

**TENNIS WEST**  
**TENNIS LEAGUE RULES & REGULATIONS**  
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## 1 Objectives

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. Tennis League competitions aim to enhance tennis and foster friendly rivalry, as a means of promoting tennis participation and improving playing standards.

Players, teams, coaches, officials, and managers must always act in the best interests of the Tennis West League, Tennis West, and their Club, 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. Conduct by any party associated with League must not be contrary to or prejudicial to the best interest, image or values of the League or Tennis West and must be in the "spirit of the game".

## 2 Definitions and Interpretations

**"Abandoned or Incomplete Match"** is a match interrupted or abandoned. e.g., weather conditions, **"Adult"** means players no longer eligible to play in Junior Competitions.

**"Affiliated Club"** and **"Club"** means a club or association affiliated with Tennis West.

**"Base Player"** is a player nominated in the original team – but not as a reserve.

**"Competition"** means a specific Tennis League competition. (e.g., Sunday Green Ball)

**"Competition Committee" (TWCC)** means the Tennis West Competition & Leagues Committee. The Committee is a subcommittee of the Board of Tennis West and possesses oversight responsibilities in all matters relating to League and Events.

**"Competitive Player Profile"** means a player has a UTR displayed in *Match Centre*.

**"Division"** means a graded section for a competition with teams of similar standard and ability.

**"Draw"** is a match result where rubbers, sets and games are equal; or where a match is cancelled before play commences.

**"Estimated UTR"** means the best guesstimate by a club of a player's rating for the purposes of grading.

**"Fixtures"** are the list of scheduled matches between teams for a division of a competition.

**"Game"** means a sequence of points played with the same player serving and is a segment of a set.

**"Grading"** means the process used by Tennis West League Operations (TWLO) to allocate nominated club teams into divisions of similar tennis standard and ability.

**"Home Team"** means the club on whose courts the match is to be played. The Home Team is mentioned first in *Match Centre*.

**"Junior"** means a player of the specified age or under at the scheduled date at the commencement of a Tennis League competition.

**"League Manager"** is the online system used by clubs and Tennis West for the nomination and grading of Tennis League Teams.

**"Match"** includes all points, games, sets and rubbers played between two club teams on a scheduled fixture date of a Competition.

**"Match Centre"** is the online system used by players to view fixtures and enter scores.

**"Match Fixing"** means any action or practice of dishonestly determining the outcome of a rubber or match to make sure that one team or player wins a particular rubber or match, including not playing to best efforts.

**"Match Ratio" (MR)** means method of calculating final positions on the ladder whereby the total number of points is divided by the number of matches played.

**"Match Supervisor"** is a home club authorized person(s) with the overall responsibility for the application of Tennis League Rules and Regulations for home matches.

**"Match Tie-Break Game (MTBG)"** means a tie-break game where the winner is the first to ten points provided there is a margin of two points over the opponent.

**"Player"** means a member of a club or association and who qualifies for various competitions.

**"Points"** means a scoring system applied for winning matches, rubbers, or sets. The total points gained during a season shall determine a team's relative position on the division's ladder. **"Bonus**

**"Points"** are those points awarded for winning rubbers or sets. **"Win Points"** are the points allocated to the winning team of a match.

**“Projected UTR”** means a system generated UTR that is not yet reliable due to insufficient matches.

**“Rating”** refers to the player’s Singles and/or Doubles Universal Tennis Rating (UTR).

**“Referee”** means a qualified Tennis Australia official.

**“Reserve Player”** is a club player who may play during the season for one or more teams. These players were not listed on the original team nomination as a Base Player.

**“Rubber”** includes all games and sets played between players or pairs of players during a match.

**“Season”** is used to describe different competitions for different periods during a year (s).

**“Senior”** means a player who shall have reached the minimum age limit by 31 December of the year in which the Tennis League competition is held.

**“State League”** is the name given to the top division of Saturday afternoon Tennis League competitions. Junior State League is the top division of the 18 and Under competition.

**“Team Playing Order (TPO)”** is system by which adult State League teams shall determine their team playing order for both singles and doubles rubbers for a match. See Appendix B.

**“Tennis League Club Coordinator”** are club’s authorized persons who shall be the club’s primary communication link with TWLO and manage their club’s tennis league teams.

**“Tennis West League Operations” (TWLO)** means the Association’s staff members who are responsible for the administration and regulation of Tennis League competitions under the TWCC’s direction.

**“Tie-Break (TB)”** means a tie-break game where the winner is the first to seven points provided there is a margin of two points over the opponent.

**“UTR”** means Universal Tennis Rating.

### 3 Governance

- 3.1 The TWCC has governance responsibility for Tennis West Tennis Leagues Competitions.
- 3.2 Tennis League Competitions are centrally governed, managed, regulated, and administered by Tennis West League Operations (TWLO).
- 3.3 Matches, unless otherwise approved and advised by TWLO, shall be played on such dates and on such courts as displayed in the *Match Centre* and *League Manager* Systems.
- 3.4 Clubs and teams are expected to self-manage the application of these Rules and Regulations and must lodge a dispute on *Match Centre* or by separate email, to TWLO, if they wish TWLO to investigate an incident or matter.
- 3.5 TWLO may refer some matters to Tennis Australia’s Integrity Unit.
- 3.6 TWLO may provide education, issue cautions, or impose penalties or fines for breaches and violations of these Rules and Regulations as per Appendix D.

### 4 Entry into Tennis League

- 4.1 Clubs must nominate teams online as set out in *League Manager* before the closing date.
- 4.2 All team(s) nominated for competitions shall include all player details and other required information, including Captain and Base Player as specified in *League Manager*.
- 4.3 TWLO shall only accept entries from affiliated clubs or associations, has the sole discretion in the final acceptance of nominated teams and TWLO may refuse to accept any incomplete team nomination.
- 4.4 TWLO designates the minimum number of players that must be nominated in a team for each competition.
- 4.5 A player cannot be listed as a base player in more than one division in the same competition but may play as a reserve for other divisions in accordance with Rule 9.
- 4.6 Teams nominated by clubs with outstanding fees owing to Tennis West will not be accepted.
- 4.7 Divisions of a competition are limited to one team from each club unless TWLO approves otherwise.
- 4.8 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 according to the terms of the invoice.

