

The New South Wales Hardcourt Tennis Association Inc.

Interdistrict Competition Rules

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Administration of Competitions

A1 The competitions shall be under the general control of the Competition Committee, which shall exercise the powers of a Referee

A2 The competition shall consist of:

<u>Name of Cup</u>	<u>Team Consists of</u>	<u>Age Group</u>
F O Blackwell Cup	3 Men	Open
Angus & Coote Cup	3 Ladies	Open
H Twyford-Jones Cup	4 Men	35 Years of Age & Over
Jack McCall Cup	4 Ladies	35 Years of Age & Over
G E Rider Cup	4 Men	35 Years of Age & Over
W V Austin Cup	4 Ladies	35 years of Age & Over
Shea-Wilton Cup	4 Men	35 Years of Age & Over
George Fletcher Cup	4 Men	35Years of Age & Over
Life Members Cup	4 Men	50 Years of Age & Over
G G Tremlett Cup	3 Boys	18 Years of Age & Under
D J Ryan Cup	3 Girls	18 Years of Age & Under
President's Cup	3 Boys	16 Years of Age & Under
Irene Matthews Cup	3 Girls	16 Years of Age & under
Esca Stephens Cup	3 Boys	14 Years of Age & Under
J T Wade & H W Neal Cup	3 Girls	14 Years of Age & Under
A J McAndrew Cup	3 Boys	12 Years of Age & Under
M C Crakanthorp Cup	3 Girls	12 Years of Age & Under
10 Boys Cup	3 Boys	10 Years of Age & Under
10 Girls Cup	3 Girls	10 Years of Age & Under

The competition is open to all Associations affiliated with the NSW Hardcourt Tennis Association Inc.

A3 **Invitee Associations**

Invitations may be issued to affiliates who are not members of the NSW Hardcourt Tennis Association Inc. to participate in this competition.

All Associations entering the competition shall conform to these Rules.

Any decision relative to this matter shall devolve upon the Competition Committee

A4 **Playing Dates:**

Grand Council shall determine the playing dates of the competition and each participating Association shall be notified accordingly

A5 **Entry Fees:**

Grand Council shall determine all fees not later than the February meeting of each year

Payment of the prescribed fees shall be deemed to be acceptance of these rules entirely by any Association

A6 **Entries**

- a All entries shall be lodged with the Honorary Competition Secretary on or before the closing date for entries as decided by Grand Council.
- b All Associations, including Invitee Associations, shall at the time of entry, on the form provided, submit a full list of the players of each team. Such list shall contain the given names, family names, addresses and the birth dates of ALL players in all teams. All teams shall have the players seeded in accordance with the provision of these Rules.
- c For singles play each Association must seed its players in order of merit and forward same to the Honorary Competition Secretary at the time of entry. Such seeding shall be subject to the approval of the Competition Committee and shall not be altered during the progress of the competition without the permission of the Competition Committee..
- d Each team shall not contain more the eight (8) players at any one time except for "Seniors" Cups who shall be allowed ten (10) players. Associations may de-register players to meet this requirement but once deregistered a player shall not be permitted to compete in the appropriate Cup in the current competition. The determination of "players" shall be active participants. Ie They shall have competed in at least one (1) match

A7**Late Registrations**

The Competition Committee may consider late registration of players after the initial entry. Details of reserve players are to be provided on the Result Sheet together with the new seeded order & are to be forwarded so as to reach the Competition Secretary by the Monday following the match. The Competition Committee may, at its discretion, reject the application for extra registration.

