2	No.1
3	No.1	3	No.5

(d) A Wildcard may only play as a substitute in a team during the Finals series pursuant to By-law 17; however this is only permitted where:

- (i) any originally nominated Wildcard had not already played a rubber in the commenced Finals match, or
- (ii) the rescheduled Finals match had not commenced prior to it being abandoned.

A Wildcard may not play as a Substitute pursuant to By-law 31.

(e) Where a club has more than one team in Grade 1 Pennant, a Wildcard may play for both teams but not on the same weekend. In Finals he/she may only play for the first team he/she plays for in the Finals Series (By-law 27.1).

(f) A player will not be permitted to play as a Wildcard where:

- (i) A team fails to correctly nominate a player as a Wildcard in accordance with By-law 30.2. In this case the team will be regarded as being strengthened by that player.
- (ii) A player is not of the playing standard required to be classified as a Wildcard in their team. In this case if a team incorrectly nominates a player as a Wildcard and as a consequence team members play out of their singles playing order this is a breach of the singles order of merit and the team has gained an unfair advantage.
- (iii) Clubs may request Tennis Victoria to make a determination as to whether a player will be classified as a Wildcard, however they must do so prior to 5:00pm on the Wednesday preceding the match in which they intend to play the Wildcard.
- (iv) If a player's classification has not been determined by Tennis Victoria prior to the match, the team may choose to play that player at their own risk and any relevant penalty for a breach of this By-law shall apply in the event that the team's classification of the player subsequently proves to be incorrect if protested by another team.
- (v) Protests in relation to these provisions must be made in accordance with By-law 34.
- (v) Breaches of any of the provisions of By-law 30.4 will be penalised in accordance with the relevant provisions of By-law 19.

30.5 A player can play in two teams that are from the same club and same Victorian Pennant competition category on any one weekend, with one team being his/her nominated team, and the other being an Emergency in the same or higher grade only.

- (a) A player can only play twice in a round in the same competition only on a maximum of two separate occasions during a season, the season being the home and away and Finals series combined. In Finals, where a player has not played four home and away matches for the club, permission must first be sought from Tennis Victoria before the player can play. This By-law does not apply to any player playing for more than one team pursuant to By-law 26.4.

- (b) A player may only play for a second team from the same club on the same weekend in that round where that player is not registered to play and has played for another club in the relevant Victorian Pennant Competition of the second team.

30.6 Where a player plays in different Victorian Pennant competition categories for different clubs, that player can play for another team for one of these clubs on the same weekend if it is for a team of a higher Grade in the same competition category as the competition category that he/she is currently plays in for that club.

Case example: Player A plays Grade 5 Pennant for Club B and Grade 2 Doubles Pennant for Club C. Club C asks Player A to play Grade 4 Pennant for them on the same weekend that he also plays Doubles Pennant for them. Player A may not do this as he already plays in this Pennant competition for Club B. This applies even if he or she does not play for Club B that weekend.

Case example: Player A plays Grade 4 Pennant, Grade 2 Doubles Pennant and Grade 1 Men's Master's 35+ Doubles Pennant, all for Club B. Club B wants Player A to play Grade 1 Doubles Pennant on a weekend he also plays Doubles Pennant for them. Player A may do this.

31 SUBSTITUTE PLAYERS AND RETIREMENTS

31.1 The meaning and use of a Substitute player is as follows:

- (a) A Substitute player may be either a team member who was not originally selected to play the affected match that week or an Emergency player (By-law 30) and must otherwise be eligible to play in accordance with By-laws 2.15, 26, 27, 28 and/or 29. A Wildcard player (By-law 30) may not be Substitute player, save for in the Finals series in a rescheduled match pursuant to By-law 17.
- (b) Where in any match a player is prevented through illness, accidental disablement or any other good and sufficient reason from commencing a rubber then after notifying the opposing team Captain or Referee (see By-law 31.2), a Substitute player may commence that rubber in the place of the player prevented from competing. A player may not replace another player in a subsequent rubber where that player was defaulted from their first rubber because of punctuality or other reasons.