## 5 Player Registration and Restrictions

- 5.1 A player can be a base player of only one team and one division of a competition.
- 5.2 Clubs are required to ensure that all nominated players have a Competitive Play Profile:
  - Registered in *Match Centre* for a Tennis ID.
  - Created a UTR Tennis account to obtain a UTR Rating.
  - Linked their Tennis ID with their UTR profile.
  - Link : <https://www.tennis.com.au/competitiveplay/create-your-cpp>
- 5.3 For a reserve player added to a team after close of nominations, that player should have a Competitive Player Profile as per Rule 5.2.
- 5.4 Any reserve player can only play for one team in the same division of that competition.
- 5.5 Players may play in more than one competition in the same season provided they meet any conditions as specified by TWLO, including Reserve and Eligibility rules.
- 5.6 Players cannot play in two different teams in different divisions within the same round of a competition. (Note that State League is deemed part of Saturday afternoon competition)
- 5.7 A player who wishes to change clubs and play in the same division of a competition must seek permission from TWLO to change clubs at any time during the qualifying rounds of that competition. Any such player granted approval to change clubs must satisfy finals eligibility criteria for their new club team to participate in finals.
- 5.8 TWLO may give permission for a player to use a temporary UTR at any time prior to or during the season, based on a written application from that club's League Coordinator.

## 6. Player Age Restrictions

- 6.1 **Seniors Competitions:**

Players shall have reached the minimum age limit by 31 December in the year of the commencement of the competition.
- 6.2 **Junior Competitions:**

Players shall be of the specified age or under on the day of commencement of the competition. (Note: Junior State League is highest level of 18 Years & Under Competition)
- 6.3 **Juniors playing in Adult Competitions:**

Clubs may only nominate players who are 15-years of age (the minimum age) on the day of commencement of the adult competition. A maximum of two 15-year-olds are permitted to play in any one match.
- 6.4 The minimum age restriction for juniors in adult competitions does not apply to teams in:
  - Saturday Men's State League, Saturday Men's Division 1, Saturday Men's Division 2.
  - Saturday Women's State League, Saturday Women's Division 1.
- 6.5 Once a player reaches the minimum age for an adult competition, during a season, they become eligible to play as a reserve.
- 6.6 Juniors playing in adult competitions must play sufficient matches in a junior competition to qualify for finals of that junior competition. Non-compliance with this condition will result in ineligibility to play finals for both adult and junior teams.
- 6.7 Clubs with juniors in adult teams are expected to demonstrate their duty of care and ensure that an authorized adult guardian/manager/captain or supervisor attends both home and away venues where a junior is participating in adult league match.
- 6.8 Monday – Friday daytime competitions:

All players shall be 18 years or over on the day of commencement of the competition.
- 6.9 Monday – Friday nighttime competitions:

All players shall be 16 years or over on the day of commencement of the competition.
- 6.10 Breaches of playing age restrictions above may result in forfeit of ladder points and games in that rubber, and any other rubbers deemed out of order.

## **7 Team Grading and Grading Changes**

- 7.1 TWLO is responsible for grading all competition divisions and determining the number of teams in each division.
- 7.2 The players in each team must be nominated by the club in order of playing strength, which must be based on each player's UTR rating, projected UTR, or estimated UTR.
- 7.3 TWLO 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 shall include relevant information as required TWLO and specified in *League Manager* to assist with the grading of teams.
- 7.5 TWLO may at its discretion give permission for a player to have a projected UTR for grading purposes, based on a written application from the club's tennis league coordinator.

## **8 Rating (UTR) Playing Order**

### **8.1 Singles**

- Players must play singles rubbers in Singles UTR order, to one digit after the decimal point (e.g., 6.29 plays as 6.2), as displayed on *Match Centre* scorecard for that match. The exception to this rule is 13/U Yellow Ball, where players are ranked on the whole number only - drop the decimal (e.g. 1, 2).
- Base players without a UTR must play in club nominated order (based on strength order) until they receive a UTR.
- Team Singles Playing Order must be exchanged in writing (e.g., SMS, paper note, via Match Centre) prior to the commencement of play.
- 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. e.g. If the fourth rated singles player played incorrectly at # 2, players playing in positions 2, 3 and 4 would forfeit those rubbers.

### **8.2 Doubles**

- The player on each team with the highest Doubles UTR, to one decimal point, as recorded on *Match Centre* Scorecard for that match, must play in the # 1 Doubles rubber. The exception to this rule is 13/U Yellow Ball, where players are ranked on the whole number only - drop the decimal (e.g. 1, 2).
- The player with the highest Doubles UTR may play doubles with any other team player.
- Base players without a UTR Rating must play in club nominated Doubles UTR until they receive a projected Doubles UTR.
- In competitions with more than one doubles round, players may not play with the same doubles partner more than once.
- Players in three player competitions cannot play with the same partner more than once in any fixture.
- Doubles pairs should 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 for players between singles and doubles).
- Should any player after their singles matches and before commencement of their listed doubles be deemed unable to play doubles due to injury or illness, both teams have the option to amend their doubles pairings.
- Once a doubles rubber has commenced, a player cannot be substituted in that rubber if a player becomes ill or is injured.

### **8.3 General Playing Order Conditions and Team Member Changes**

- If a player sits out in singles or doubles, the next rated player moves up or down so the Rating Player Order is maintained. For three player teams, only singles ratings shall determine team playing order.

## 9 Reserves

- 9.1 Reserves may be changed to Base players (or Base players added) to teams, upon application to TWLO during the home and away season.
- 9.2 Any team may play a Reserve with a UTR 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 may result in forfeiting of ladder points.
- 9.3 Except for finals, the top division in any competition is exempt from this rating restriction.
- 9.4 A Base or Reserve player in one team of a division cannot be a reserve for another team in the same division. e.g. This applies to clubs with two teams in the same division of a competition. The exception to this is Rule 5.7.

## 10 Match Formats and Schedules

- 10.1 All teams must comply with the match formats set out in Appendix A.
- 10.2 Matches must be played in accordance with the schedule set out in Appendix A.
- 10.3 Matches shall not be played on a date other than the fixture date without the prior consent of TWLO.
- 10.4 Matches may be re-scheduled to commence earlier or later than the fixture date, when mutually agreed between the opposing team captains.
- 10.5 The designated time for completion of play shall be strictly observed, except for finals. All games, tie-breaks (TB) or match tie-breaks (MTB) which have commenced shall be completed before ceasing play.
- 10.6 Play is to be continuous. A maximum of fifteen minutes rest time between singles and doubles rubbers or doubles rubbers may be taken.