Teams may not be strengthened by the inclusion of additional players

A8**Eligibility of Players**

- a All players must be registered members of the Association he/she is chosen to represent.
- b No player shall represent more than one Association during any one competition
- c The date on which eligibility is determined is September 30th September of each year. Any alteration to this date is subject to twelve months notice Eligibility for Angus & Coote & Blackwell Cups is a minimum of 15 years of age as at 30th of September in the year of the competition
- d A player once ruled ineligible shall not compete in any future matches in the current competition.
- e In Divisional Play Offs, Semi Finals & Finals no player shall be eligible to play unless he/she has **competed** in at least two (2) matches in the preliminary rounds. Except that should a team receive a complete forfeit, total wet match or a Bye the team receiving the forfeit/wet match/Bye will be deemed to have competed in the match providing the names of the players are listed on the result card & submitted no later than 7.00pm on the Monday following the scheduled match.
- f Players who have competed in a Play Off, Semi Final or Final match of one Cup shall not be eligible to play in a Play Off, Semi Final or Final match of another Cup in the same competition.

A9**Grading**

- a After the preliminary grading of teams by the Competition Committee each Association shall be advised & invited to comment and/or request changes. The Competition Committee is not bound to comply with such requests but will consider each request on its merits
- b Where there are two teams from the same Association in the same division of a Cup they will be drawn in the earliest possible round.
- c Junior players are required to participate in their own age group Cup except where they are chosen to represent the No 1 team of any higher age group, or if the Association does not enter a team in the players age group, in any higher age group. Junior players may be selected in an Association's 2nd team in a higher age group but are only permitted to advance one age group Juniors may play in any team of the Blackwell or Angus & Coote Cups subject to Rule A8c
- d Each Association may nominate any number of teams for each cup
- e Where the number of entries does not meet the constraints of a draw the Competition Committee may seek additional teams or reduce the number to meet those constraints

A10**Match results**

- a The official score sheet, signed by both captains, must be forwarded so as to reach the Competition Secretary not later than the Monday following the match.
- b Results of all matches shall also be telephoned to A.A.P Reuter before 7.00pm on the day of the match
- c Results of last round matches must be forwarded so as to reach the Competition Secretary by 8.00pm on the day of the match
- d In Divisional Play Off & Semi Final matches the "Host Association" (in the absence of a member of the competition committee) shall be responsible for forwarding the results to the Competition Secretary by 8.30pm & notifying A.A.P Reuter of the results by 7.00pm on the day of the match

A11**Court and Equipment**

- a One suitably and properly equipped hardcourt for each two teams, except in ALL Divisions of Blackwell Cup & Angus & Coote Cups & Divisions 1 & 2 of Tremlett Cup, Presidents Cup, Esca Stephens Cup, Ryan Cup, Irene Matthews Cup and Wade & Neal Cup where two (2) courts shall be made available by each Association. Such courts shall as far as possible comply with the conditions of a Championship court, but if these are unavailable, the courts provided should have a minimum run back of 3.5 metres and not less than 2 metres of side play
- b Each Association shall provide on each court an Umpire's stand, centre band and singles sticks when required.
- NB It is desirable that each Association shall endeavour to provide facilities or appointments for visiting players eg showers, dressing room and accommodation.

