



# **2025 COLOURED BALL COMPETITION REGULATIONS**

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## COLOURED BALL COMPETITION REGULATIONS

### 1. PURPOSE AND APPLICABILITY

Tennis Australia circulates these Coloured Ball Competition (CBC) Regulations for the purpose of providing fair and reasonable rules for the orderly and uniform conduct of CBC Tournaments endorsed by Tennis Australia or the Member Association. These Regulations shall be applicable to all CBC Tournaments that form part of the Competitive Play Calendar.

Any ambiguity or uncertainty in connection with these regulations shall be resolved by locating the relevant regulation(s) within the Australian Competitive Play Junior Regulations. Outside of this, Tennis Australia reserves the rights to interpret these regulations, when necessary, in order to resolve particular or unusual circumstances.

These regulations take effect from January 1, 2025, and may be varied from time to time by Tennis Australia. Any new or revised policy, rule, procedure, or regulation will be published on the Tennis Australia website ([www.tennis.com.au](http://www.tennis.com.au)) and/or notified to (a) tournament organisers and officials by email.

### 2. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

A player is eligible for the CBC Tournaments if they meet the following criteria:

- They are an affiliated member with either i. Tennis Australia; or ii. The Member Association; or iii. Their Club / Centre or Association
- They are 18 years of age or under as at the time of the tournament. For the purpose of these Regulations, the player's age as of the last day of the month that the tournament finishes shall be used for entry into CBC Tournaments.
- They are in "good standing" with their Member Association.

A player's state / territory representation for CBC Tournaments is determined by the state / territory of residency that would have been submitted during the initial creation of the player's account.

Players wishing to add / change / update their State of Residency or Name on the Tennis Australia website should send a copy of their passport, birth certificate or other relevant documentation to clarify this amendment to Tennis Australia – [tournaments@tennis.com.au](mailto:tournaments@tennis.com.au).

#### a. Coloured Ball Competition Tournaments

All tournaments are open to players that are eligible to compete in the respective coloured ball and/or age group. For purposes of this rule, the player's age as of the last day of the month that the tournament finishes shall be used for entry into the tournament.

#### b. Green Ball Nationals

Only players 10 years of age and under shall be eligible for this invitational event. The player's age as of the last day of the month that the tournament finishes shall be used for entry into this Tournaments.

Only players that were born in Australia or are Australian citizens or passport holders are eligible to compete.

Exemptions can be granted by Tennis Australia if players have immigrated or are permanent residents of Australia and have completed and can provide all documentation that they will become Australian citizens / passport holders in the near future and therefore represent Australia in international events and tournaments.

### **c. Grounds for refusing entry**

Tennis Australia or the respective Member Association reserve the right to refuse a player or other participants entry into CBC Tournaments and/or venue for such a tournament where Tennis Australia or that Member Association determines that the applicable player or participant:

- Is currently suspended by Tennis Australia, a Member Association, the ITF, or another applicable tennis authority, or has any outstanding financial liability or otherwise to any of these organisations, or is otherwise ineligible under any applicable code, rule, regulation, policy, or procedure.
- Is not of good standing or character or has or will likely embarrass or bring into ridicule or disrepute Tennis Australia, the Member Association, the applicable tournament and/or the sport of tennis.
- Has failed to comply with any conditions of entry or other applicable rule, regulation, policy, or procedure from the respective Member Association, providing that Tennis Australia has approved any such Member Association decision to refuse a player or participant's entry.

## **3. RULES TO BE OBSERVED**

The following operating procedures for CBC Tournaments are designed to raise the quality of tournament conduct throughout Australia. They provide parameters to ensure all tournaments endorsed by Tennis Australia or the Member Association are managed professionally and with uniformity across the country and in so doing provide the most optimally positive playing experience for all players.

All CBC Tournaments must be conducted in accordance with, in their most current form the following procedures & regulations.

- The Uniform Tennis Anti-Corruption Program.
- The Tennis Australia Member Protection Policy.
- The Tennis Australia Code of Behaviour: Competitive Play.
- And any other policy, rule, procedure, or regulation of which Tennis Australia may notify the relevant club/centre/association from time to time.

In the event that these regulations do not cover a regulation / procedure related item at an Australian Competitive Play Junior Tournament, Referee/Venue Supervisors and/or Tournament Directors should refer to:

- The Australian Competitive Play Junior Regulations via <https://www.tennis.com.au/competitiveplay/regulations>
- The ITF Rules of Tennis via <https://www.itftennis.com/en/about-us/governance/rules-and-regulations/>
- The ITF Duties and Procedures via <https://www.itftennis.com/en/about-us/governance/rules-and-regulations/>
- Procedures for Matches Played without a Chair Umpire via (<http://www.tennis.com.au/doc/tennis-etiquette-and-rules-for-non-umpired-matches>)
- Tennis Australia Player Dress & Equipment Regulations: <https://www.tennis.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/2023-Player-Dress-Equipment-Regulations.pdf>

- Tennis Australia's Anti-Doping Policy via <http://www.tennis.com.au/about-tennis-australia/reports-and-policies/policies>
- Tennis Australia Extreme Weather Policy: [TA-Extreme-Weather-Policy-effective-13-Oct-2022.pdf](#)
- 2025 Australian Competitive Play Junior Regulations: <https://www.tennis.com.au/competitiveplay/regulations>

## 4. AMENDMENTS

The 2025 Coloured Ball Competition Regulations may only be amended, repealed or otherwise modified, in whole or in part, by Tennis Australia. Tennis Australia reserves the right to review and amend the Coloured Ball Competition Regulations during the year, including with retrospective effect, where TA in its sole discretion deems the amendments to be in the best interest of the players and the CBC Tournaments. These amendments will be published on the Tennis Australia website. <http://www.tennis.com.au/competitiveplay/regulations>

## 5. COMPETITIVE PLAYER PROFILE

All players entering CBC Tournaments agree, as a condition of their entry, to complete their Competitive Player Profile, to accept the related terms and conditions and pay any appropriate fee and hence become a member of an affiliated tennis club or member association. Failure by a player to register for their Competitive Player Profile and to accept the related terms and conditions may result in the rejection of that player's entry.

