

# TENNIS WEST LEAGUE – RULES & REGULATIONS OF COMPETITION

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## 1. Objectives

- 1.1 The objective of Tennis West League is to provide team inter-club competitions for members of affiliated tennis clubs/associations, to enable players who have reached the standard of the various divisions an equal opportunity to play against players of similar ability, over a given period of time. Tennis League competitions aim to enhance tennis and foster friendly rivalry, as a means of promoting tennis participation and improving tennis standards. The Men's and Women's State League is conducted to provide a higher standard Tennis League competition for elite players.
- 1.2 Players, teams, coaches, officials and managers (**Participants**), must at all times act in the best interests of the Tennis West League and Tennis West and not at any time engage in conduct which brings or has the potential to bring a participant, the League, Tennis West or the sport of tennis into disrepute, or which is or would have the tendency to be contrary to or prejudicial to the best interest, image or values of the League or Tennis West, or not in the "Spirit of Tennis".

## 2. General

- 2.1 The Tennis West League is centrally governed, managed and administered by Tennis West
- 2.2 All participants in the **Tennis West League**, including players, coaches and officials (**Participants**) are bound by these rules and regulations, ITF Rules of Play and Tennis Australia's national policies including, without limitation, the Uniform Tennis Anti-Corruption Program, the Extreme Weather Policy, the Tennis Australia Code of Behaviour (including its reference to spectator behaviour and interference), the Tennis Australia Member Protection Policy, Tennis Australia Social Media Policy and Anti-Doping Policy (each a **Policy**).
- 2.3 Matches, unless otherwise approved and advised by Tennis West League Operations, shall be played on such dates and on such courts as displayed on TA's current online system used for competitions from time to time.

## 3. Entry into Tennis West League

- 3.1 Clubs must nominate teams online before the closing date, and must select the players, including their names and identifying details, and specify the team captain and base players.
- 3.2 Tennis West League Operations designates the minimum number of players that must be included in a team for each Competition. A player may not be listed in more than one team in the same competition but may play as a reserve for other teams in accordance with these Rules.
- 3.3 A team entry may not be accepted if the Club has outstanding fines or owes other monies to Tennis Australia or Tennis West. It is a condition of nomination that clubs provide match supervisors for all home junior fixtures and for home semi's and finals of adult fixtures.
- 3.4 Tennis West League Operations has the sole discretion in the final acceptance and selection of teams
- 3.5 Tennis West shall only accept entries from affiliated clubs or associations. Any player must be a registered member of the affiliated tennis club before they play.

## 4. Team Nominations

- 4.1 Each club entering a team(s) in Tennis West League competitions shall on or before a date fixed by, Tennis West League Operations submit online the details of the players to represent the club.
- 4.2 All team(s) nominated in Tennis West League competitions, shall include all player details and required information as set out in the online nomination form. Tennis West League Operations may refuse to accept any incomplete team nomination.
- 4.3 Nominations shall be submitted online via the current Tennis Australia online system.
- 4.4 Teams participating in a division of a competition are limited to one from each club unless Tennis West League Operations approves otherwise, subject to rule 6.1 below

## 5. Team Fee

- 5.1 A team nomination fee will be payable to Tennis West for each team. Tennis West shall send a GST invoice to clubs for all their nominated teams. Clubs shall pay all team nomination fees prior to the first round of competition or within fourteen days of receipt whichever is sooner.

## 6. Player Registration and Restrictions

- 6.1 A player shall be a base player of only one team in a competition. If a club has two teams in the same division of a competition, any reserve may play for either team, but for only one team in a round.
- 6.2 Players may play in more than one Tennis West League competition or division in the same season provided they meet any conditions as specified by Tennis West League Operations, including substitution and eligibility rules.
- 6.3 Players cannot play in two different teams within the same competition in the same round. (State League is part of Saturday Open competition)

### Playing Age Restrictions

- 6.4 The following age restrictions apply to players:
- a) Seniors Tennis League competitions (35+, 50+, 45+, 55+, 60+), players shall have reached the minimum age limit by 31 December in the year of the commencement of the competition in order to be nominated.
  - b) Junior competitions, players shall be the specified age or under on the day of commencement of the competition. (Junior State League is part of 16 Years & Under Competition)
  - c) Juniors playing in adult competitions, clubs may only nominate players who are 15 years of age on the day of commencement of the competition, unless permission has been granted by Tennis West League Operations to allow the inclusion of one 14 year old under prescribed conditions. A maximum of two 15 year olds are permitted to play in any one fixture. The minimum age restriction does not apply to teams in:
    - Saturday Men's State League
    - Saturday Women's State League
    - Saturday Men's Division 1
    - Saturday Women's Division 1
    - Saturday Men's Division 2 which have a Men's State League Team

- d) Week day Open players shall be 18 years or over on the day of commencement of the competition.

6.5 Once a player turns the minimum age during a season, they become eligible to play as a Reserve.

6.6 Successful dispute resulting in breach of Playing Age Restrictions above shall result in forfeit of all ladder points and games in that rubber and any other rubbers deemed out of order.

## 7. Team Grading and Changes

7.1 Tennis West League Operations is responsible for grading all competition divisions and determination of the number of teams in each division.

7.2 The players in each team must be nominated by the club in their order of playing strength, which is determined based on each player's National Player Rating. A player's National Player Rating is calculated by Tennis Australia under its National Player Rating System.

7.3 Tennis West League Operations reserves the right to accept or deny any team or team member nominated and/or allocate the team or team member to a higher or lower division.