- A12** **Trophies**
Provision of Trophies
The NSW Hardcourt Tennis Association Inc. will supply a maximum of five (5) trophies for “Seniors” events & four (4) for Open & Junior events for each team entitled to receive trophies of whatever category. Any player who participates in Final matches and who has played in at least three (3) other matches in that Division shall qualify for a trophy. Trophies shall be awarded to Cup Winners, Finalists and divisional winners but no player or team shall be awarded more than one (1) trophy or set of trophies. Associations may purchase additional trophies.
- A13** **Safe Custody of Trophies**
a The NSWHTA shall arrange for the engraving of all trophies immediately after the conclusion of each year's competition.
bg Trophies will be presented to winning teams and Associations at the completion of the Finals
- A14** **Behavioural Complaints**
All matters concerning behaviour and breaches of the Code of Conduct shall be referred to the Honorary Secretary, PO Box 597 Castle Hill 2154 on or before the Wednesday following the match in which the alleged incident took place and shall immediately be referred by him to the Disciplinary Committee for adjudication.
- A15** **Championship Shield**
The NSW Hardcourt Tennis Association Inc. will award the George McKerihan Championship Shield to the **Association** recording the highest number of points from the Interdistrict Competition to be allocated as follows:-
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| Winners | All Cups | 10 Points |
| Finalists | All Cupss | 7 Points |
| Losing Semi finalists | Minimum of 6 teams entered | 2 points |
| All Divisional Winners | | 2 points |
| All Divisional Finalists | | 1 point |
- (Divisional Winners & Finalists points are NOT additional to Cup Winner or Finalist points)
- A16** **Disputes and Protests**
a All matters under dispute shall be forwarded to the Honorary Competition Secretary on or before the Wednesday following the day on which the match was set to take place and shall be referred by him to the Competition Committee for decision. The Association against whom the complaint is made within 14 days shall forward a written reply to the complaint to the Competition Secretary. A fee of \$5 must accompany all such protests, which shall be forfeited, if the protest is deemed frivolous
b The team protesting must forward, at the same time, a copy of the protest to the Secretary of the Association whose team is protested against.
c In all cases of protests upon the result of a match or on a decision during the match, the Home Association shall forward the score book, duly signed by the umpire'
d A Referee appointed by the Competition Committee will adjudicate on any disputes that might arise during the progress of play offs, semi finals and finals matches
- A17** **Appeals**
a. An Association dissatisfied with any decision of the Competition Committee may lodge an appeal with the Executive Committee of the NSW Hardcourt Tennis Association Inc. The Executive Committee may proceed to determination or refer the appeal to Grand Council for determination.
b. Such appeal must be lodged with the Honorary Secretary in writing within three (3) days of the promulgation of any decision of the Competition Committee. Such appeal shall be accompanied by a fee of \$5.00 which is forfeited is the appeal is held to be frivolous.
c. The appeal shall set out the grounds upon which the appeal is made. The Competition Committee shall furnish to the Executive Committee the reason for any decisions that are subject to appeal.
d. A member of the Competition Committee shall not sit as a member of the Executive Committee on any such appeal.
- A18** **Interpretation of Rules**
a. The interpretation of these Rules shall devolve upon the Competition Committee, which shall have the power to adjudicate upon any matter not specifically covered by these Rules. Any adjudication so made shall operate as a decision on the Rules and the right of appeal shall lie in the same way.
b. The Management Committee may also promulgate any special Rule at the commencement of any competition series by circular to all participating Associations.
c. The Competition Committee shall have the power to alter the format of the "Final" if necessary due to stress of weather or failing light

A19**Tennis Attire**

The correct tennis attire as determined by TENNIS NSW from time to time shall be worn by both sexes

Tracksuit Jackets

Tracksuit jackets may have the identification in writing on the back of the jacket of the Association each player is representing. The Association crest may also be displayed on the front left hand side.

Track Suits (Jackets and/or pants)

May be worn in extreme weather conditions at the discretion of the Host Association

Tennis Attire Not Permitted

- (i) Leisure suit slacks or similar garments when playing
- (ii) Clothing bearing lettering, writing or other illustration obviously designed as advertisement. Provided that piping, small manufacturers motifs and monograms are permissible
- (iii) Sleeveless singlets for men
- (iv) Scoops, Scamps, Stubbies or any kind of similarly designed clothing.

A20**Venue for Play Offs, Semi Finals and Finals**

The Competition Committee shall select courts for Play Off, Semi Finals and Finals matches. If the Association on whose courts the Finals are being played has spare courts available these courts may be used to help finalise all matches on one day at the discretion of the Competition Committee/Referee

Each player participating in play off, semi final or finals matches is required to provide a plate of refreshments.