## 11 Match Scoring and Entering Results

- 11.1 All rubbers within each match are scored in accordance with the ITF Rules.
- 11.2 The scoring formats for each competition are set out in Appendix A.
- 11.3 The home team shall be responsible for online lodgment of results in Match Centre for all matches whether Won or Lost, Drawn, Abandoned, Incomplete, Match Postponed, Won or Lost by Forfeit within thirty-six hours of the conclusion of the match.
- 11.4 The away team shall be responsible for the online confirmation or dispute of results no later than forty-eight hours from the conclusion of the match.
- 11.5 TWLO reserves the right to amend any scorecards/errors that impact the overall result of any match outside of these deadlines.

## 12 Player Injury

- 12.1 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.
- 12.2 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 will be awarded to the non-retiring pair.
- 12.3 Should any player after their singles matches and before commencement of their listed doubles be deemed unable to play doubles due to injury or illness, both teams have the option to amend their doubles pairings.
- 12.4 Once a doubles rubber has commenced, a player **cannot** be substituted in that rubber if a player becomes ill or is injured.

## 13 Extreme Weather and Cancellations

- 13.1 The Tennis Australia Extreme Weather Policy applies to all matches.
- 13.2 The Ambient Air Temperature and/or Wet Bulb Globe Temperature (WBGT), must be taken from the Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) website.  
Link: <https://www.tennis.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/TA-Extreme-Weather-Policy-approved-and-effective-13-Oct-2022.pdf>
- 13.3 The relevant temperature reading for each club shall come from the closest BOM Weather Station as listed in APPENDIX C.

- 13.4 If any fixture is cancelled by TWLO (by email to *League Manager* users/captains) due to extreme weather, other exceptional conditions, or cancelled by mutual agreement of both team captains the match result will be deemed a draw.
- 13.5 All State League teams must be present on site ready to play unless TWLO has cancelled the State League fixture.
- 13.6 No match can commence later than ninety minutes after the scheduled start time, and in such circumstances, the match will be deemed a draw.
- 13.7 If a match cannot be completed, ladder points for completed rubbers will be allocated and the "win points" shared, unless a team has won enough rubbers, sets and games to claim a match win. Bonus points for uncompleted rubbers shall be shared.
- 13.8 Should any match be suspended for one continuous period of ninety minutes, no further play for that match should occur. Refer to 13.7 regarding points allocation.

## **14 Defaults**

- 14.1 Unless otherwise agreed between the team captains, where a team fails to appear for a fixture within sixty minutes of the scheduled commencement time of the fixture, the fixture shall be deemed defaulted and the team not in default shall be awarded all rubbers, sets and games and all the points for the fixture.
- 14.2 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 Referee (State League) at his/her absolute discretion or in the absence of a Referee, agreed by the team captains. If after twenty minutes of the scheduled commencing time or when a court becomes available for the match, if later, and 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.
- 14.3 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.
- 14.4 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. E.g. Saturday afternoon - assume 4 courts available unless otherwise advised.
- 14.5 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.

## **15 Team Forfeits**

- 15.1 Any team forfeiting a fixture shall, where possible, contact the opposing team captain before the scheduled day of play.
- 15.2 The team receiving the forfeit shall be awarded the win points and all the bonus points, and all rubbers, sets and games. The forfeited team shall receive zero points.
- 15.3 A scorecard shall be completed online and the reason for the forfeit noted by the home team captain.

## **16 Team Withdrawal from Competition**

- 16.1 A club withdrawing a team from a competition after grading has been completed shall forfeit any fees paid and may be penalized further by TWLO.
- 16.2 In circumstances where a team withdraws from a competition once a season has commenced, TWLO will have the absolute discretion to determine whether to adjust ladder points, ladder positions and fixtures as it considers what is appropriate to accommodate the team withdrawal.

## 17 Courts, Court Standards and Lighting

- 17.1 Clubs shall be responsible for providing courts and facilities that are suitable for Tennis League play. All matches shall be played on court surfaces approved by TWLO.
- 17.2 Each team must register with TWLO the venue and the court surface for its home matches. A team's nominated court surface and venue should remain the same for the entire season, including finals. Clubs may seek permission from TWLO to play on courts at alternative venues away from the designated home venue.
- 17.3 Any permanent change to another venue and/or surface must be notified five days in advance and approved by TWLO. TWLO shall give two days' written notice to all other teams in that Division.
- 17.4 Any 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 (phone) and TWLO (email) no later than two days prior to the scheduled match.
- 17.5 Should rain, bad light or other event make the nominated 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. When a referee is appointed for the fixture, the referee will adjudicate.
- 17.6 The club's appointed grounds official or match supervisor shall adjudicate on the fitness of courts for play, except where there is a referee, who shall adjudicate.
- 17.7 If, in the absence of a match supervisor or referee and 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 home team captain of the designated home team shall adjudicate, and their decision is final.
- 17.8 Clubs that are subject to local Council light restrictions or curfews must advise TWLO when nominating teams for night competitions. Home teams must advise visiting teams of any lighting conditions prior to play. By mutual agreement with away team, night fixtures may commence earlier than the 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 the fixture. TWLO may require a club to find an alternative venue if this is not regularly possible.

## 18 Match Balls and Branding

- 18.1 Tennis Australia approved tennis balls must be used for all Tennis West League matches. Link: <https://www.tennis.com.au/learn/courts-and-surfaces/resources/approved-balls>
- 18.2 Clubs must provide the minimum number of tennis balls for each match as set out in Appendix A.
- 18.3 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.

## 19 Finals

- 19.1 Qualifying finals, semi-finals and finals fixtures shall be played at the courts of the club finishing higher on the ladder, and they shall be the Home Team.
- 19.2 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.
- 19.3 **Qualifying finals** are played between teams finishing 1&2, 3&6 (loser eliminated) and 4 & 5 (loser eliminated).
- 19.4 **Semi-finals** shall be played as:
  - Winner of Match 1v2 & lowest ranked winner of matches 3v6 and 4v5.
  - Loser of Match 1v2 & highest ranked winner of matches 3v6 and 4v5.
- 19.5 The **Final** shall be played between the winning semi-finalists.

- 19.6 Final positions on the ladder shall be calculated by MR. In the event of a tie on the ladder for MR, final ladder positions shall be determined by:
- The number of matches won. If these are equal, then.
  - The number of rubbers won. If these are equal, then.
  - The number of sets won. If these are equal, then.
  - The number of games won. If these are equal, then.
  - For head-to-head results over the qualifying rounds total rubbers won, then total matches to be sets won, then total games won.
- 19.7 TWLO should be advised of any changes to venues 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.

