



Tennis Australia Dress & Equipment Regulations

Tennis Australia (TA) recognises the need for various Dress Regulations to be adopted for certain levels of events. The following provisions allow for an appropriate dress standard taking into account both event and player educational needs.

1. **NON-COMPETITIVE TENNIS**

Dress regulations for non-competitive tennis should generally be free of restrictions in an effort to maximise participation at this level.

2. **CLUB AND GENERAL TOURNAMENT PLAY**

The following conditions may be adopted in whole or in part by the sanctioning body for tournaments, competitions and for general play.

Every competitive player shall dress and present himself/herself for play in clean and customarily acceptable tennis attire. **The general appearance of a player is the most important factor at this level, not specific clothing detail.**

Coloured recognised **tennis type garments** and footwear shall be worn, at the discretion of the Referee or controlling body. Clothing items deemed to be “non-tennis articles” such as dress shirts, singlets, football shorts and jumpers, walk shorts and jeans should not be worn by any player while competing in a match. Sleeveless tennis shirts are permitted which are defined as “tennis shirts without sleeves” [ie not singlets].

Warm up clothing shall not be worn during the course of a match, except where extreme weather or religious circumstances dictate, at the discretion of the Referee or controlling body. Suitable footwear for tennis matches shall be worn (depending on the type of surface) at the direction of the Referee (see Page 5).

Players are encouraged to wear headwear, especially at junior events. No writing or logo restrictions apply except where these are obscene or derogatory.

Manufacturer/Commercial Identifications

Note: *this applies to clothing worn in the warm-up and during the match.*

1. Commercial Identifications

The general commercial identification limitations [no more than 3 square inches/19.5 square cm] apply at all levels.

2. Club/Team identification

Clubs are encouraged to introduce team/club identification on players clothing which may exceed standard limitations. This can be placed on the front or back of clothing.

3. Club/Team specific sponsorship

Commercial identification related to specific team or club sponsorship is also permitted on the front or back of clothing at a club level, provided this does not exceed five square inches [32.3 square cm].

4. Manufacturers Identification

Tennis clothing with standard manufacturers identification that exceed the restrictions in relation to size and placement [see below] are also permitted at the discretion of the Referee or controlling body.

3. OPTUS JUNIOR TOUR & NATIONAL OPEN TOURNAMENTS.

The regulations stipulated above will apply to the Optus Junior Tour & National Open Tournaments with the following exceptions-

Caps

Players are encouraged to wear protective headwear eg caps, hats at all events especially junior tournaments. At this level of event these shall be any headwear deemed by the Referee to be appropriate for Tennis. Any writing, logo or design on the headwear must be "tennis specific."

Team or Club Clothing

Players at these events are permitted to wear any club, team, state or national tennis clothing at the discretion of the Referee provided that any logos comply with the 5 square inch/32.3 square cm size limitations. Clothing which advertises a specific coaching or tennis related business is not permitted except in accordance with the allowable Commercial limitations.

Commercial Standards

Any Commercial identification on clothing must be no more than 3 square inches or 19.5 square cm in size. A maximum of 2 Commercial logos are allowed.

Manufacturers Logos

Players are limited to one standard manufacturer's identification on each sleeve and 2 logos on the front/back of a shirt. They are also permitted 2 standard identifications on skirts or shorts

4. AUSTRALIAN MONEY TOURNAMENTS & OPTUS JUNIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The following specific conditions apply to all Australian Money Tournaments and Optus Junior National Championships.

Identification on Clothing & Equipment

(a) **Shirts, Sweaters, Jackets, Warm up tops**

(i) Sleeves

One (1) commercial (non-manufacturer's) identification for each sleeve, neither of which exceeds three (3) square inches (19.5 square cm) plus one (1) manufacturer's identification on each sleeve, neither of which exceed eight (8) square inches (52 square cm) shall be permitted. If written identification is used within this eight (8) square inches (52 square cm) area on either or both sleeves, such written identification may not exceed four (4) square inches (26 square cm) per sleeve.

(ii) Sleeveless

Female: (Excluding sweater & jacket). The two (2) commercial (non-manufacturer's) identifications, permitted on the sleeves above, neither of which shall exceed three (3) square inches (19.5 square cm) in size, may be placed on the front of the garment.

NB: This section also applies when dresses are worn

Male: The commercial (non-manufacturer's) identifications and manufacturer's identifications permitted on the sleeves above, may not be placed on a sleeveless shirt.

(iii) Front, Back and Collar[including along the seam on the shoulder]

Total of two (2) manufacturer's identifications, neither of which exceeds two (2) square inches (13 square cm) or one (1) manufacturer's identification, which does not exceed four (4) square inches (26 square cm) shall be permitted.

(b) **Skirts or Shorts**

Two (2) manufacturer's identifications, neither of which exceeds two (2) square inches (13 square cm), or one (1) manufacturer's identification which does not exceed four (4) square inches (26 square cm) shall be permitted.