7.4 During nomination, Clubs must include relevant information to assist with the Grading of teams.

7.5 Tennis West League Operations may at its discretion give permission for a player to use a temporary rating at any time prior to or during the season, based on a written application from the club's league coordinator.

7.6 In exceptional circumstances Tennis West League Operations may at its discretion alter the grading of any team after the season commences, and shall adjust Fixtures accordingly.

## 8. Rating Playing Order

### Singles (except for State League – see rule 8.6)

8.1 Players must play singles rubbers in singles Rating order. New players without a Rating must play in singles strength order for their first round matches, after which they receive a Provisional Singles Rating.

8.2 Failure to play in the approved Rating Playing Order will result in forfeiture of ladder points for that Rubber and any subsequent Rubbers which have been played out of order, at the discretion of League Operations. For example, If the fourth rated singles player played incorrectly at Number 2 –players playing in positions 2, 3 and 4 would forfeit ladder points for all sets and games in those rubbers.

### Doubles

8.3 Players with the highest doubles Rating must oppose each other in doubles rubbers. The player with the highest doubles Rating may play doubles with any other player in the team. New players without a Rating must play in doubles strength order for their first round matches, after which they receive a Provisional Doubles Rating.

8.4 Notwithstanding rule 8.3, in competitions with more than one doubles round, players may not play with the same doubles partner more than once.

## Singles and Doubles

8.5 If a player sits out in singles or doubles, the next rated player moves up or down so the Rating order is maintained.

## 8.6 **State League Playing Order**

### 8.7 **Singles**

Until mid-season, teams shall use Ratings for Playing Order (RPO). Thereafter, State League Clubs shall submit to Tennis League Operations their State League Team Playing Order (TPO) as determined by the three members of the Club's Selection Panel. This will apply for singles and doubles unless a different Team Playing Order is submitted for doubles. Submitting a separate Doubles Team Playing Order list is at the discretion of the clubs.

The lists are subject to approval by Tennis West and, when confirmed, will become the approved Team Playing Order (TPO).

Both the team member's names and the panel member's names shall be listed when nominating the team.

The team list(s) shall contain at least 6 players.

The team playing order (TPO) nominated shall be based on current playing strength order as determined by the Club's Selection Panel.

The TPO shall be submitted to Tennis League Operations by 2.00pm (AWST) 2 days prior to the fixture which commences the second half of the season. The nominated TPO's will be distributed to all teams for comment, prior to approval.

Any changes of more than one position from the Rating Playing Order shall require justification and evidence for consideration by Tennis League Operations and the National Academy Coaches.

Teams will be required to play in the order as per the prevailing approved team playing order (TPO) list for the remaining rounds and finals series, subject to the following:

Where one player is unavailable the next player listed below moves up into that position.

Where a club fails to submit a team listing by the scheduled cut off time prior to mid-season then the last Rating Playing Order (RPO) will be deemed as submitted.

The mid-season TPO will apply to the semi-finals and finals, **with only qualified players eligible to play.**

Clubs may apply to Tennis League Operations to add players (Reserves) to their team order playing list. Justification and evidence must be provided and the application must be submitted by 2.00 pm 2 days prior to the fixture date except where the following is relevant:

Where 2 days prior notice is not possible an Emergency Reserve/s must be of lower playing strength than all the previously listed players playing in that match.

The playing order of ATP/WTA/ITF ranked players shall be determined by Tennis League Operations in consultation with the National Academy Coaches.

Tennis League Operations shall notify all State League Teams of any changes to TPO, and any approved reserves.

8.8 *Failure to play in the submitted Playing Order will result in the forfeiture of ladder points for that Rubber and any subsequent Rubbers which have been played out of order, at the discretion of League Operations. A club fine will also apply. For example, if the fourth listed singles player played incorrectly at Number 2 then the players playing in positions 2, 3 and 4 would forfeit ladder points for all sets and games in those rubbers.*

## **8.9 Doubles**

8.10 The highest listed players in the doubles RPO or TPO, whichever is applicable, shall oppose each other in each rubber.

8.11 Pairs are to be listed separately by the Captains and names added to the match scorecard immediately prior to commencement of the last singles match (this is to allow at least one doubles match to commence immediately after the rest time between Singles and Doubles).

## **9. Reserves**

9.1 A Reserve is a player registered for Tennis West League matches not listed as a base player on the team nomination at the time of grading.

9.2 Any team may include a Reserve with a Rating equivalent to or weaker than the base player they are replacing. This applies to singles and/or doubles Ratings in Singles/Doubles competitions and Doubles Rating in Doubles Only competitions. Any breach of this rule will result in forfeit of ladder points. Division One in any competition is exempt from this Rule. During qualifying rounds only, State League is considered its own competition for all intents and purposes for this rule ONLY.

9.3 Use of the reserve is optional. There is no obligation on the team to play the player listed as a reserve.

9.4 A Reserve must play in at least one rubber for it to count as one of their qualifying matches for finals eligibility. Refer Rule 23.

## **10. Match Format**

10.1 Match formats are set out in Appendix A.

10.2 All teams must comply with the match formats set out in Appendix A

## **11. Match Schedule**

11.1 Matches must be played in accordance with the scheduled times set out in Appendix A, and in accordance with the start and finish times set out in Appendix A.

11.2 A match shall not be played on a date other than the fixture date without the prior consent of Tennis West League Operations. Only 1 double header weekend (Friday to Sunday) is permitted per team.

11.3 Matches may be re-arranged to commence earlier or later on the fixture date, when mutually agreed between the opposing team captains. Tennis West League Operations must be notified.