## 20 Finals Eligibility

**20.1** To be eligible to play in a qualifying final, semi-final or final of any division of a competition a player must have played in the number of qualifying matches as specified below:

- **6-week competition** - At least two qualifying matches.
- **8 and 10 week competitions** - At least three qualifying matches.
- **12 and 14-week competition** - At least four qualifying matches.
- **Divisions with Byes** - Eligibility shall be one less qualifying match.
- **Incomplete** – for matches to be counted for finals eligibility, player names must be entered into Match Centre within forty-eight hours of the fixture.
- **Extreme Weather** - Players' names **cannot** be recorded for a fixture not started.
- **Forfeited Fixtures** – for matches to be counted towards finals eligibility, players' names for the team not forfeiting must be entered in *Match Centre/League Manager*.

### 20.2 Use of Reserve Players in a Final

A player who satisfies finals eligibility criteria for one club in any division of a competition, may play in a qualifying final, semi-final or final for the same club in any division of that competition, should they satisfy the Reserve Rating criteria, set out under rule 9.2.

### 20.3 Use of Unqualified Players in a Final

A club may apply to TWLO for permission to include an unqualified reserve in a finals team with a current rating equivalent to or weaker than the rating of a qualified player unable to play in the finals team.

TWLO has the discretion to allow up to two unqualified players to play in a final, to fill a team up to four players for four player teams, three players for three player teams or six players for doubles only teams playing 12 sets, providing:

- The club coordinator provides a written statement outlining reasons acceptable to TWLO, why up to two qualified players are unable to play in the Finals for a team.
- Four player teams have qualified five players.
- Tuesday Mixed Night teams have qualified two men and two women via the home and away games.
- Three player teams must have qualified four players.

## 21 Incomplete and Tied Finals Fixtures

21.1 The procedures for completing incomplete finals matches are set out in Appendix A.

21.2 In the event that scores are even at the conclusion of a qualifying final, semi-final or final, the players in the match that caused the tie in rubbers, sets and games, shall return to the court to play a MTB, to determine the winner.

## 22 Ghosting

- 22.1 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.
- 22.2 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 for that team to satisfy finals eligibility criteria.
- 22.3 Should TWLO deem a team in breach of “ghosting”, that team may be penalized in accordance Appendix D.
- 22.4 If cases of alleged ghosting, The President of a club may apply in writing to the TWLO for a determination where extenuating circumstances prevent a player satisfying these criteria, within five days of receiving notification of the ghosting breach. Medical certificates or documented evidence must be submitted to TWLO together with the lodged appeal.
- 22.5 TWLO shall monitor teams for breaches of the “ghosting” rule, where possible and as required. Clubs may report to TWLO alleged cases of “ghosting” by other clubs.

## 23 Match Supervision

- 23.1 Tennis Australia procedures for Matches Played without a Chair Umpire shall apply to League matches. Link:  
<https://www.tennis.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/Procedures-for-Matches-played-without-a-Chair-Umpire-V19.3.pdf>
- 23.2 It is recommended that the home club provides a match supervisor for Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning competition during all qualifying rounds and all finals fixtures. Where there is no match supervisor present, a club representative should take on the responsibility for the venue and player and parent/spectator behaviour.
- 23.3 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 fixture. Reports regarding player or spectator behaviour should be submitted to TWLO via email to [waleagues@tennis.com.au](mailto:waleagues@tennis.com.au) for advice, sanction or imposing of any penalty.
- 23.4 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.
- 23.5 Players may stop playing and call the match supervisor to court when they are unable to resolve a dispute, or when spectator interference takes place.
- 23.6 Where there is no match supervisor or club 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 TWLO.

## 24 On-Court Advisors

- 24.1 One designated on-court advisor is permitted per court at State League Men’s, Women’s, and Junior State League matches where a referee or match supervisor is present and authorizes their attendance.
- 24.2 On-court advisers can be team members/reserves/team managers or coach and should wear a team uniform or identification.
- 24.3 On-court advisers may enter the court during a match either before commencement, or at change of ends, or the completion of a set.
- 24.4 The on-court 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.
- 24.5 On-court advisers shall not:
  - Communicate with players during play, either verbally or by body language.
  - Communicate while on court with opposition team players or opposition on- court adviser, either verbally or by body language.
  - Breach Rules of Tennis League or Member Behaviour Code. Doing so will be subject

to code violation to the player on court.

- 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.

## 25 Most Valuable Player (M.V.P)

25.1 Most Valuable Player Awards are determined by TWLO in its absolute discretion, should a player not satisfy the Objectives as outlined on page 2.

25.2 The Most Valuable Player shall be awarded to each division's top performing player over the qualifying rounds of a competition, playing at any position in a team, based on:

- Total number of singles and doubles rubbers won (Singles/Doubles competitions),
- Total number of doubles rubbers won (Doubles only competitions)
- If two or more players are equal on rubbers won, then.
- Total number of sets won. If these are equal, then.
- Total number of games won. If these are equal, then.
- On the least number of total rubbers lost. If these are equal, then.
- On the least number of total sets lost. If these are equal, then.
- On the least number of games lost.

## 26 Dispute Resolution

26.1 TWLO has the power to investigate any incident and impose appropriate penalties without a dispute been lodged by either team.

26.2 Subject to these rules any dispute between clubs, team and/or participants must be referred to TWLO for determination through *Match Centre* or email, within three days of the date of the alleged incident/breach. The referral must contain a precise statement of the issue(s) in dispute, the relevant facts giving rise to the dispute and names of any witnesses.

26.3 TWLO shall, within two days of the date of request for such adjudication by any party, request a response to the dispute from the other party.

26.4 If the ruling is appealable, TWLO shall refer the matter to the TWCC. The TWCC shall determine any appeal against a TWLO ruling.

26.5 Any determination of the TWCC is non-appealable.

## 27 Tennis Australia Policies & Regulations, ITF Rules

27.1 All Leagues, competitions and matches must be conducted in accordance with the following policies, procedures, and regulations. Current links are on the Tennis Australia website;

- Tennis Australia Procedures for Non-Umpired Matches.
- The Tennis Australia Code of Behaviour & Member Protection Policy.
- The Tennis Australia Anti-Doping Policy.
- The Tennis Australia Extreme Weather Policy.
- The Tennis Australia Disciplinary Policy.
- The Tennis Australia Anti-Corruption Program.
- The Tennis Australia Social Media Policy.
- The Tennis Australia Safeguarding Children Code of Conduct.
- Tennis Australia Dress & Equipment Regulation.
- And any other policy, rule, procedure or regulation of which Tennis Australia or Tennis West may publish from time to time.