A21**Clearances**

- (i) Players shall be residentially qualified in the area controlled by the Association in whose team he/she is nominated. Players of the competition, may represent that Association he/she would otherwise be eligible to represent, provided that a player who is:
 - (a) not residentially qualified, or is within the boundaries of an Association not entering teams in the respective competition in question may play with another Association subject to the approval of the Competition Committee and
 - (b) a player registered with and participating in the competition of an Association other than that for which he/she is residentially qualified, may represent that Association provided the player has the approval in writing of the Association within whose boundaries he/she resides and further that the Competition Committee grants its approval.
- (ii) Players registered with the NSW Catholic Association may represent the latter subject to the provisions of these Rules and obtaining a permit in writing from the Association with which he/she is residentially qualified
- (iii) A player who has been resident within the boundaries of a member Association and who has been registered with and participating in the competitions of such Association for a period of ten consecutive years, may continue to play with and/or represent such Association until such time he/she obtains registration with another Association.
- (iv) Where clearances are required, they must be submitted to the NSWHTA Competition Committee prior to the first match of the competition. If clearances are not received by the required date, all sets played by an unqualified shall be forfeited. If a clearance is required for any player not registered with the original team, a clearance must be received by the NSWHTA Competition Committee within one (1) calendar month of such player competing. Copies of all clearances must be forwarded to the NSWHTA Competition Committee
- (v) Players not registered with any Association in the previous twelve (12) months may represent an Association without clearance.

A22 Duty Officer

It is a condition of entry each Association shall provide a Duty Officer for all Home matches

Playing Rules

- P1** The Association Secretary or representative shall be the authority to approach the NSW HTA on any matters relating to the Interdistrict competition.
- P2** During the progress of a set/rubber neither the captain, manager nor any other person shall coach, advise or instruct any player participating in that particular set/rubber
- P3** All matches shall be played on one (1) court in ordinary rounds, divisional play offs and semi finals except all divisions in the Angus & Coote, Divisions 1 & 2 Ryan, Irene Matthews, Wade & Neal, all divisions of Blackwell, Divisions 1 & 2 Tremlett, Presidents and Esca Stephens Cups where two (2) courts shall be used. In Finals matches one (1) only shall be used for **ALL** matches
- P4** **Only teams from Divisions 1 & 2 shall compete for the "Cup" All other divisions shall compete for divisional trophies with points being awarded towards the George McKerihan Shield**
- P5** Commencement of Play
- a. Ordinary Rounds:- 12.15pm and not before that time
 - b. Divisional Play Offs & Semi Finals:- 12.00 noon and must finish (with the aid of lights if necessary)
 - c. Finals:- As indicated in Fixture Book or notified to participating Associations
 - d. If a team does not have a pair on the court at the scheduled starting time the opposing team shall be awarded the first set 6-0 or rubber 6-0 6-0.
Thereafter, whilst a team continues in default a further set or rubber shall be awarded at 30 minute intervals. Should a team be unable to proceed with a match as laid down by the rules for 2hrs 30mins the whole match shall be forfeited. The decision to claim a forfeit shall be left to the **teams** concerned & once a decision has been made the set or rubber claimed shall not be played
 - e. In the event of any match not commencing by 1.15pm in round matches because of inclement weather, the match shall be declared abandoned and the points shall be shared between both teams.
 - f. The "Home/Host" Association or in the case of "Finals" the duly appointed Referee shall be the sole arbiter as to matches being called off due to inclement weather
- P6** Continuity of Play
- a. Play shall be continuous for the entire match and no interval is permissible, except in the case of inclement weather. **Teams may, by mutual consent, take a 15/20 minute break for afternoon tea.**
 - b. No more than three (3) minutes, including a hit up (there shall be no hit ups after the second doubles) shall elapse between the conclusion of any set/rubber and the commencement of the next set/rubber. The captains of both teams shall be jointly responsible for the observation of this rule.
 - b. Matches suspended for more than one (1) hour due to inclement weather may be called off by either captain/manager. Duty Officers/Associations shall be the sole arbiter in determining whether play shall cease and or recommence. In matches where three (3) set singles are the format, play shall be deemed to have commenced/restarted provided that play is possible on at least one (1) court within the prescribed period.
NB Time wasted between sets/rubbers and consequent upon prolonged hit ups is often responsible for unfinished matches, which is undesirable. Captains should have their players ready to commence the next set/rubber and strictly observe this rule. Teams will be allowed to claim a forfeit if the opposing player/s are not ready to commence play within three (3) minutes of the completion of the previous set/rubber.
 - c. The "Home/Host" Association or in the case of "Finals" the duly appointed Referee shall be the sole arbiter as to matches being called off due to inclement weather

P7 Termination of Play - Round Matches
Unless both captains/managers agree to cease play due to failing light, then play shall cease at 6.00pm(with the aid of lights if necessary). Any game in progress at 6.00pm must be completed.