- 11.4 The designated time for completion of play shall be strictly observed, except for finals.
- 11.5 All games or tie-break games or tie-breaks to determine a set, that have commenced shall be completed before ceasing play.
- 11.6 Where an official Referee is appointed for a match, the Referee shall have the discretion to continue play after advertised Sunset time if, in their opinion, a result is possible.
- 11.7 Play is to be continuous. A maximum of fifteen minutes rest between rubbers may be taken.

## **12. Match scoring**

- 12.1 All rubbers within each match are scored in accordance with the ITF Rules.
- 12.2 The scoring format for each Competition are set in Appendix A

## **13. Player injury**

- 13.1 If a player is injured/ill and forced to retire from a Rubber, the retiring player may not return to participate in any other Rubber (including doubles) in that Match.
- 13.2 If a team is unable to field a doubles pair due to a player retiring, this Rubber will be forfeited and all ladder points associated with winning a Rubber will be awarded to the non-retiring pair.

## **14. Extreme Weather and Cancellations**

- 14.1 The [Tennis Australia Extreme Weather Policy](#) applies to all matches.
- 14.2 The 'Thermal Comfort Level', where applicable, must be taken from the Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) website.
- 14.3 The reading shall come from the Weather station closest to the location of the match (measured using the shortest path between the two points) and always taken from the WBGT Shade column, where applicable.
- 14.4 If a fixture is cancelled due to weather conditions, the result will be deemed a draw. Otherwise, incomplete games and sets will be recorded, ladder points for completed rubbers will be allocated and the "win points" shared. No match can commence later than 90 minutes after the scheduled start time, and in such circumstances, the match will be deemed cancelled.

## **15. Default**

- 15.1 Unless otherwise agreed between the team captains, where a team fails to appear for a Match within 60 minutes of the scheduled commencement time of the Match, the Match shall be deemed defaulted and the team not in default shall be awarded all Rubbers, sets and games and all the points for the Match.
- 15.2 Any player not in attendance at the scheduled commencement time of either their singles or doubles Rubber shall have his/her first set defaulted unless otherwise determined by the Match referee at his or her absolute discretion or, in the absence of a referee, agreed by the team captains. If after 20 minutes of the scheduled commencing time or when a court becomes available for the match, if later, the player is still not in attendance the remaining sets of that rubber will be defaulted. The remaining Rubbers of the Match must be played and shall be commenced as soon as practicable.

- 15.3 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.
- 15.4 Teams must assume the maximum number of courts will be provided for each match. Accordingly the teams must have the number of players ready to commence at the start of the match as though all courts will be available unless otherwise notified and agreed by the team captains.
- 15.5 Should a team indicate that a player will be playing in later rubbers, but that player fails to present on site and play, that player will be deemed a NO SHOW. Any breach will result in forfeit of the ladder points for the sets or rubbers where players have subsequently played out of order.

## 16. **Team forfeits**

- 16.1 Any team forfeiting a match shall where possible contact the opposing team captain before the scheduled day of play (written notice recommended). Written acknowledgment of this notification should be obtained.
- 16.2 The team receiving the Forfeit shall be awarded the Win Points and all of the Bonus Points, and all rubbers, sets and games. The forfeited team shall receive zero points and penalised at the discretion of Tennis West League Operations.
- 16.3 A Scorecard shall be completed online and the reason for the forfeit noted by the team captain.

## 17. **Withdrawal**

- 17.1 A club withdrawing a team from a Tennis West League competition after grading into divisions has been completed, shall forfeit any fees paid and may be penalised in accordance with rule 27.
- 17.2 In circumstances where a team withdraws from a competition once a season has commenced, Tennis West League Operations will have the widest and absolute discretion to determine whether to adjust ladder points, ladder positions and fixtures as it considers appropriate to accommodate the team withdrawal.

## 18. **Courts**

- 18.1 Each team must register with Tennis West League Operations: (i) a venue and (ii) the court surface at the venue for its home matches (**Home Venue**).
- 18.2 All matches shall be played on court surfaces approved by Tennis West League Operations.
- 18.3 Clubs may seek permission from League Operations to play on courts at alternative venues away from the Home Venue (**Off Site Venue**).
- 18.4 A team's nominated court surface and venue should remain the same for the entire season, including Finals. The surface nominated for a team at the commencement of the season shall be used for each home fixture, unless one of the following exceptions apply:
- a) A permanent change to another venue and/or surface, notified to (5 days in advance) and approved by Tennis West League Operations, who shall give two days' written notice to all other teams in that division.
  - b) A temporary change to playing surface does not require the playing surface to be the same as the originally nominated playing surface. The Home Team must notify the Away Team

(written notice required) no later than two days prior to scheduled match. Any breach shall result in a penalty in accordance with rule 27. Tennis West League Operations shall be notified.

- c) Courts unavailable. Should rain, bad light or other event make allocated court surface unavailable, teams by mutual consent may agree to complete rubbers on alternate courts of any surface. However, if mutual consent cannot be agreed the unfinished rubbers shall be abandoned. Where an official Referee is appointed for the match, the Referee will adjudicate.

## 19. Court standards

- 19.1 Clubs shall be responsible for providing courts and facilities that are suitable for Tennis West League play.
- 19.2 Tennis West Referee is the overarching onsite authority for any competition to which the Referee is appointed.
- 19.3 The club's appointed Grounds Official or Match Supervisor shall adjudicate on the fitness of courts for play, except where there is an appointed official referee, who shall adjudicate.
- 19.4 If, in the absence of a Match Supervisor or referee, the opposing captains cannot agree on fitness of courts for play, the captain of the Home Team, in conjunction with a club official, if available, shall adjudicate. At a neutral club, an official from the venue/club shall solely adjudicate. If no club official is available the captain of the designated Home Team shall adjudicate. Any such decision is final and not open to dispute by the Away Team.

