



## 2025 Country Week FAQ's

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

You will need to check in at Swan Hill clubhouse tournament box for all matches.

### What time can I check in for my team's match?

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

- Check-in opens at 8:30am for 9:00am matches.
- Check-in opens at 11:45am for 12:15pm matches.
- Check-in opens at 3:00pm for 3:30pm matches.
- Please note semi-final matches check in time will be announced once teams in the finals have been finalised.

### Upon check-in, which team receives the balls and which team receives the scorecards?

The first team checking in will receive four match balls. The second team checking in will receive the scorecards.

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

Each match will use four (4) new tennis balls to complete their matches. Please note that everyone receives four match balls, with the share court to be communicated during the check-in process (if a share court is assigned to your section for that round).

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

First use of the extra court will be given to the first complete match (both the home and the away team) that has checked in at the tournament box.

Extra courts are to be shared with all teams within the section. The first complete checked in match starts with the extra court and then another match can utilise it. Please note that the extra court cannot be utilised by the same match, for two consecutive rubbers, unless unable to be used by others in the section.

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

### What is the scoring format?

All rubbers in all sections shall play an 8-game set, 7 all tie-break in the rounds, semi-finals, and finals. Long deuce.

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

The winner of each match shall be decided by the number of games won, and if equal on games, then by the number of sets won.

A point shall be awarded for each set won and two points awarded for winning the overall match. At least one set must be completed to award the overall win points.

### The match is over, who takes the scoreboard and balls back to the tournament box?

After both captains have completed the scorecard incl. adding the scores and signing the scorecard, the winning



team is to take the scoreboard and balls back to the tournament box. Scorecards should be returned immediately upon match completion so results can be entered online. Please return the scorecard and balls to the tournament box which is assigned to your allocated courts.

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

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

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

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

Yes, the players of the teams shall be nominated prior to the commencement of each match by recording their full names on the official score sheet provided, and no alteration to the players of the team shall be allowed during the progress of a match except for illness, injury, or other sufficient reason, and then only with the permission of the Tournament Director.

### **5th player rule.**

Both Team captains must ensure all players in the teams are aware of the players being substituted in and out of the team prior to the matches commencing. Players can be substituted in any / all rounds and the one doubles match will be included in your eligibility for finals.

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

Should the Tournament Director approve the substitution of another player, the team is to forfeit the uncompleted set (games played will stand) and the substitute can take such player's place in the remaining un-played set only. If a player completes a set, then they cannot be substituted by another player for the next set unless they have been named prior to commencement of the round/match.

### **What do I do if I require medical attention?**

Please advise a Tennis Victoria Staff member and they will assist you based on your medical needs. Primary health care advisors will be on call at all venues.

### **What happens if we are still playing when time runs out?**

If your team is still playing when time is called on the round, you will finish the game or tiebreaker you are on. If your set is unfinished the game/s played will count towards the final score but the point for the set/s will not be awarded to either team.

### **How are the ladder standings calculated?**

Ladders are calculated first by points, if equal, game percentage (Games For / Games Againstx100)

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



To be eligible to participate in semi-finals or final, a player must have played in a minimum of three matches with that team.

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

Yes, they will be. Please find below information on how to find them.

1. Match Centre - [matchcentre.tennis.com.au](http://matchcentre.tennis.com.au)

a. You will need to be logged into your Tennis account to view the fixtures, results, and ladders on Match Centre. If you don't have one, you can create one. Please contact [countryweek@tennis.com.au](mailto:countryweek@tennis.com.au) if you would like more information on how to create a Tennis account.

b. Your fixtures and ladders will be on your player dashboard when you log in

c. To view other sections please search Country Week and then select men's or women's then the respective grade.

### **Is there a Country Week Facebook Page?**

There is a Tennis Victoria Country Week Facebook Group. On Facebook, search "Tennis Victoria Country Week" and request to join. Once you have requested to join you will have to wait for Tennis Victoria to approve your request.

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

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

The Semi Finals are played on Thursday from 3:30pm.

1st Ladder v 4th Ladder

2nd Ladder v 3rd Ladder

The winner of each above match play in the Grand Final on Friday at 9am. The highest placed team will be home for both Semi Finals and Final.

Finals will be played on one court until a result has been reached.

### **When are finals presentations held?**

A final presentation will be made with all competing teams prior to the Grand Finals commencing on Friday morning at 8.45am. At the completion of each section final, both teams are to return to the main tournament box where trophy presentations and team photos will take place.

### **How do I find out what the social events are?**

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

### **Gilchrist Pearce Award**

The Gilchrist Pearce Award will be awarded to the team that displays the 'SPIRIT' of Country Week as nominated by players and teams across the week. The winner will be announced on Friday before the commencement of Finals.