27.2 In the event that these Rules and Regulations do not cover a situation or incident, then clubs, players, referees, and match supervisors should refer to;

- <https://www.itftennis.com/media/7221/2023-rules-of-tennis-english.pdf>
- <https://www.itftennis.com/media/2509/2023-duties-procedures-for-officials.pdf>

## WA TENNIS LEAGUE: 2023/2024 SUMMER ADULT LEAGUES (APPENDIX A - SEASON FORMATS & INFORMATION)

COMPETITION	TIMES	PLAYING ORDER	TENNIS BALLS (NEW)	SCORING FORMAT	LADDER POINTS	INCOMPLETE FINALS	Minimum players in a match to avoid a forfeit	Maximum players in a match
<b>SATURDAY</b>								
<b>Men's &amp; Women's State League</b> <b>4 PLAYER TEAM</b>	1.00pm - Sunset Qualifying/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	4 win points 2 bonus points for each rubber won	At discretion of Match Referee	3	6
<b>Men's &amp; Women's 4 PLAYER TEAM</b>	1.00pm - Sunset Qualifying/ 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	4 win points 2 bonus points for each rubber won	Next day (Sunday) at mutually agreed time	3	6
<b>SUNDAY</b>								
<b>Men's &amp; Women's 12s 30+ Doubles</b> <b>Men's &amp; Women's 12s 45+ Doubles</b> <b>Men's 12s 60+ Doubles</b>	1.00pm - Sunset Qualifying /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 Rounds of 2 x TB sets <b>Rounds 1 &amp; 2:</b> 2 x TB sets <b>Rounds 3 &amp; 4:</b> 2 x TB sets <b>Rounds 5 &amp; 6:</b> 2 x TB sets No ad scoring, Receivers choice	4 win points 1 bonus point for each set won	Following Sunday at the same time	4	12
<b>Mixed-Up 12s Doubles</b>	1.00pm - Sunset Qualifying /Semis/Finals: 12.30pm start	<b>Rounds 1 &amp; 2</b> Mixed M1 & W1 (2 x TB sets) & M2 & W2 (2 x TB sets) <b>Rounds 3 &amp; 4</b> Mixed M1 & W2 (2 x TB sets) & M2 & W1 (2 x TB sets) <b>Rounds 5 &amp; 6</b> Men (2 x TB sets) & Women (2 x TB sets) All sets are No Ad Scoring Mixed deciding point - Man to Man/Woman to Woman Doubles deciding point - Receiver's choice.	4 per fixture	3 Rounds of 2 x TB sets See Playing Order	2 win points 1 bonus point for each set won	Following Sunday at the same time	2 men & 2 women	6

COMPETITION	TIMES	PLAYING ORDER	TENNIS BALLS (NEW)	SCORING FORMAT	LADDER POINTS	INCOMPLETE FINALS	Minimum players in a match to avoid a forfeit	Maximum players in a match
<b>MONDAY NIGHT</b>								
<b>Men's &amp; Women's S/D Fast4 3 PLAYER TEAM</b>	7.30pm - 11.00pm	<b>Round 1:</b> Singles 1v1 Doubles 2&3 v 2&3 <b>Round 2:</b> Singles 2v2 Doubles 1&3 v 1&3 <b>Round 3:</b> 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	4 win points 2 bonus points for each rubber won	Following Monday at the same time	2	5
<b>TUESDAY</b>								
<b>Women's 8s Doubles</b>	9.30am - 1.00pm	<b>Doubles:</b> Highest rated doubles players are opposed All other combinations may only play together once	4 per fixture	<b>Rounds 1 &amp; 2:</b> 2 x TB sets <b>Rounds 3 &amp; 4:</b> 1 x TB set <b>Rounds 5 &amp; 6:</b> 1 x TB set No Ad Scoring, Receiver's choice	4 win points 2 bonus points for each set won	Following Tuesday at the same time	3	6
<b>TUESDAY TWILIGHT</b>								
<b>Twilight Men's &amp; Women's S/D 3 PLAYER TEAM</b>	6.30pm - 10.00pm	<b>Round 1:</b> Singles 1v1 Doubles 2&3 v 2&3 <b>Round 2:</b> Singles 2v2 Doubles 1&3 v 1&3 <b>Round 3:</b> Singles 3v3 Doubles 1&2 v 1&2	4 per fixture	1 x TB set	4 win points 2 bonus points for each rubber won	Following Tuesday at the same time	2	5
<b>TUESDAY NIGHT</b>								
<b>Mixed Doubles</b>	7.30pm - 11.00pm	Minimum of 2 x Men & 2 x Women per team  <b>Round 1:</b> M1 & W1 v M1 & W1 <b>Round 1:</b> M2 & W2 v M2 & W2  <b>Round 2:</b> M1 & W2 v M1 & W2 <b>Round 2:</b> M2 & W1 v M2 & W1	4 per fixture	2 x TB sets See Playing Order 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 men & 2 women	6
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>								
<b>Women's 8s Doubles (Various Surfaces)</b>	9.30am - 2.30pm	<b>Doubles:</b> Highest rated doubles players are opposed All other combinations may only play together once	4 per fixture	<b>Rounds 1 &amp; 2:</b> 2 x TB sets <b>Rounds 3 &amp; 4:</b> 1 x TB set <b>Rounds 5 &amp; 6:</b> 1 x TB set No Ad Scoring, Receiver's choice	4 win points 1 bonus point for each set won	Following Wednesday at the same time	3	6
<b>Women's 12s Doubles (Various Surfaces)</b>	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 of 2 x TB sets <b>Rounds 1 &amp; 2:</b> 2 x TB sets <b>Rounds 3 &amp; 4:</b> 2 x TB sets <b>Rounds 5 &amp; 6:</b> 2 x TB sets No Ad Scoring, Receivers choice	4 win points 1 bonus point for each set won	Following Wednesday at the same time	3	6