## 20. Lighting

- 20.1 All clubs that are subject to local Council light restrictions or curfews, must advise Tennis West League Operations when nominating teams for night competition. With prior approval from Tennis West League Operations and in mutual agreement with Away Team, such fixtures may commence earlier than advertised start time. Any unfinished rubbers shall be recorded as Incomplete. Clubs should make every effort to ensure that sufficient court time is available to complete a fixture. Tennis West League Operations may require a club to find an alternative venue, if this is not possible.

## 21. Match balls and branding

- 21.1 Tennis Australia approved tennis balls must be used for all Tennis West League Matches.
- 21.2 Clubs must provide the minimum number of tennis balls for each match as set out in the Appendix A.
- 21.3 Tennis West League teams may have marketable team names, and player names may be printed on the back of team shirts. If there is a corporate sponsor for Tennis League, Tennis West may direct State League clubs to display that sponsor's logo on their team uniform.

## 22. Finals

- 22.1 If the competition involves a Final Four
  - a) Semi-Finals shall be played between the teams finishing 1 & 4 and 2 & 3. Home team is the higher ranking team.
  - b) The Final shall be played between the winning Semi-Finalists.

- 22.2 All final positions on the ladder shall be calculated by "Points Ratio", where the total number of points is divided by the number of matches played.
- 22.3 In the event of a tie on the ladder, final positions shall be determined by:
- a) On the number of match wins. If these are equal, then;
  - b) On the number of rubbers won. If these are equal, then;
  - c) On the number of sets won. If these are equal, then;
  - d) On the number of games won. If these are equal, then;
  - e) Total rubbers won, then total sets won, then total games won on head to head results over the qualifying rounds.
- 22.4 Semi-Finals and Finals Matches shall be played at the courts of the club finishing higher on the ladder, and they shall be the Home Team.
- 22.5 The club finishing highest shall provide courts of their nominated surface at the nominated venue or an alternative venue. If not, the match shall be played at the opposition club's courts, and they shall become the Home Team.
- 22.6 Tennis West League Operations must be advised of any changes at least two days prior to the match. In the absence of either of the above, and should a more suitable venue be mutually agreed upon between the opposing clubs, the highest finishing club on the ladder shall be the Home Team.

## 23. Finals eligibility

- 23.1 To be eligible to play in a Semi-Final, Final or Play-Off in the player's nominated division or any other division of that competition, a player must have played in the number of matches as specified below. -
- a) **6 week competition** At least two qualifying matches in their nominated division of that competition.
  - b) **8 week competition** At least three qualifying matches in their nominated division of that competition.
  - c) **10 week competition** At least four qualifying matches in their nominated division of that competition.
  - d) **14 week competition** At least five qualifying matches in their nominated division of that competition, except for players in senior State League teams, who will be required to complete 4 qualifying matches
  - e) **Divisions with Byes** Eligibility shall be one less qualifying match, other than State League, which has a minimum of 4 qualifying matches
- 23.2 For **incomplete or washed out matches** to be counted towards Finals eligibility, player's names must be registered on the score card.
- 23.3 For **forfeited fixtures**, to be counted towards finals eligibility, players' names for the team that received the forfeit only must be registered on the score card -

### Use of Reserves in a final

A Reserve, who satisfies finals eligibility criteria in one division, may play in a Semi-Final, Final or Play-Off in that division or any other division of that competition, provided that they satisfy the Rating reserve criteria, set out under rule 9.2.

### Use of Unqualified Players in a Final

- 23.4 Tennis West League Operations has the discretion to allow two unqualified players, to play in a final providing:
- a) The team has qualified five players. (Tuesday Mixed Night teams must have qualified two men and two women and Monday/Sunday Singles/Doubles must have qualified 4 players),
  - b) The Club provides a written statement, endorsed by the club President and League Co-ordinator, outlining reasons acceptable to League Operations why two qualified players are unable to play in the Finals.
- 23.5 A team may only apply to include a Reserve with a current Rating equivalent to or weaker than the player they are replacing.

## **24. Incomplete and tied finals matches**

- 24.1 The procedures for completing incomplete finals matches is set out in Appendix A.
- 24.2 In the event that scores are even at the conclusion of a final, the players in the match that caused the tie in rubbers, sets and games, shall return to the court to play a Match Tie-break, to determine the winner.

## **25. Ghosting**

- 25.1 Ghosting is the practice whereby clubs nominate players ("Ghosts") with or without the player's knowledge into a team in circumstances where the player does not play during the season (and thereby fail to meet minimum requirements to satisfy finals eligibility criteria), but the player was placed into the team to use the player's Rating to manipulate the appropriate division in which the team should be graded.
- 25.2 A team will have ghosted if any of the nominated team members used for grading purposes, has not participated in the minimum number of matches to satisfy finals eligibility criteria.

Should Tennis West League Operations deem a team in breach of "Ghosting", that team will be penalised in accordance with rule 27.

- 25.3 If cases of alleged ghosting, The President of a club may apply in writing to the Tennis West League Operations for a determination where extenuating circumstances prevent a player satisfying this criterion, within 5 days of receiving notification of the ghosting breach. Medical certificates or documented evidence must be Tennis West Tennis League Operations along with the lodged appeal.
- 25.4 Clubs may report to Tennis West League Operations cases of "Ghosting" by other Clubs. Tennis West League Operations shall monitor teams for breaches of the "Ghosting" rule, as required.