P8 Abandoned Matches
All teams shall be on the grounds whatever the weather, excepting where a team captain/manager has telephoned the number listed and received the decision that the court is unplayable from the person listed. This decision must be made by 11.00am
No postponements will be allowed for any reason.

P9 Format of Play Round Matches, Divisional Play Offs & Semi Finals

a. Two rounds, or as determined by Grand Council shall be played in each type of Cup

b. For all singles play seeded players shall meet the corresponding seeded player of the opposing team. Where sets are played out of order as seeded, the sets are to be forfeited by the defaulting team. Promoted or additional players must be seeded in the new team **on merit**

c. Ordinary, Divisional Play Offs and Semi Finals matches shall be played as follows:
Blackwell, Angus & Coote & Divs 1 & 2 of Tremlett, Ryan, Presidents, Irene Matthews, Esca Stephens & Wade & Neal shall consist of three (3) best of three (3) set singles with a Tie Breaker at six (6) games all & three (3) sets of doubles with a Tie Breaker at six (6) games all, using two (2) courts
The following FIXED format shall be followed:-
The first two (2) rubbers shall be the No 1 singles players & the doubles between 2&3 V 2&3
At the conclusion of the first doubles the remaining two (2) singles matches are to be played with the No 2 player being first followed by the No 3 players
The remaining doubles shall then be played with the No 1 player being paired with the player from the first finished singles followed by the No 1 player with the remaining player.
Div 3 & below of Tremlett, Ryan, Presidents, Irene Matthews, Esca Stephens Wade & Neal with ALL divisions of the McAndrew, Crakanthorp, 10 Boys & 10 Girls Cups Shall consist of three (3) single set singles & three (3) single set doubles with The normal Tie Break (First to 7 with a 2 point advantage) being applied at six (6) games all
The following Fixed Format shall be followed:-
The first two (2) sets are to be doubles 1&2 V 1&2 followed by 2&3 v 2&3
The No 1 singles followed by the No 3 singles followed by the No 2 singles
Remaining doubles 1&3 V 1&3
“Seniors” Cups
All teams shall nominate their player rankings prior to the commencement Of all matches
Matches shall consist of eight (8) Tie Break sets played on 1 court in the Following order:-
1&2 V 1&2, 3&4 V 3&4, 1&3 V 1&3, 2&4 V 2&4, 1&4 V 1&4, 2&3 V 2&3
1&2 V 3&4, 3&4 V 1&2
Choice of Serve Home team Sets 3,4,7&8, Visiting team Sets 1,2,5&6

Semi Finals/Div Play Offs

- d. For Semi Finals where grades are designated by “colours” the first two (2) teams in each group at the conclusion of the preliminary rounds shall contest the semi finals. The leading team from the first group shall play the second placed team from the second group & the second placed team from the first group shall play the leading team from the second group
- e. For Semi Finals where there is only one (1) Division, the first four (4) teams shall qualify for the Semi Finals Where there are two (2) Divisions the first three (3) teams from Division 1 and the leading team from Division 2 shall qualify for the Semi Finals
For Divisions 3 and below a Divisional Play Off shall be played between the two (2) teams leading on points at the completion of the preliminary rounds in each Division
- f. Should matches be washed out or are unfinished due to stress of weather or failing light at Divisional Play off or Semi final stage, the team leading in the point score at the conclusion of the preliminary rounds in Division 3 and below shall be declared the Divisional Winner and the two (2) teams from Division 1 with the highest point score at the conclusion of the preliminary rounds shall advance to and compete in the Final.
- g. In Divisional Play Offs and Semi Finals matches are decided solely on sets won against sets lost. If sets are equal games are taken into account. If sets and games are equal a tiebreak **SET** of doubles shall be played to determine the winner. (Teams may nominate any pair to play the deciding set)