COMPETITION	TIMES	PLAYING ORDER	TENNIS BALLS (NEW)	SCORING FORMAT	LADDER POINTS	INCOMPLETE FINALS	Minimum players in a match to avoid a forfeit	Maximum players in a match
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>								
<b>Men's &amp; Women's 8s 45+ Doubles (Grass)</b>	9.30am - 2.30pm	<b>Doubles:</b> Highest rated doubles players are opposed All other combinations may only play together once	4 per fixture	<b>Rounds 1 &amp; 2:</b> 2 x TB sets <b>Rounds 3 &amp; 4:</b> 1 x TB set <b>Rounds 5 &amp; 6:</b> 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>Women's 12s 45+ Doubles (Grass)</b>	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 of 2 x TB sets <b>Rounds 1 &amp; 2:</b> 2 x TB sets <b>Rounds 3 &amp; 4:</b> 2 x TB sets <b>Rounds 5 &amp; 6:</b> 2 x TB sets No Ad Scoring, Receivers choice	4 win points 1 bonus point for each set won	Following Wednesday at the same time	3	6
<b>Women's 8s 60+ Doubles (Grass)</b>	9.30am - 2.30pm	<b>Doubles:</b> Highest rated doubles players are opposed All other combinations may only play together once	4 per fixture	<b>Rounds 1 &amp; 2:</b> 2 x TB sets <b>Rounds 3 &amp; 4:</b> 1 x TB set <b>Rounds 5 &amp; 6:</b> 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>WEDNESDAY NIGHT</b>								
<b>Men's &amp; Women's S/D 3 PLAYER TEAM</b>	7.30pm - 11.00pm	<b>Round 1:</b> Singles 1v1 Doubles 2&3 v 2&3 <b>Round 2:</b> Singles 2v2 Doubles 1&3 v 1&3 <b>Round 3:</b> 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	4 win points 2 bonus points for each rubber won	Following Wednesday at the same time	2	5
<b>Men's 8s Doubles</b>	7.30pm - 11.00pm	<b>Doubles:</b> Highest rated doubles players are opposed All other combinations may only play together once	4 per fixture	<b>Rounds 1 &amp; 2:</b> 2 x TB sets <b>Rounds 3 &amp; 4:</b> 1 x TB set <b>Rounds 5 &amp; 6:</b> 1 x TB set No Ad Scoring, Receiver's choice	4 win point 2 bonus points for each set won	Following Wednesday at the same time	3	6
<b>THURSDAY NIGHT</b>								
<b>Women's 8s Doubles</b>	7.30pm - 11.00pm	<b>Doubles:</b> Highest rated doubles players are opposed All other combinations may only play together once	4 per fixture	<b>Rounds 1 &amp; 2:</b> 2 x TB sets <b>Rounds 3 &amp; 4:</b> 1 x TB set <b>Rounds 5 &amp; 6:</b> 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>FRIDAY</b>								
<b>Women's S/D Fast4 3 PLAYER TEAM</b>	9.30am - 1.00pm	<b>Round 1:</b> Singles 1v1 Doubles 2&3 v 2&3 <b>Round 2:</b> Singles 2v2 Doubles 1&3 v 1&3 <b>Round 3:</b> 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	4 win points 2 bonus points for each rubber won	Following Friday at the same time	2	5

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COMPETITION	TIMES	PLAYING ORDER	TENNIS BALLS (NEW)	SCORING FORMAT	LADDER POINTS	INCOMPLETE FINALS	Minimum players in a match to avoid a forfeit	Maximum players in a match
<b>SUNDAY</b>								
<b>Boy's State League Rob Kilderry Cup 4 PLAYER TEAM</b>	8.30am - 1.00pm 4 courts recommended	Singles: 1v1, 3v3, 2v2, 4v4  Doubles: Highest rated doubles players are opposed	2 per singles (8 total)	Singles: 2 x TB Sets & MTB Set if required  Doubles: 2 x TB Sets & MTB Set if required No Ad Scoring, Receiver's choice	4 win points, 2 bonus points for each rubber won	Following Sunday at the same time	3	6
<b>Girl's State League Casey Dellacqua Cup 4 PLAYER TEAM</b>	8.30am - 1.00pm 4 courts recommended	Singles: 1v1, 3v3, 2v2, 4v4  Doubles: Highest rated doubles players are opposed	2 per singles (8 total)	Singles: 2 x TB Sets & MTB Set if required  Doubles: 2 x TB Sets & MTB Set if required No Ad scoring, Receiver's choice	4 win points, 2 bonus points for each rubber won	Following Sunday at the same time	3	6
<b>Boy's &amp; Girl's 18 &amp; Under 4 PLAYER TEAM</b>	8.30am - 12.30pm	Singles: 1v1, 3v3, 2v2, 4v4  Doubles: Highest rated doubles players are opposed	2 per singles	Singles: 2 x TB Sets & MTB if required  Doubles: Best of 3 x Fast4 sets	4 win points, 2 bonus points for each rubber won	Following Sunday at the same time	3	6
<b>Boy's &amp; Girl's 15 &amp; Under 4 PLAYER TEAM</b>	8.30am - 12.30pm	Singles: 1v1, 3v3, 2v2, 4v4  Doubles: Highest rated doubles players are opposed	2 per singles	Singles: 2 x TB Sets & MTB if required  Doubles: Best of 3 x Fast4 sets	4 win points, 2 bonus points for each rubber won	Following Sunday at the same time	3	6
<b>Junior Mixed 13 &amp; Under Yellow Ball 4 PLAYER TEAM</b>	8.30am - 12.30pm	Singles: 1v1, 3v3, 2v2, 4v4  Doubles: Highest rated doubles players are opposed	4 per fixture (Recommended)	Singles: Best of 3 x Fast4 sets  Doubles: Best of 3 x Fast4 sets	4 win points, 2 bonus points for each rubber won	Following Sunday at the same time	3	6
<b>Junior Mixed 13 &amp; Under Green Ball 4 PLAYER TEAM</b>	8.30am - 12.30pm	Singles: 1v1, 3v3, 2v2, 4v4  Doubles: Highest rated doubles players are opposed	4 per fixture (Recommended)	Singles: Best of 3 x Fast4 sets  Doubles: Best of 3 x Fast4 sets	4 win points, 2 bonus points for each rubber won	Following Sunday at the same time	3	6
<b>Junior Mixed 11 &amp; Under Orange Ball 3 PLAYER TEAM</b>	8.30am - 12.30pm	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)	Singles: 1 x Fast4 set  Doubles: 1 x Fast4 set	4 win points, 2 bonus points for each rubber won	Following Sunday at the same time	2	5

## APPENDIX B: State League Special Regulations

Tennis League Rules and Regulations apply equally to both Adult and Junior State League competitions. Listed below are regulations that apply specifically to State League teams or are repeated for emphasis.