## 26. Match Supervision

Tennis Australia rules for Matches Played without a Chair Umpire shall apply to League matches. This may be found [here](#):

- 26.1 It is mandatory for the Home Club to provide a Match Supervisor for all Tennis League competition round fixtures.
- 26.2 It is mandatory for the Home Club to provide a Match Supervisor for all semi-final, finals and/or playoff fixtures of all competitions.
- 26.3 Where there is no match supervisor, a club committee member or representative has the responsibility for the venue and player and parent/spectator behaviour.
- 26.4 Match Supervisors shall have the overall responsibility for the application of the Tennis League rules, Rules of Tennis, and for the direction of players during each match. Reports regarding Player or Spectator Behaviour should be submitted to Tennis West League Operations via [waleagues@tennis.com.au](mailto:waleagues@tennis.com.au) for advice, sanction or penalty. The Tennis Australia Code of Behaviour shall apply, and may be found [here](#):
- 26.5 The appointed Match Supervisor shall make themselves known to all players and spectators at the venue, and additionally administer the provision of courts and facilities. They shall ensure that warm-up times are restricted, matches begin on time, and that points are played at a reasonable pace.
- 26.6 In extreme weather conditions, the Match Supervisor shall apply the Tennis Australia Extreme Weather Policy, found [here](#)
- 26.7 Locate your nearest BOM Area Observation Station, and make sure that you have access to the data every 30 mins [here](#) and [here](#). Please Note – Safety First. Any player suffering from heat illness should cease play
- 26.8 Players may stop play and call the Match Supervisor to court when they are unable to resolve a dispute, or when spectator interference takes place.
- 26.9 Match Supervisors shall not umpire any Tennis League match unless a replacement Match Supervisor is appointed Match Supervisors may, if necessary, appoint Umpires and/or Court adjudicators for the conduct of a match.
- 26.10 Court Adjudicators or Referees are permitted to reverse an incorrect line call. This reversal may be made by the official located within (whilst adjudicating) or outside the court enclosure. On the first occasion where this occurs the point will be replayed (regardless of whether it was a point winning shot or not) and for subsequent incorrect calls the player loses the point. If in the opinion of the Adjudicator or Referee, an incorrect line call is a deliberately blatant action, the offending player will automatically lose the point and may receive a code violation for Unsportsmanlike Conduct, following a report to Tennis League Operations.
- 26.11 Where there is no Match Supervisor appointed or club committee representative present, the two team captains shall jointly assume Match Supervisor duties. If they cannot agree, the Home Team Captain shall make any required ruling. Any unresolved issues shall be reported in writing to Tennis West League Operations.
- 26.12 Referees, Umpires and Linespersons (where possible), shall be provided by Tennis West for the State League Finals of the Men's, Women's and Junior State Leagues.

### 26.13 On-Court Advisors

- 26.14 One designated on-court advisor is permitted per court at State League Men's, Women's and Junior fixtures where a Referee or Match Supervisor is present and authorizes their attendance.

- a) On-court advisers can be team members/reserves/team managers or coach, in team uniform.
- b) On-court advisers may enter the court during a rubber either before commencement, or at change of ends, or the completion of a set. The advisor shall be provided with a chair on sidelines, adjacent to the players' chairs and provide support and mentoring to their own players during change of ends.

26.15 On-court advisers shall not:

- a) Speak to players when changing ends in a Tie-Break as this is not between games;
- b) Communicate with players during play, either verbally or by body language;
- c) Communicate while on court with opposition team players or opposition on-court adviser, either verbally or by body language;
- d) Breach Rules of Tennis League or Member Behaviour Code. Doing so will be subject to code violation to the player on court;

26.16 A Breach shall result in the Referee/Match Supervisor removing the on-court adviser from the court. A Code Violation shall be issued if appropriate, and a Code of Behaviour Report Form completed and forwarded to Tennis League Operations.

## 27. **Laws of the Game**

27.1 All matches shall be played under the Rules of Tennis.

## 28. **Powers of Tennis West League**

28.1 The Tennis West League Operations shall have the widest and most absolute power and discretion relating to the League or any matter arising from or in connection with the League, and without limiting the foregoing it shall have the power and discretion at any time to:

- a) Demand from any team any information of any nature relating to any matter arising from any match;
- b) 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;
- c) Suspend or disqualify a player or team (including their entourage and support team who attend their matches or attend a fixture in which they are participating (i.e. parent, family member, coach, trainer or friend) from the League as a result of a player's or team's conduct or behaviour arising from or in connection with a match; and
- d) Impose penalties whether by fine, suspension, disqualification or by forfeiture of points for any non-compliance or breach of any of the Rules and Regulations including any Policy, according to agreed guidelines. *Penalty Points for State League Code Violations/ Behaviour Codes issued - Player behaviour code violations attract team ladder penalty point/s.*

## **29. Tennis West League Most Valuable Player (M.V.P)**

- 29.1 Most Valuable Player Awards are determined by Tennis West League Operations in its absolute discretion.
- 29.2 Any decision made by Tennis West League Operations in relation to Most Valuable Player Awards is final and no correspondence will be entered into.

## **30. State League Nomination**

- 30.1 Any club may nominate a State League team addressing the criteria set by Tennis West League Operations by the notified closing date. Tennis West League Operations will select the successful teams and number thereof.
- 30.2 Successful clubs will be advised by Tennis West League Operations before other league nominations close, to assist in planning and submission of future team nominations.