31.2 The Substitute player must be ready to play within 30 minutes of all other players for the rubber being available to play and the team Captain then advising the referee and/or opposing team Captain that the substitution will be made.

31.3 Where a player retires from a rubber as outlined in By-law 31.1, the player who retires shall forfeit all remaining games in that rubber.

Case example: Where a player retires when leading 5/1 first set, the score line for that rubber shall be 7/5, 6/0 to the other player.

31.4 Where in any match a player is prevented through injury or illness from completing a rubber, that player may not take further part in subsequent rubbers on that day; as per Tennis Australia's Tournament Rules.

31.5 A player may have a maximum 10 minutes injury time period until a player forfeits that rubber.

32 PLAYER TRANSFERS



32.1 For the purposes of Victorian Pennant, any player may transfer to another club with no requirement of lodging this through Tennis Victoria directly.

(a) If the transferor club wishes to protest a player transferring to another club, this must be submitted in writing to Tennis Victoria. This shall be considered and determined as soon as practicable by Tennis Victoria which shall notify the player, the transferor club and the transferee club of its determination within seven days.

32.2 Notwithstanding the provisions of By-law 32.1 inclusive hereof, applications for transfer may not be approved if the player:

- (a) Is in breach or default of any of the By-laws or Conditions herein contained.
- (b) Is in breach or default of any By-laws, Conditions or Codes of Conduct of any tennis body or club affiliated with Tennis Victoria.

33 PLAYER'S TENNIS ATTIRE

33.1 Recognised tennis attire and footwear as per Tennis Australia's rules and regulations are expected for play in the Victorian Teams Competition.

33.2 Ripple sole footwear and footwear with heels are not permitted as per Tennis Australia rules and regulations.

33.3 Prominent images, advertising, lettering (greater than 3 square inches) or any offensive words or images (as determined by Tennis Victoria) are not permitted.

33.4 Track suits are permitted to be worn during a hit-up and during a match.

34 PROTESTS BY CLUBS

34.1 Any club shall have the right to make a protest as a result of any matter or thing arising before during or after a match whether that club is represented in that match or not. Where possible "Match played under protest" should be recorded on the score sheet when the score sheet is signed by both team Captains. This procedure shall not constitute a formal protest and protest must comply with the following provisions of By-law 34.2 to be eligible to be considered by the Competitions Committee.

34.2 A match protest may initially be registered with Tennis Victoria by registering a protest (with details) when completing or confirming a score in the Competition Software system (see By-law 21), or if this option is not used then by a fax or an email to Tennis Victoria with associated reasons accompanied by the prescribed fee by Tuesday 5.00pm after the match to which the protest relates.

- (a) Any protest in relation to whether a team has been strengthened or received an unfair advantage by the inclusion of a particular player(s) and/or a singles order of merit breach must be made by the opposing team (or other team who feels affected) ("The Protesting team") in writing to Tennis Victoria on or before 5:00pm on the Tuesday immediately following the match being played otherwise the result from the match shall stand as played. This requirement is the sole responsibility of the Protesting team and neither Tennis Victoria and/or a Referee assigned to the match will undertake any separate scrutiny of this consideration.