1. Any club may nominate an Adult or Junior State League team addressing the criteria set by TWLO by the notified closing date. TWLO will nominate the successful teams and number of teams in each competition. Both successful and unsuccessful clubs will be advised by TWLO at least one week before other summer tennis league nominations close, to assist in planning and submission other club team nominations.
2. Clubs shall list six players on their Team Nomination form.
3. **Finals Eligibility:** For a season of ten home and away matches, Adult and Junior State League players must have played in four or more matches to be eligible to play in a qualifying final, semi-final or final. See Rule 20.3 for extenuating circumstances.
4. Adult State League playing order shall be as per the Team Playing Order (TPO).
5. The referee shall have the discretion to continue play after the advertised sunset time, if in their opinion, light is still reasonable and a result is possible, in a reasonable time.
6. During qualifying finals, semi-finals and finals, the referee shall have the discretion to continue play after the advertised sunset time, including a different playing surface if, in their opinion, a result is possible, in reasonable time.
7. TWLO shall notify both clubs at least 24 hours prior to a fixture date if a referee will not be available for that match. The home team must provide a match supervisor to carry out the “referees” duties.
8. In cases of possible extreme weather conditions, all State League teams must be present on site ready to play unless TWLO has advised all clubs that fixture has been cancelled.
9. Players cannot play in two different teams (or clubs) within the same competition in the same round. E.g. A player cannot play State League for one club on a Friday and Division 1 for another club or same club team on the Saturday.
10. An Adult State League match between two clubs may be played on Friday, Saturday, or Sunday of that fixtured round. The home team shall decide the playing day and court surface prior to official release of all season fixtures.
11. Start times, except for finals shall be;
  - Friday – 6 pm. Four courts are mandatory.
  - Saturday & Sunday - 1 pm.
12. By mutual agreement and with the permission of TWLO, two State League teams may agree to play a match on another weekend for which the round was scheduled, but the match must take place within two weeks of the original scheduled round fixture date.
13. State League Teams may have marketable team names, and player names may be printed on the back of team shirts. If there is a corporate Tennis League sponsor, TWLO may direct State League teams to display that sponsor’s logo on their team uniform.
14. At State League matches where a referee is in attendance, player behaviour code violations shall attract team ladder penalty points/s for the team in addition to other penalties. Refer to Appendix D.
15. Clubs must submit to TWLO, by Thursday 9am of the scheduled fixture, the names of the # 1 and # 2 singles players.

## Team Playing Order (TPO)

### Singles

1. State League Clubs shall submit to TWLO their TPO and this shall apply for singles and doubles unless a different TPO is submitted for doubles.
  - The lists are subject to approval by TWLO and, when confirmed, will become the club's approved team playing order.
  - The TPO list(s) shall contain at least 6 players.
  - The TPO shall be based on current playing strength order, taking into consideration UTR reliability, as determined by the club.
2. TPO listings shall be submitted to TWLO;
  - by 2.00pm seven days before the first fixture date, and then
  - by 2.00pm five days before the commencement of Round 6 fixtures.
  - The second TPO will apply to qualifying finals, semi-finals, and finals, ***with only qualified players eligible to play.***
3. Teams shall play in the order as per approved TPO subject to the following:
  - Where a player is unavailable the next player listed below moves up into that position.
  - For singles only, players may be moved one position up or down in the TPO for the fixture.
4. For any match that a club needs to play a player not listed on their current TPO, that player must play in UTR order as per Rule 8.1. (TWLO or the other club **do not** need to be notified.)
5. Failure to play in the submitted TPO will result in the forfeiture of ladder points for that rubber and any subsequent rubbers which have been played out of order. A club fine will also apply. For example, if the fourth listed singles player played incorrectly at # 2, then the players playing in positions 2, 3 and 4 would forfeit ladder points for all sets and games in those rubbers.

### Doubles

1. The highest listed players in the doubles TPO shall oppose each other in the # 1 rubber.
2. Pairs are to be listed separately by the captains and names added to the match scorecard just prior to the completion of a singles rubber that will make a court available to commence a doubles rubber. This is to allow at least one doubles match to commence immediately after the rest time between singles and doubles.

#### Clarification (Please refer to Appendix B Item 15 and Singles Item 3)

- Once teams have chosen their four singles players for a fixture, those teams may swap their # 1 and # 2 players only up to Thursday 9am.
- After Thursday 9am, the named # 1 and # 2 players cannot swap positions. Should a team wish to swap # 2 and # 3 players, this must also be done before Thursday 9am. Teams may choose to swap # 3 and # 4 players up until players names are listed on the scorecard on the day of competition.