## **31. Entering Results**

- 31.1 The Home Team shall be responsible for online lodgement of results in Tennis Australia's online competition system for all matches whether Won or Lost, Drawn, Abandoned (Incomplete), Match Postponed, Won or Lost on Forfeit.
- 31.2 Results must be entered on-line by the Home Team within 36 hours of the scheduled commencement time of the match. Failure by the Home Team to lodge results within the allocated time period will result in the team being penalised as per rule 27
- 31.3 The Away Team shall be responsible for the online confirmation of results.
- 31.4 The Away Team must confirm or Dispute results no later than 48 hours from the scheduled commencement time of the match. Failure to confirm the results within the allocated time period will result in the team being penalised as per rule 27
- 31.5 All results will be deemed official 72 hours after the scheduled commencement time of the match
- 31.6 Tennis West League Operations reserves the right to amend any scorecards/errors that impact the overall result of any fixture outside of these deadlines.

## **32. Dispute Resolution**

- 32.1 Subject to these rules any dispute between a team and/or participants must be referred for determination to the Tennis West League Operations either through Tennis Australia's online competition system or email, within 3 days of the date of the alleged incident/breach and the referral must contain a precise statement of the issue(s) in dispute, the relevant facts giving rise to the dispute, and be sent to the other party.
- 32.2 Tennis West League Operations must, within two days of the date of request for such adjudication by any party, request any response to the dispute from the other party.
- 32.3 Tennis West League Operations has the power to adjudicate any dispute referred to it for determination in any way in its absolute discretion but subject to the principles of natural justice, these rules and regulations and any Policy (if relevant).

### **33. Interpretation of these rules and regulations**

- 33.1 Any question arising from or in connection with the interpretation or construction of these rules and regulations shall be determined by the Tennis West Commission in its absolute discretion.
- 33.2 Tennis West League Operations may alter or amend these rules and regulations from time to time without prior notice

### **33.3 Appeals**

- 33.4 Appeals regarding the outcome of a dispute, may be submitted to Tennis West League Operations. If the ruling is appealable, Tennis West League Operations may decide to refer the matter to the Competitions Committee for advice. The Commission will have the final determination on any Appeal against a Tennis West League Operations ruling or selection.

### **34. Policies and Regulations**

- 34.1 All Leagues, competitions and matches must be conducted in accordance with, in their most current form, the following policies, procedures and regulations:
- 34.2 The Tennis Australia Code of Behaviour, which includes disciplinary action for inappropriate spectator behaviour;
- 34.3 The Tennis Australia Member Protection Policy;
- 34.4 The Tennis Australia Anti-Doping Policy;
- 34.5 The Tennis Australia Extreme Weather Policy;
- 34.6 The Tennis Australia Disciplinary Policy;
- 34.7 The Tennis Australia Anti-Corruption Program;
35. The Tennis Australia Social Media Policy; And any other policy, rule, procedure or regulation of which Tennis Australia may publish from time to time, [AR Tournaments Rules and Regulations](#), Publicity, Promotion and Use of Image, clauses 2.6, 2.7
- 35.1 In the event that these regulations do not cover a rule/procedure, Players, Referees and Match Supervisors should refer to the ITF Rules of Tennis (available via <http://www.itftennis.com/officiating/rulebooks/rules-of-tennis.aspx>)
- 35.2 The ITF Duties and Procedures via <https://www.itftennis.com/officiating/rulebooks/duties-procedures.aspx> - Tennis Australia Rules for non-umpired matches <https://www.tennis.com.au/tournaments/regulations>;
- 35.3 Tennis Australia Dress & Equipment Regulation

# Appendix A

COMPETITION	TIMES	PLAYING ORDER	TENNIS BALLS (NEW)	SCORING FORMAT	LADDER POINTS	INCOMPLETE FINALS	Minimum players in a match	Maximum players in a match
	<b>Start: Finish:</b>							
<b>Summer Only</b> <b>Saturday</b> <b>Mens &amp; Womens</b> <b>State League</b>	1.00pm - Sunset Semis/Finals: 12.30pm start	<b>Singles:</b> 2v2 4v4 1v1 3v3 <b>Doubles:</b> Highest rated doubles players are opposed	3 per singles	<b>Singles:</b> 2 x TB Sets & MTB Set if required  <b>Doubles:</b> 2 x TB Sets & MTB Set if required No Ad Scoring, Receiver's choice	8 win points, 2 bonus points for each rubber won	At discretion of Match Referee	3	6
<b>Summer and Winter</b> <b>Saturday</b> <b>Mens Open all divisions</b> <b>Womens Open all divisions</b>	1.00pm - Sunset Semis/Finals: 12.30pm start	<b>Singles:</b> 1v1 3v3 2v2 4v4 <b>Doubles:</b> Highest rated doubles players are opposed	2 per singles	<b>Singles:</b> 2 x TB Sets & MTB Set if required  <b>Doubles:</b> 2 x TB Sets & MTB Set if required No Ad scoring, Receiver's choice	8 win points, 2 bonus points for each rubber won	Next day (Sunday) at mutually agreed time	3	6
<b>Summer and Winter</b> <b>Saturday</b> <b>Mens &amp; Womens Open S/D</b> <b>3 PLAYER TEAM</b>	1.00pm - Sunset Semis/Finals: 12.30pm start	Round 1: Singles 1v1 Doubles 2&3 v 2&3 Round 2: Singles 2v2 Doubles 1&3 v 1&3 Round 3: Singles 3v3 Doubles 1&2 v 1&2	4 per fixture	<b>Singles:</b> 2 x TB Sets & MTB if required <b>Doubles:</b> 2 x TB Sets & MTB if required No Ad Scoring, Receiver's choice	8 win points, 2 bonus points for each rubber won	Next day (Sunday) at mutually agreed time	2	5
<b>Summer and Winter</b> <b>Sunday</b> <b>Mens &amp; Womens Open S/D</b> <b>3 PLAYER TEAM</b>	1.00pm - Sunset Semis/Finals: 12.30pm start	Round 1: Singles 1v1 Doubles 2&3 v 2&3 Round 2: Singles 2v2 Doubles 1&3 v 1&3 Round 3: Singles 3v3 Doubles 1&2 v 1&2	4 per fixture	<b>Singles:</b> 2 x TB Sets & MTB if required <b>Doubles:</b> 2 x TB Sets & MTB if required No Ad Scoring, Receiver's choice	8 win points, 2 bonus points for each rubber won	Following Sunday at the same time	2	5
<b>Summer Only</b> <b>Sunday</b> <b>Mens &amp; Womens 35+ Doubles</b> <b>Mens &amp; Womens 50+ Doubles</b> <b>Mens &amp; Womens 60+ Doubles</b>	1.00pm - Sunset Semis/Finals: 12.30pm start	<b>Doubles:</b> Highest rated doubles players are opposed All other combinations may only play together once	4 per fixture	3 x 2 TB sets	8 win points, 1 bonus point for each set won	Following Sunday at the same time	4	12