Points as used during the Rounds are Not Applicable

P10 Format of PlayFinals Only Teams competing in Divisions 1 & 2 are eligible to play off for the appropriateCup

- a. In Finals matches the result shall be decided solely on sets won against lost. **(Points as used in the rounds are not applicable)** If sets are equal then games will be taken into account to determine the winner. If both sets and games are equal Joint premiers shall be declared.
- b. In all Finals matches where play does not commence or is stopped by stress of weather or failing light, the Referee or Competition Committeemay abandon the match & the team which was higher placed after the completion of the Semi Finals shall be declared the winner. (The state of the match affected is not taken into account)
- c. For all singles play, seeded players shall meet the corresponding seeded player of the opposing team. Where sets are played out of order as seeded, the sets are to be forfeited by the defaulting team
- d. **Angus & Coote, Ryan, Irene Matthews, Wade & Neal, Blackwell, Tremlett, Presidents & Esca Stephens** shall play 1 x single Round match played on one (1) court
- e. **The following Fixed Format shall be used:-**
Doubles 2&3 V 2&3 followed by the No 1 Singles followed by the No 2 Singles followed by the No 3 Singles followed by doubles 1&2 V 1&2 followed by doubles 1&3 V 1&3
- f. **Crakanthorp, McAndrew, 10 Boys & 10 Girls Cups** shall play 1 x Single Round match followed by an additional three (3) single sets of singles. For ALL singles play, seeded players shall meet the correspondingly seeded player of the opposing team. Where sets are played out of order as seeded, the sets are to be forfeited by the defaulting team.

The following Fixed Format shall be used:-

The first two (2) sets shall be doubles, 1&2 V 1&2 followed by 2&3 V 2&3 followed by the No 1 Singles followed by the No 3 Singles followed by the No 2 Singles followed by the remaining doubles, 1&3 v 1&3 followed by the No 2 Singles followed by the No 1 Singles followed by the No 3 Singles

g. “Seniors” Cups

All teams shall nominate their players rankings prior to the commencement of play

All Veterans Cups shall pay 12 sets in the following order:-

1&2 V 1&2, 3&4 V 3&4, 1&3 V 1&3, 2&4 V 2&4, 1&4 V 1&4, 2&3 V 2&3, 1&2 V 3&4, 3&4 V 1&2, 1&2 V 1&2, 3&4 V 3&4, 1&3 V 1&3, 2&3 V 2&4

Choice of Serve

Visiting Team Sets 1,2,5,6,9,10 Home Team Sets 3,4,7,8,11,12

P11

Tossing

Before Play Off, Semi Final or Finals matches commence the respective captains shall toss for the choice of being either the Home or Visiting team and both captains shall declare their team players after which no player/s may be changed unless Rule P13 "Substitution of Players" applies.

Then team captains (**except for Veterans Cups where Rule 10g shall apply**) shall then toss to determine which team has the CHOICE in the first set of:-

- a. The right to be Server or Receiver, in which case the other team shall choose the END;
Or
- b. The End, in which case the other team shall choose the right to be Server or Receiver;
Or
- c. Request the OPPOSING TEAM to make a choice of (a) or (b)
The CHOICE alternates with each set. That is, winner of the toss has the CHOICE for ODD numbered sets with the loser of the toss having the Choice on Even numbered sets.