**APPENDIX C:****Official Bureau of Meteorology (BoM) Sites for Club Temperature Readings**

<b>CLUB</b>	<b>BOM SITE</b>	<b>CLUB</b>	<b>BOM SITE</b>
Alexander Park Tennis Club	Perth Metro	Manning Tennis Club	Jandakot Airport
Allen Park Tennis Club	Swanbourne	Maylands Tennis Club	Perth Metro
Applecross Tennis Club	Swanbourne	Melville Palmyra Tennis Club	Swanbourne
Armadale Tennis Club	Jandakot Airport	Midland Lawn Tennis Club	Perth Airport
Bassendean Tennis Club	Perth Airport	Mosman Park Tennis Club	Swanbourne
Bayswater Tennis Club	Perth Metro	Mt Helena Tennis Club	Bickley
Belmont Park Tennis Club	Perth Airport	Mt Lawley Tennis Club	Perth Metro
Blue Gum Park Tennis Club	Jandakot Airport	Mundaring Tennis Club	Bickley
Bull Creek Tennis Club	Jandakot Airport	Nedlands Tennis Club	Swanbourne
City Beach Tennis Club	Swanbourne	Nollamara Tennis Club	Perth Metro
Claremont Lawn Tennis Club	Swanbourne	North Beach Tennis Club	Swanbourne
Corinthian Park Tennis Club	Jandakot Airport	North Perth Tennis Club	Perth Metro
Cottesloe Tennis Club	Swanbourne	North Shore Country Club	Perth Metro
Daglish Tennis Club	Swanbourne	Ocean Ridge Tennis Club	Perth Metro
Dalkeith Tennis Club	Swanbourne	Onslow Park Tennis Club	Swanbourne
Darlington Tennis Club	Perth Airport	Parkwood Tennis Club	Jandakot Airport
East Fremantle Lawn Tennis Club	Swanbourne	Peppermint Grove Tennis Club	Swanbourne
Floreat Park Tennis Club	Swanbourne	Range View Park Tennis Club	Perth Airport
Forrestfield Tennis Club	Perth Airport	Reabold Tennis Club	Swanbourne
Fremantle Lawn Tennis Club	Swanbourne	Robertson Park Tennis Club	Perth Metro
Glen Forrest Tennis Club	Perth Airport	Rockingham Tennis Club	Mandurah
Gosnells Memorial Park Tennis Club	Jandakot Airport	Roleystone Tennis Club	Jandakot Airport
Greenwood Tennis Club	Perth Metro	Royal Kings Park Tennis Club	Perth Metro
Hensman Park Tennis Club	Perth Metro	Safety Bay Tennis Club	Mandurah
Higgins Park Tennis Club	Perth Airport	Scarborough Tennis Club	Swanbourne
Kalamunda Tennis Club	Bickley	Sorrento Tennis Club	Perth Metro
Kardinya Tennis Club	Jandakot Airport	South Perth Lawn Tennis Club	Jandakot Airport
Kelmscott Tennis Club	Jandakot Airport	State Tennis Centre	Perth Metro
Kingsley Tennis Club	Perth Metro	The Vines Country Club	Millendon
Kwinana Tennis Club	Mandurah	Thornlie Tennis Club	Jandakot Airport
Leederville Tennis Club	Perth Metro	UWA Tennis Club	Swanbourne
Lesmurdie Tennis Club	Bickley	Wanneroo Tennis Club	Perth Metro
Loton Park Tennis Club	Perth Metro	Wembley Downs Tennis Club	Swanbourne
Mahogany Creek Tennis Club	Bickley	Willetton Tennis Club	Jandakot Airport

## APPENDIX D: Rule Breaches & Violations – Penalties

### Notes:

1. TWLO has absolute discretion for application of education, cautions or penalties for breaches and violations of the Tennis League Rules and Regulations. The table below lists the common breaches and violations and what the penalty for that breach or violation may be if education or caution is not used.
2. TWLO has the absolute discretion to provide education, issue a caution, impose a penalty or fine for a breach or violation NOT listed below.
3. TWLO may act on any issue, incident, breach, or violation without receiving information via *Match Centre* or via email from a club.
4. **Self-Regulation:** TWLO cannot check every match result for breaches or violations. If a player, team, or Club involved in a match wishes TWLO to investigate an incident or alleged breach or violation relating to that match, they must lodge a dispute through *Match Centre* or via email.
5. For lodgment of disputes and the appeals process refer to Rule 3 and Rule 26.
6. TWLO only considers disputes received from teams or Clubs involved in a Match, except if the alleged breach or violation is related to “Match Fixing”.
7. Ladder points means “*forfeit of all points and games in that rubber and any other rubbers deemed played out of order*”.

Violation	Rule	Penalty	Notes
Tennis Australia Code of Behaviour Violations	<b>27</b>	<b>Per Team:</b> First code (warning – 0 ladder point) Second code (Loss of 2 ladder points) Third code (Loss of 4 ladder points)  If a team accumulates 4 or more code violations in a season, 4 additional ladder points per each additional code will be deducted.	In addition to the disciplinary processes detailed in the TA Code of Behaviour for Weekly Competitions, ladder points will be deducted from a player’s team, as shown in the Penalty Column.
Match Fixing or Betting	<b>27</b>	As per Tennis Australia Policies and TWLO determination.	TWLO shall investigate allegations of match fixing or betting and shall determine appropriate action (s). TWLO may refer the allegations to TWCC and/or Tennis Australia.
Outstanding Fees owed to Tennis West	<b>4.5</b>	Teams for that Club not accepted into further Competitions until outstanding fee issues resolved.	Teams for Clubs with outstanding fees owing to Tennis West will not be accepted.
Reserve(s) playing for more than one team in the same division of a competition.	<b>5.4</b>	Ladder Points	Forfeit of all points and games in that rubber and any other rubbers deemed out of order.
Playing in two different teams in different divisions within the same fixture round of a Competition	<b>5.6</b>	Ladder Points	Forfeit of all ladder points and games in that rubber and any other rubbers deemed out of order.

<b>Violation</b>	<b>Rule</b>	<b>Penalty</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Junior in Adult Competitions playing insufficient Junior Matches	<b>6.6</b>	Ineligibility to play finals for either Adult or Junior team.	Juniors playing in adult competitions shall play sufficient matches in a junior competition to qualify for junior finals.
Breach of Playing Age Restrictions.	<b>6.10</b>	Ladder Points	Forfeit of all ladder points and games in that rubber and any other rubbers deemed out of order.
Failure to play in correct Rating Playing Order	<b>8.1</b>	Ladder Points	Teams are expected to agree on Rating Player Order prior to commencement of Match. TWLO will only investigate a dispute that is lodged via <i>Match Centre</i> that clearly sets out why Teams did not reach agreement prior to match commencement. Dispute lodgment must include a copy of Scorecard used for match that clearly shows UTR of players alleged to have played "not in correct playing order". If the dispute is upheld TWLO may forfeit ladder points for that Rubber and any subsequent Rubbers which have been played out of order, at the discretion of TWLO.
Incorrect use of Reserves	<b>9.2</b>	Ladder Points	Any team may play a Reserve with a UTR 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.
Team Forfeits	<b>15</b>	\$ 50.00 per team forfeit	Fine applied unless extenuating circumstances are proved by Club to satisfaction of TWLO.
Team withdrawal from competition	<b>16.1</b>	Team nomination fee	A club withdrawing a team from a Competition after grading has been completed shall be fined the equivalent of the team nomination fee.
Ghosting	<b>22.2</b>	A player deemed to have been a Ghost cannot be nominated as a Base Player for any team or Club for the following commensurate season.  A Club deemed to have been knowingly involved in Ghosting for a Division shall not have a team graded into that Division for the following commensurate season.	After the completion of finals, TWLO shall only monitor Ghosting for Summer State League, Junior State League and Saturday Division 1 teams and Saturday Men's Division 2 teams.  TWLO shall provide a list of ghosted players to Clubs, and Clubs penalized for Ghosting, prior to at opening of team nominations for the next commensurate season.