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<b>Summer Only</b> <b>Sunday</b> <b>Boys 18 &amp; Under</b> <b>State League</b>	8.30am - 12.30pm <i>4 courts recommended</i>	<b>Singles:</b> 1v1, 3v3, 2v2, 4v4 <b>Doubles:</b> Highest rated doubles players are opposed.	2 per singles	<b>Singles:</b> 2 x TB Sets & MTB if required <b>Doubles:</b> 2 x TB Sets & MTB if required No Ad Scoring, Receiver's choice	8 win points, 2 bonus points for each rubber won	Following Sunday at the same time	3	6
<b>Summer Only</b> <b>Sunday</b> <b>Girls 18 &amp; Under</b> <b>State League</b> <i>Casey Dellacqua Cup</i>	9.30am meet & greet 10.00am - 1.30pm <i>4 courts required</i>	<b>Singles:</b> 1v1, 3v3, 2v2, 4v4 <b>Doubles:</b> Highest rated doubles players are opposed.	2 per singles	<b>Singles:</b> 2 x TB Sets & MTB if required <b>Doubles:</b> 2 x TB Sets & MTB if required No Ad Scoring, Receiver's choice	8 win points, 2 bonus points for each rubber won	Following Sunday at the same time	3	6
<b>Summer and Winter</b> <b>Sunday</b> <b>Boys &amp; Girls</b> <b>18 &amp; Under</b> <b>15 &amp; Under</b>	8.30am - 12.30pm	<b>Singles:</b> 1v1, 2v2, 3v3, 4,4 <b>Doubles:</b> Highest rated doubles players are opposed	2 per singles	<b>Singles:</b> 2 x TB Sets & MTB if required <b>Doubles:</b> Best of 3 x Fast4 sets	8 win points, 2 bonus points for each rubber won	Following Sunday at the same time	3	6
<b>Summer and Winter</b> <b>Sunday</b> <b>Junior Mixed 13 &amp; Under</b> <b>Yellow Ball</b> <b>3 PLAYER TEAM</b>	8.30am 60 minute time slots	Round 1: Singles 1v1 Doubles 2&3 v 2&3 Round 2: Singles 2v2 Doubles 1&3 v 1&3 Round 3: Singles 3v3 Doubles 1&2 v 1&2	2 per singles	<b>Singles:</b> Best of 3 x Fast4 sets <b>Doubles:</b> Best of 3 x Fast4 sets	8 win points, 2 bonus points for each rubber won	Following Sunday at the same time	2	5
<b>Summer and Winter</b> <b>Sunday</b> <b>Junior Mixed 13 &amp; Under</b> <b>Green Ball</b> <b>3 PLAYER TEAM</b>	8.30am 45 minute time slots	Round 1: Singles 1v1 Doubles 2&3 v 2&3 Round 2: Singles 2v2 Doubles 1&3 v 1&3 Round 3: Singles 3v3 Doubles 1&2 v 1&2	4 per fixture (Recommended)	<b>Singles:</b> 2 x Fast4 sets & 3rd Fast4 tiebreak set if required <b>Doubles:</b> 2 x Fast4 sets & 3rd Fast4 tiebreak set if required	8 win points, 2 bonus points for each rubber	Following Sunday at the same time	2	5
<b>Summer and Winter</b> <b>Sunday</b> <b>Junior Mixed 13 &amp; Under</b> <b>Orange Ball</b> <b>3 PLAYER TEAM</b>	8.30am	Round 1: Singles 1v1 Doubles 2&3 v 2&3 Round 2: Singles 2v2 Doubles 1&3 v 1&3 Round 3: Singles 3v3 Doubles 1&2 v 1&2	4 per fixture (Recommended)	<b>Singles:</b> 1 x Fast4 set <b>Doubles:</b> 1 x Fast4 set	8 win points, 2 bonus points for each rubber won	Following Sunday at the same time	2	5