P12

Promoted Players

- a. In the event of an Association entering more than one (1) team in any one Cup a player in a lower team may, if necessity arises, play in a higher team. Promoted players may return to their original team only if they have played in three (3) matches or less in the higher team.
- b. Players who were originally graded in Blackwell Cup, Angus & Coote Cup, Ryan Cup, Tremlett Cup, Irene Matthews Cup, Presidents Cup, Wade & Neal Cup & Esca Stephens Cup are NOT permitted to play in a lower age group or cup in the current competition. (Seniors Cups are considered to be a lower grading than Blackwell Cup & Angus & Coote Cup)

P13

Substitution of Players

- a. In the event of a player becoming incapacitated during the progress of a match, he/she may NOT be replaced by another player in that particular set/rubber in which he/she was participating.
- b. A replacement by a player of a lower grading shall otherwise be allowed to complete the remaining sets/rubber.
- c. In the event of a match being unfinished for any reason, the players originally nominated in a team shall take part in the unfinished sets/rubbers subject to the following:
If a player is prevented for any bonafide reason from participating in an unfinished set/rubber a player of a lower grading may replace him with the consent of the Competition Committee, providing:
If the Singles sets/rubbers have commenced the substituted player shall take the place and grading of the player for whom he/she is substituting
- d. If the Singles sets/rubbers have not commenced the players grading shall be progressed as set out in the Order of Play
- e. In an unfinished set/rubber of a final match a player unable to carry on with the match must forfeit the unfinished set/rubber from the last completed point, but a substitute of a lower grading may participate in the other sets/rubbers
- f. **Any player who is substituted shall take no further part in that match**

P14

Forfeits - Withdrawals

- a. Should a team forfeit any part of a round match for reasons other than illness or injury suffered by one or more of its players during the playing of a match the team shall be fined as follows:- (i) For all “Senior competitions & divisions 3 & below of all Junior competitions one (1) point for each player not in attendance (ii) For Blackwell Cup, Angus & Coote Cup & divisions 1&2 of all Junior Cups two (2) points for each player not in attendance
- b. Should the Association not be at fault but the player or some of them are responsible for the forfeit then the players concerned may be disqualified from participating in the Interdistrict competition for four (4) matches inclusive of Divisional Play Offs, Semi finals & Finals matches.
- c. In the event of a team forfeiting two (2) or more matches it shall be disqualified from further competition
- d. Should a team withdraw or be disqualified from the competition during the first round, all points for and against shall be deleted. Should a team withdraw or be disqualified from the competition during the second round, all points for and against shall be deleted for the second round only.

P15

Point Scores - Within Rounds Only

All matches shall be decided solely on sets won against sets lost. If sets are equal

Games shall be taken into account to determine the winner

Blackwell Cup, Angus & Coote Cup & Divisions 1 & 2 of all Junior Cups shall be allocated fourteen (14) points per match

Points shall be allocated as follows:

- a. **Winning Team** 2 points plus 3 points for each singles match & 1 point each doubles set won. (If a singles match is won 2 sets to nil, 3 points are allocated to the winner) plus 1/2 point for each incomplete or unplayed set
- b. **Losing Team** 3 points for each singles match won and 1 point for each doubles set won plus 1/2 point for each incomplete or unplayed set.
- c. **Drawn Matches** Points shared
- d. **Unfinished Matches** 1 point each team plus points as allocated above and 1/2 point for each incomplete or unplayed set. If either team has won **HALF** of the scheduled sets and the games accumulated amount to one (1) more than the opposition could have possibly won in this match, then the result will be scored as a winning team as detailed in (a). (In 3 set matches it is assumed 3 sets would have been necessary in singles matches and the points are to be shared accordingly)
- e. **Forfeited Matches** All points allotted to the team receiving the forfeit. - No points to the team giving the forfeit
- f. **Unplayed Matches** (other than Forfeit) Allotted points to be shared equally between each team
- g. **“Seniors”** (10 Points per match), **Div 3 & below of Tremlett, Ryan, Presidents, Irene Matthews, Esca Stephens & Wade & Neal Cups** (8 Points per match) & All Divisions of **McAndrew, Crakanthorp, 10 Boys & 10 Girls Cups** (8 Points per match) 2 Points to the winning team plus 1 point for each set won & ½ point for each incomplete/unplayed set. For Drawn, Unfinished, Unplayed or Forfeited matches points to be allocated as per c,d,e & f above