On compression shorts, one (1) manufacturer's identification not to exceed two square inches (13 square cm) and which shall be in addition to the manufacturer's identifications on shorts/skirts shall be permitted.

Note: A dress for the purposes of permissible identification shall be treated as a combination of a skirt and a shirt (dividing dress at waist).

- (c) **Socks/Shoes**
Manufacturer's identifications on each sock and on each shoe shall be permitted.
- (d) **Caps**
Players are encouraged to wear protective headwear eg caps, hats at all events especially junior tournaments. At this level of event these shall be any headwear deemed by the Referee to be appropriate for Tennis. Any writing, logo or design on the headwear must be "tennis specific."
- (e) **Team or Club Clothing**
Players at National Junior Championships are permitted to wear any club, team, state or national tennis clothing at these events at the discretion of the referee provided that any logos comply with 3 square inch/19.5 square cm size limitations. Clothing which advertises a specific coaching or tennis related business is not permitted except in accordance with the allowable Commercial limitations referred to above.

5. AUSTRALIAN MONEY TOURNAMENT SPECIFIC REGULATIONS

In addition to the above Regulations, the following will apply specifically to Australian Money Tournaments:-

- (a) **Socks/Shoes**
Manufacturer's identifications on each sock and on each shoe shall be permitted. The identifications on the sock(s) on each foot shall be limited to a maximum of two (2) square inches (13 square cm).
- (b) **Racquet**
Manufacturer's identifications on racquet and strings shall be permitted.
- (c) **Hat, Headband or Wristband**
One (1) manufacturer's identification not to exceed two (2) square inches (13 square cm) shall be permitted
- (d) **Bags, Other Equipment or Paraphernalia**
Tennis equipment manufacturer's identifications, on each item plus two (2) separate commercial identifications on one (1) bag, neither of which exceeds four (4) square inches (26 square cm) shall be permitted.
- (e) **Warm-up Clothing**
Players may wear warm-up clothing during the warm-up and during a match provided it complies with the foregoing provisions and provided further that the players obtain approval of the Referee prior to wearing warm-up clothing during a match.
- (f) **Taping**
No taping over of logos/patches shall be allowed.

6. ITF/ATP/WTA TOURNAMENTS

Specific Dress Regulations apply to ITF/ATP/WTA events. When competing at these tournaments players must be aware of the regulations and comply with the strict provisions applied at the events. Details are available via the relevant organisation.

ADDITIONAL GENERAL PROVISIONS

Shoes

Grass Court Shoes

At grass court tournaments no grass court shoes other than those with rubber soles, without heels, ribs, studs or coverings, shall be worn by players.

Shoes with pimples or studs around the outside of the toes shall not be permitted. The foxing around the toes must be smooth.

The Referee has the authority to determine that a tennis shoe's sole does not conform to such customs and standards and can prohibit its use at grass court tournaments.

Clay Court Shoes

Players are required to wear tennis shoes generally accepted for play on clay courts or granular surfaces. The Referee has the authority to determine that a tennis shoe's sole does not conform to such customs and standards and can prohibit its use at clay court tournaments.

Grass court shoes shall not be worn during a match on clay courts.

Changing

Players who do not comply with the dress regulations must be given the opportunity to change or alter their clothing (particularly before a match starts), prior to any action being taken under the Code of Conduct. At the discretion of the Referee, a **maximum** period of 10 minutes **may** be allowed in order for a player to change attire.

The Referee **may** require a player to change attire during a match, in particular where there is no Chair Umpire. A direction to improve the players dress before the next tournament day may also be given by the Referee or deputy. Players should not be defaulted from matches due to clothing breaches except in exceptional circumstances ***but failure to meet dress regulations may be reported to the relevant Member Association via an on-site Code Violation after the completion of the match.***

Tournament Conditions

A condition covering permitted clothing must be included in the Tournament or Competition Conditions. Nevertheless, any player in doubt should consult the Referee or controlling body.

Umpires & Ballpersons

(a) Umpires (including Linespeople)

Umpires shall not wear clothing that is white, yellow, or light colours that interfere with the vision of the players.

- (b) **Ballpersons**
All ballpersons are to wear appropriate coloured uniforms. White or yellow uniforms are not permitted.

Appropriate colours and styles, taking into account tournament conditions, should be worn by both umpires and ballpersons.

DEFINITIONS

The below definitions shall apply:

Manufacturers' Identification

For the purposes of these regulations, it is the identification of the manufacturer of the clothing or equipment.

Commercial Identification

Identification other than manufacturers' identification, or club, team, state identification [where appropriate], is deemed to be commercial.

Size Limitations

The size limitation shall be ascertained by determining the area of the actual patch or other addition to player's clothing without regard to the colour of the same. In determining area, depending on the shape of the patch or other addition, a circle, triangle or rectangle shall be drawn around the same and the size of the patch shall be the area within the circumference of the circle or the perimeter of the triangle or rectangle as the case may be. When a solid colour patch is the same colour as the clothing, then in determining the area, the size of the actual patch shall be based on the size of the identification.