COMPETITION	TIMES	PLAYING ORDER	TENNIS BALLS (NEW)	SCORING FORMAT	LADDER POINTS	INCOMPLETE FINALS	Minimum players in a match	Maximum players in a match
<b>Summer and Winter</b> Monday Night Mens & Womens S/D Fast4 3 PLAYER TEAM	7.30pm - 11.00pm	Round 1: Singles 1v1 Doubles 2&3 v 2&3 Round 2: Singles 2v2 Doubles 1&3 v 1&3 Round 3: Singles 3v3 Doubles 1&2 v 1&2	4 per fixture	<b>Singles:</b> Best of 3 Fast4 sets <b>Doubles:</b> Best of 3 Fast4 sets	8 win points, 2 bonus points for each rubber won	Following Monday at the same time	2	5
<b>Summer and Winter</b> Tuesday Morning Mens & Womens Doubles	9.30am - 1.00pm	<b>Doubles:</b> Highest rated doubles players are opposed All other combinations may only play together once	4 per fixture	Round 1: 2 x TB sets Round 2: 1 x TB set Round 3: 1 x TB set	4 win points, 2 bonus points for each set won	Following Tuesday at the same time	3	6
<b>Summer and Winter</b> Tuesday Night Mixed Doubles	7.30pm - 11.00pm	2 x Men & 2 x Women per team Round 1: M1 & W1 v M1 & W1 Round 1: M2 & W2 v M2 & W2 Round 2: M1 & W2 v M1 & W2 Round 2: M2 & W1 v M2 & W1	4 per fixture	Round 1: 2 x TB sets Round 1: 2 x TB sets Round 2: 2 x TB sets Round 2: 2 x TB sets No Ad Scoring, M to M or F to F	4 win points, 2 bonus points for each set won	Following Tuesday at the same time	2+2	6
<b>Summer and Winter</b> Tuesday Twilight Mens & Womens S/D 3 PLAYER TEAM	6.30pm - 10.00pm	Round 1: Singles 1v1 Doubles 2&3 v 2&3 Round 2: Singles 2v2 Doubles 1&3 v 1&3 Round 3: Singles 3v3 Doubles 1&2 v 1&2	4 per fixture	1 x TB set	8 win points, 2 bonus points for each rubber won	Following Tuesday at the same time	2	5
<b>Summer and Winter</b> Wednesday Womens Open 8s Doubles	9.30am - 2.30pm	<b>Doubles:</b> Highest rated doubles players are opposed All other combinations may only play together once	4 per fixture	Round 1: 2 x TB sets Round 2: 1 x TB set Round 3: 1 x TB set	8 win points, 1 bonus point for each set won	Following Wednesday at the same time	3	6
<b>Summer and Winter</b> Wednesday Womens Open 12s Doubles	9.30am - 2.30pm	<b>Doubles:</b> Highest rated doubles players are opposed All other combinations may only play together once	4 per fixture	3 Rounds 2 x TB sets	8 win points, 1 bonus point for each set won	Following Wednesday at the same time	3	6
<b>Summer Only</b> Wednesday Womens 45+ Doubles (Grass)	9.30am - 2.30pm	<b>Doubles:</b> Highest rated doubles players are opposed All other combinations may only play together once	4 per fixture	3 Rounds 2 x TB sets	8 win points, 1 bonus point for each set won	Following Wednesday at the same time	3	6
<b>Winter Only</b> Wednesday Womens 50+ Doubles	9.30am - 2.30pm	<b>Doubles:</b> Highest rated doubles players are opposed All other combinations may only play together once	4 per fixture	Round 1: 2 x TB sets Round 2: 1 x TB set Round 3: 1 x TB set	4 win points, 2 bonus points for each set won	Following Wednesday at the same time	3	6
<b>Summer Only</b> Wednesday Womens 55+ Doubles (Grass)	9.30am - 2.30pm	<b>Doubles:</b> Highest rated doubles players are opposed All other combinations may only play together once	4 per fixture	Round 1: 2 x TB sets Round 2: 1 x TB set Round 3: 1 x TB set	4 win points, 2 bonus points for each set won	Following Wednesday at the same time	3	6
<b>Summer and Winter</b> Wednesday Night Mens Open 8s Doubles	7.30pm - 11.00pm	<b>Doubles:</b> Highest rated doubles players are opposed All other combinations may only play together once	4 per fixture	Round 1: 2 x TB sets Round 2: 1 x TB set Round 3: 1 x TB set No Ad Scoring, Receiver's choice	4 win points, 2 bonus points for each set won	Following Wednesday at the same time	3	6
<b>Summer and Winter</b> Wednesday Night Mens & Womens S/D 3 PLAYER TEAM	7.30pm - 11.00pm	Round 1: Singles 1v1 Doubles 2&3 v 2&3 Round 2: Singles 2v2 Doubles 1&3 v 1&3 Round 3: Singles 3v3 Doubles 1&2 v 1&2	4 per fixture	<b>Singles:</b> 1 x TB set <b>Doubles:</b> 1 x TB set No Ad Scoring, Receiver's choice	8 win points, 2 bonus points for each rubber won	Following Wednesday at the same time	2	5
<b>Summer and Winter</b> Thursday Night Womens Open 8s Doubles	7.30pm - 11.00pm	<b>Doubles:</b> Highest rated doubles players are opposed All other combinations may only play together once	4 per fixture	Round 1: 2 x TB sets Round 2: 1 x TB set Round 3: 1 x TB set No Ad Scoring, Receiver's choice	4 win points, 2 bonus points for each set won	Following Thursday at the same time	3	6
<b>Summer and Winter</b> Friday Morning Mens & Womens S/D Fast4 3 PLAYER TEAM	9.30am - 1.00pm	Round 1: Singles 1v1 Doubles 2&3 v 2&3 Round 2: Singles 2v2 Doubles 1&3 v 1&3 Round 3: Singles 3v3 Doubles 1&2 v 1&2	4 per fixture	<b>Singles:</b> Best of 3 Fast4 sets <b>Doubles:</b> Best of 3 Fast4 sets	8 win points, 2 bonus points for each rubber won	Following Friday at the same time	2	5