



## WA STATE LEAGUE 2020/2021 – Applications close cob 4 September 2020

Clubs are invited to nominate a State League team for the 2020/21 summer season. These applications will be reviewed by the Competitions Committee before approval and announcement. For any questions regarding the application process, please contact:

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The Competitions Committee will assess the merit of applications in accordance with criteria including team strength and the capacity to ensure the standards and ethics befitting a professional league, embracing club support, sponsorship, financial competence, venue suitability and personnel resourcing.

### DISCLAIMER

With completion and submission of this application, and subsequent success for a State League team, your club agrees to the following terms and conditions. Failure to comply may result in Tennis West revoking your right to a team.

Your club agrees not to engage in any conduct or do anything that will bring, or is likely to bring, Tennis into ridicule or disrepute.

Your club agrees to appoint a selection panel of 3 members, and, if juniors are in the team, a manager who holds a valid Working with Children Check and a National Police Check.

Your club will ensure that there is a member venue supervisor present during home matches. Tennis West will offer education of club supervisors to assist them with their duties. Tennis West will provide referee's for rounds and officials for the finals matches, where possible.

The club agrees to display signage as required by Tennis West or League sponsors, and use the State League logo for any marketing collateral, and to obtain approval from Tennis West for any promotional material and distribution.

Your club agrees to remain an affiliated club and to pay the team nomination fee of \$1420 within the invoiced deadline.

Tennis West agrees to distribute prizemoney totaling \$20k to the winning men's and women's teams, as follows:

Winners: \$5000 x 2  
Finalists: \$2500 x 2  
Semi-finalists: \$1250 x 4



Your club will nominate match ball type from the list of TA approved brands. Failure to provide the nominated ball will result in a fine.

Your club agrees to conduct fixtures as per the Tennis West League Rules (**NOTE, Team Playing Order, TPO, rules for 20/21**), and in accordance with all applicable Tennis Australia and ITF policies, procedures, By-Laws, guidelines, rules and regulations (each as amended from time to time), which are available upon request, and which include but are not limited to Tennis Australia's Member Protection Policy, the Anti-Doping Policy, the Code of Behaviour, the Disciplinary Policy, Social Media Policy and the Uniform Tennis Anti-Corruption Program made available at <http://www.tennis.com.au/about-tennis-australia/reports-and-policies/policies>.

### **Betting Activity**

In accordance with the Uniform Tennis Anti-Corruption Program, all club support personnel and players:

- a) MUST NOT wager or attempt to wager on the outcome or any other aspect of any tennis match or competition;
- b) MUST NOT solicit or facilitate any other person to wager on the outcome or any other aspect of any tennis match or competition;
- c) MUST NOT contrive or attempt to contrive the outcome or any other aspect of a tennis match;
- d) MUST NOT provide information to others concerning the status of players, or any other aspect of a tennis match which is not information in the public domain;
- e) MUST NOT solicit or facilitate any player to not use his or her best efforts in a tennis match; and
- f) MUST report:
  - i. any knowledge or suspicion of any inappropriate betting activity; and
  - ii. any approach by any person who offers or provides money, benefit or consideration to tournament support personnel to either influence the outcome of any aspect of the Australian Rankings Tournament, or provide inside information related to the Australian Ranking Tournament to the Tennis Integrity Unit as soon as possible by contacting [info@tennisintegrityunit.com](mailto:info@tennisintegrityunit.com)

Nothing in this paragraph shall modify or limit the full text of the Uniform Tennis Anti-Corruption Program.

Your club agrees to release and indemnify Tennis West from and against all damages, costs, losses, expenses, liabilities and claims that arise from or in connection with your hosting of a State League team.

You agree to otherwise manage and conduct the relevant matches in accordance with directions issued by Tennis West from time to time. You hereby declare that to your knowledge and belief whatever is stated in the Team Application is absolutely true and correct and that you have not concealed, distorted or misrepresented any fact.

☐ I agree to these requirements, and will advise the club of their obligations.



## Applicant Details

Applicant Club:

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Name of Principal Contact:

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Position of Principal Contact:

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Principal Contact Mobile Number:

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Principal Contact Email address:

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Name, email and contact number of Team Manager:

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Name, email and contact number of Team Captain:

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Names of 3 Panel Members:

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Signature:

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Date:

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### Team Nomination

To be eligible to participate in State League your club must be affiliated with TW, and the players must be financial members of your club. Players must have a signed contract with your club to be a team member and provide other services/duties, as agreed with your club.

### Team List

Please nominate your team players below. The final team list of successful nominations must be submitted online 16 September. A successful team may add to their team list until teams are locked from round 1. Teams must nominate a minimum of 6 Players in the squad in order of playing strength as determined by the Club Panel, Team Playing Order (TPO). A maximum of 2 visiting players, registered out of state, may play for a team in any fixture.