- (b) Tennis Victoria may subsequently contact teams regarding breaches that were not the subject of a protest and request the team to remedy the breach in the future. These breaches may still be fined even if they were not the subject of a protest.
- 34.3 After considering the details provided in the Competition Software system and/or the fax/email sent to Tennis Victoria, Tennis Victoria will:
- (a) Provide to the team the content / subject of the protest ("Defending team") and request them to reply in writing or email to the protest within 24 hours. The matter may proceed without their defence if it is not received within this timeframe. A copy of the reply shall be given by Tennis Victoria to the Protesting team.
 - (b) If the Defending team raises new protest issues in their reply, a copy of these new issues will also be given to the Protesting team and they will be invited to reply to only those new issues in writing or email within 24 hours. The Defending team shall pay the prescribed Protest fee in the event that they raise new issues to be considered. The Protesting team will not be given an opportunity to respond to the reply unless requested by Tennis Victoria.
 - (c) Call for further details from one or both teams as it deems necessary (including obtaining witness statements) prior to giving the Protest details to the Competitions Committee for consideration.
 - (d) Copies of all evidence obtained by Tennis Victoria, including witness statements, will be made available to the both parties.
 - (e) When determining the Protest, if the Competitions Committee calls for oral evidence to be given, both parties to the protest shall be given the opportunity to hear and answer the evidence. This may be done by a team representative personally attending the hearing or by conference call.
 - (f) Any timeframe within this By-law may be extended at the sole and absolute discretion of Tennis Victoria.
- 34.4 The Competitions Committee shall consider and determine each protest and Tennis Victoria will then notify the clubs having an interest in such protest of its determination.
- 34.5 If the protest is upheld, the Protesting team (or Defending team where applicable) will receive a refund of the protest fee paid.

35 PAYMENT OF FEES AND FINES

- 35.1 Any fee or fine imposed pursuant to these By-laws and Conditions shall be paid within thirty days of the date of imposition of such fee or fine unless otherwise determined by Tennis Victoria.
- 35.2 Any club failing to pay a fee or fine by the prescribed time shall be liable to a further fine or suspension or disqualification from Pennant, Doubles Pennant or Men's Masters 35+ Doubles Pennant as determined by Tennis Victoria.

36 POWERS OF THE COMPETITIONS COMMITTEE

- 36.1 The Competitions Committee and Tennis Victoria shall have the widest and most absolute power and discretion relating to the Victorian Pennant competitions or any matter or thing arising from or in connection with Victorian Pennant and without limiting the foregoing shall have the power and discretion at any time without giving or assigning any reasons therefore to:
- 36.2 Demand from any club any information of any nature relating to any matter or thing arising from any match, and in the event of any club refusing or neglecting to supply such information to Tennis Victoria within the time as prescribed by Tennis Victoria and the Competitions Committee to suspend or disqualify such club from Pennant, Doubles Pennant or Men's Masters 35+ Doubles Pennant for such time as Tennis Victoria and the Competitions Committee determines and to cancel points previously awarded to such club and award such points to opposing teams as it deems appropriate.
- 36.3 Demand the replay of any match wholly or in part, and to alter or extend the place, day or time for the playing of any match.
- 36.4 Suspend or disqualify a player from Pennant, Doubles Pennant or Men's Masters 35+ Pennant as a result of a player's conduct or behaviour arising from or in connection with a match or in relation to a suspension imposed by Tennis Victoria or Tennis Australia pursuant to the Tennis Australia Code of Behaviour, Tennis Australia Anti-Doping Policy, Tennis Anti-Corruption program or Tennis Australia Disciplinary Policy.
- 36.5 Impose penalties whether by fine, suspension or disqualification or by forfeiture of points for any non-compliance or breach of any of these Rules and Conditions of play.

37 INTERPRETATION OF BY-LAWS AND CONDITIONS OF PLAY

Any question arising from or in connection with Victorian Pennant or as to the interpretation or construction of these Rules and Conditions of Play shall be determined by Tennis Victoria in its absolute discretion.