P16 **Declaration of Winners Divisions 3 & Below**

- a. Each team in a Cup or in a Division of a Cup shall meet each of the other teams therein twice during the ordinary rounds or as determined by the Management Committee. The two (2) teams with the highest number of points at the conclusion of the preliminary rounds shall play a match against each other, the winner being declared the Divisional Winner
- b. In the event of two (2) or more teams being equal on points for first or second place, then the right to contest the play off match shall be determined on averages. ie. Sets won over Sets played and if Sets are equal then games will be taken into consideration.
- c. All forfeited sets must be noted on the result card and such sets will not be recorded in averages where applicable
- d. Divisions 1 and 2 ONLY will play off for the respective Cup.

P17 **Umpiring Responsibilities**

Umpiring of preliminary round matches is to be shared by both teams. - The "Home" team will umpire the first set/rubber and the umpiring duties will alternate with the exception that in all "Senior" cups, Angus & Coote, Blackwell, Ryan, Tremlett, Irene Matthews, Presidents (other junior cups to umpire all sets) umpires may be confined to singles only. Ball persons from the team not umpiring must be provided for all singles matches. However, in any match where one team requests an umpire at any stage of a match the other team must agree to participate. The "Home" team will umpire the first set/rubber where an umpire is requested.

For "Finals" matches endeavours will be made for the NSWTA Umpires Association to provide umpires, otherwise the opposing captains shall mutually agree upon umpires.

P18 **Provision of Balls**

- a. In ordinary rounds the "Home Association" shall provide not less than three (3) new balls for each match except in Divisions 1 & 2 of Blackwell Cup, Tremlett Cup, Presidents Cup Esca Stephens Cup, Angus & Coote Cup, Ryan Cup, Irene Matthews Cup & Wade & Neal Cup where not less than six (6) new balls shall be provided
- b. For Divisional Play off & Semi Final matches the "Host:" Association shall provide balls as specified in (a). The cost of these balls shall be borne by the NSW Hardcourt Tennis Association Inc.
- c. In Final matches the "Host" Association shall provide six (6) new balls for each match except Blackwell Cup & Angus & Coote Cup where not less than twelve (12) new balls shall be provided. The cost of these balls shall be borne by the NSWHTA Inc.

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Tiebreak Procedure

Singles

- a. A player who first wins seven points shall win the game and the set provided he leads by a margin of two points. If the score reaches six points all, the game shall be extended until this margin has been achieved. Numerical scoring shall be used throughout the tiebreak game.
- b. The player whose turn it is to serve shall be the server for the first point. His/her opponent shall be the server for the second and third points and thereafter each player shall serve alternately for two consecutive points until the winner of the game and set has been decided.
- c. From the first point, each service shall be delivered alternately from the right and left courts, beginning from the right court.
- d. Players shall change ends after every six points and at the conclusion of the tiebreak game.
- e. The tie-break shall count as one game for the ball change
- f. The player (or pair in the case of doubles) who received first in the tiebreak game shall serve in the first game of the following set.

Doubles

In doubles, the procedure for singles shall apply. The player whose turn it is to serve shall be the server for the first point. Thereafter each player shall serve in rotation for two points in the same order as previously in that set until the winners of the game and set have been decided.

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Rosewall Medal/Hardcourt Medal

- a. The Rosewall Medal/Hardcourt Medal shall be competed for annually by all players participating in Division 1 of all "Cups" (Rosewall Medal for Open & Junior Competitions & the Hardcourt Medal for Seniors/Vets competitions)
- b. Participation is compulsory
- c. The Rosewall Medal/Hardcourt Medal shall be competed for following the guidelines as set down from time to time by the Management Committee
- d. Failure to nominate players shall lead to the deduction of 1 competition point