Team	Rating
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### Regularity of Play

Any player listed in the top four will be subject to a review of their past regularity of play in competition tennis when nominated as part of the top four. This previous regularity of play will be taken into consideration when assessing team strength.

Any State League listed player must be available to **play a minimum of four matches** throughout the State League season, in order to be eligible to represent the team in the finals. **Before the commencement of the season**, clubs may apply for agreed fixture changes, within a round weekend. Only Tennis West, may schedule doubles header fixtures in accordance with the WA calendar and restrictions.



### Objectives with State League

Please provide some information below about your club's objective of being involved with State League.

What is your club's strategic objective for participation in State League?

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What sort of benefits does your club anticipate that participation in State League will bring to the club?

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How will your club link your team with your junior membership, to promote pathways and retention?

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### Previous League Experience

Please provide any relevant details in regards to your clubs involvement and / or success with team tennis?

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## Venue

Please nominate the court surface and ball type that will be provided each round

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Does your club have a viewing area of these courts suitable for round matches and finals? Number of spectators accommodated?

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## Marketing and Community Engagement

Please outline how you intend to market your State League team and engage your local community, local media, sponsors and local council

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Please indicate how Tennis West can assist most with marketing and community engagement

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Please provide an overview of the marketing and promotional activities that the club has planned for the season including intended home match activities and engagement of sponsors and other stakeholders.

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### Coaching and Junior Development

We hope it is possible for your club to leverage your coaching and training programs around State League. Please respond to the following questions pertaining to coaching and training at your club.

Please outline your current coaching and junior development programs on offer

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Please provide a brief outline of how your club may be able to leverage State League into player development

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Please provide a list of accredited coaches at your club and their qualifications

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### Requirements for successful Applicants

- An end of season activity report that summarises the activities undertaken by the club in relation to State League, with reference to the planned activities above.
- Signed contracts/undertakings in place with every player.

### Finance Requirements:

- Successful clubs may distribute prize money to the team players at their discretion



Please indicate on the table below if your club is able to meet the requirements, and add any comments.

Requirements	Yes	Comment
Complete and return a post season report to Tennis West.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Consult the referee or competition manager, 2 hours prior, where a match is weather affected	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Before the season begins, confirm any agreed fixture changes within a round.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Have contracts in place for players receiving remuneration/compensation.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Abide with a maximum of 2 visiting players, registered out of state, playing in any team in a fixture.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Promote your team via media	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Engage with your local council	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Ensure that any State League signage will be displayed at fixtures, and scoreboards, coolers and drinks will be available to players	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Willing to participate in a Super Round, as part of the promotion of the League	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Provide team name, colours and logo (please attach logo if you have one)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Provide team uniforms (please attach image of proposed uniform)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Must submit a team playing order (TPO) at commencement and before mid-season, as determined by the club selection panel	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Understand that each team and player must abide by the Rules of WA Tennis League	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Ensure that players are aware of the club Culture and Code of Conduct, and abide by the TA Code of Behaviour	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Work with TW to coordinate player promotional activations for State League	<input type="checkbox"/>	





Any Other Comments to assist with your nomination?

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### **Proposed TW League Rules:**

#### **8.6 State League Playing Order**

#### **8.7 Singles**

Prior to the commencement of the season, 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. Panel approval may be given by co-signing or by separate email.

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.

An updated TPO may be submitted to Tennis League Operations by 2.00pm (AWST) 7 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) for all rounds and finals series, subject to the following:

- A player may move one position up or down in the order for a fixture.
- 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 Team Playing Order (TPO) will be deemed as submitted.



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

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/WT/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, without permission from League Operations, 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. The club will also be fined. 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 TPO 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).

## Appendix A

### Scoring Format

Singles \_\_\_\_\_ Best of 2 x TB sets (6) & MTB set if required

Doubles \_\_\_\_\_ Best of 2 TB Sets (6) & MTB set if required

### Note : Penalty Points for Code Violations

TW thanks players for their general good behavior. State League players are role models for the next generation of players representing clubs. As part of a broader goal to develop champions that we are proud of, the following team penalties for Behaviour Codes issued will apply:

Where a player is given a code violation, ladder penalty point/s will also apply.

Match: First code (warning – 0 ladder points)

\_\_\_\_\_ Second code (1 ladder point)

\_\_\_\_\_ Third code (2 ladder points)

Season: Each time a player accumulates 3 code violations in a season: 2 additional ladder points will be deducted.

Club presidents will be advised when ladder points are deducted due to player/s receiving code violations.