38 APPEALS

- 38.1 A club or player ("The Appellant") shall have the right to appeal from any determination of the Competitions Committee except from Tennis Victoria determinations made relating to Grading, assigned singles order of merit or eligibility for finals matches.
- 38.2 Notice and grounds of appeal shall be lodged with Tennis Victoria accompanied by the prescribed fee by 5:00pm three days from the day the notification of a determination being given to the club or player or where the Appeal relates to a Finals match, by 5:00pm two days following notification of the determination.
- (a) Where the Appeal is based on the determination of a protest made pursuant to By-law 34 a copy of the Appeal shall be given by Tennis Victoria to the other party to the protest ("The Defending Appellant team") and they shall be invited to reply within 24 hours.
- (b) If the Defending Appellant team raises new Grounds of Appeal in their reply, a copy of these new grounds will be given to the Appellant and they will be invited to reply to only those new grounds in writing or email within 24 hours. The Defending Appellant team shall pay the prescribed Appeal fee in the event that they raise new Grounds of

Appeal to be considered. The Appellant team will not be given an opportunity to respond to the reply unless requested by the Appeals Tribunal.

- (c) Tennis Victoria may call for further details from one or both teams as it deems necessary (including obtaining witness statements) prior to giving the Appeal details to the Appeals Tribunal for consideration.
 - (d) Copies of all evidence obtained by Tennis Victoria, including witness statements, will be made available to both parties.
 - (e) When determining the Appeal, if the Appeal Tribunal calls for oral evidence to be given, both parties to the Appeal shall be given the opportunity to hear and answer the evidence. This may be done by a team representative personally attending the hearing or by conference call.
 - (f) Any timeframe within this By-law may be extended at the sole and absolute discretion of Tennis Victoria.
- 38.3 Appeals shall be heard as soon as practicable by an Appeals Tribunal consisting of three members, not being members of the Competitions Committee, who shall consider the Appeal and notify the clubs and players of its determination as soon as practicable.
- 38.4 The Appeal hearing shall only relate to errors in law, save for where the Appeals Tribunal determines that an error made by Tennis Victoria or the Competitions Committee was sufficient to warrant a full rehearing of the original matter.
- 38.5 The Appeals Tribunal shall have the same power as the Competitions Committee in accordance with By-law 36 hereof including the power to require the attendance of any person or player likely to assist the Appeals Tribunal at a hearing.
- 38.6 The lodging of a Notice and Grounds of Appeal shall act as a stay of the determination of Tennis Victoria or the Competitions Committee until the determination of the Appeals Tribunal.
- 38.7 If the Appeal is upheld by the Appeals Tribunal the Appeal fee will be fully refunded to the Appellant (or Defending Appellant team where applicable).

39 CONDITIONS OF PLAY FOR PLAYERS – TA & MA EVENTS DISCIPLINARY POLICY

All matches shall be played under the ITF Rules of Tennis as adopted by Tennis Victoria and Tennis Australia, Tennis Australia's Procedures For Matches Without Chair Umpires where no chair umpires are used for a match. The Tennis Australia Code of Behaviour (as applicable to Member Association weekly competitions), the Tennis Australia Disciplinary Policy and the Tennis Australia National Extreme Weather Policy shall also apply to all Victorian Pennant Competitions.

SCHEDULE OF COMMON FEES AND FINES (all figures are inclusive of GST)

Team entry fee	\$125.00
Protest fee (Refundable if upheld)	\$55.00



Appeal fee (Refundable if upheld)	\$200.00
Unregistered Player	\$55.00
Change in Singles Order of Merit	\$55.00 (plus TBD)
Late home team results entry / away team confirmation (including finals)	\$55.00
Team and player Defaults / Walkover	\$55.00 (plus TBD)
Condition of Courts and Clubs	TBD
Eligibility of Players	\$55.00 (plus loss of match)
Eligibility of Players for Finals	\$55.00 (plus loss of match)
Players competing in Different Grades (except under By-law 6.22.5)	\$55.00 (plus loss of match)
Players changing teams in a grade match)	\$55.00 (plus loss of match)
Emergency Players	\$55.00
Substitute Players	\$55.00 (plus loss of match)
Breach of Code of Conduct	TBD
Withdrawal of Team (after schedule released)	\$200.00

TBD Denotes "To be Determined" by Tennis Victoria and the Competitions Committee where applicable