To complete your Competitive Player Profile visit [tennis.com.au](http://tennis.com.au), select the scenario that applies to you and follow the prompts to complete.

This process will assist Tennis Australia with providing results from all endorsed tournaments on the Competitive Play Calendar to:

- Universal Tennis for the purpose of the UTR Rating calculation, and
- The ITF for the purpose of the ITF World Tennis Number

**NOTE:** For assistance in this process please reach out to the Customer Support Team on 1800 PLAY TENNIS (1800 752 983) or via email – [play@tennis.com.au](mailto:play@tennis.com.au).

## 6. UNIVERSAL TENNIS RATING

Tennis Australia have partnered with Universal Tennis as the primary rating provider that will be used throughout all endorsed CBC Tournaments.

There is a Coloured Ball Rating that caters to red, orange and green ball players. Progression within a specific ball colour is contingent on match performance within that ball colour, and transitioning between ball colours is contingent on participation in matches for each specific ball colour.

**NOTE:** If a player has played a yellow ball match that counts towards their UTR Rating, their Coloured Ball Rating will no longer appear publicly, but it will continue to be calculated in the background.

For more information on the Coloured Ball Rating, see the [UTR Sports website](#).

## 7. ENTRY RESTRICTIONS

Tournament Organisers should ensure players are entered into the correct ball type for their ability and Coloured Ball Rating. Please note the following entry restrictions for players, unless signed off on by the relevant Member Association:

- **Players with a Yellow Ball Rating:** cannot enter Orange or Red Ball events
- **Players with a Green Ball Rating:** cannot enter Red Ball events
- **Players with an Orange or Red Ball Rating:** can enter Green (not recommended), Orange or Red Ball events

## 8. COURT SIZE

When delivering CBC Tournaments, Tournament Organisers should ensure they are utilizing the correct court size, net height and ball for competition.

Approved court dimensions can be found below:

EVENT	COURT SIZE	NET HEIGHT	BALL TYPE
<b>Red</b>	11m long x 5.5m wide	67-80cm	Red ball (25% compression)
<b>Orange</b>	18.29m long x 6.4m wide for singles (8.22m wide for doubles)	65cm	Orange ball (50% compression)
<b>Green</b>	Traditional full-size court (23.77m long x 8.23m wide)	Standard net height	Green ball (75% compression)

## 9. DRAW FORMAT

It is recommended that events use a multi-match draw format for singles (i.e. Monrad, Compass or Round Robin) to ensure a positive first experience into tournament play, ensuring each player is not eliminated after playing one match.

If a Single Elimination draw type is used, **match play MUST be offered** except for Member Association State Qualifying events, which provide a pathway into the Green Ball Nationals event.

### 9.1. Monrad

A monrad draw is a multi-match draw format whereby all players continue to play, win or lose through to a final finishing position.

## 9.2. Compass

A compass draw is divided into eight brackets, each bracket representing a point on a compass (i.e., North, South, North-East, etc.).

All players start in a main draw which is the East draw. A player simply moves into a new bracket when they lose a match.

- In Round 1, winning players stay in the East bracket and losing players move into the West.
- In Round 2, winning players in the East bracket stay in the East bracket, while losing players in the East bracket move into the North bracket. Similarly, winning players in the West bracket stay in the West bracket, while losing players in the West bracket move into the South bracket.
- This process continues in rounds 3 and 4 where losing players can be moved into the Northeast, Northwest, Southeast, or Southwest brackets.
- The champion of the East draw is the overall winner of the tournament, having remained undefeated throughout the tournament.

## 9.3. Round Robin

A round robin draw is a format where each player competes against every other player within their group.

Multiple round robin draws can be used in a group stage with winners of each group advancing to a single elimination draw. Below are some suggested guidelines for the creation of a round robin draw:

- There should be no pools with less than three (3) players, and no more than six (6) players
- There must be an even number of pools
- Only winners of pool groups should move to any single elimination rounds
- For six (6) or less players, a one (1) pool format should be used. If one pool is used, there should be no additional single elimination draw. I.e. the winner of the pool is to be declared the winner of the event, without a final being played.

## 9.4. Single Elimination

A single elimination or knockout draw is a type of elimination format where the loser of each match is immediately eliminated from the draw.

Players have the option to sign in for the additional Match Play draw. Match Play can consist of either single elimination or round robin draws.

# 10. SCORE FORMAT

Tournaments must choose from the below scoring formats when delivering CBC Tournaments. It is recommended that Red Ball events choose from one of the quicker scoring formats to ensure a positive first experience. Similarly, multi-match formats such as a Round Robin, Monrad or Compass should utilize a shorter scoring format given that players are competing in multiple matches over the course of the tournament.

### **2 TB Sets + 10MTB = 2 Tie-Break Sets and 10 Point Match Tie-Break (Average 90 Minutes)**

- Each match is played to the best of 3 sets - a player/team needs to win 2 sets to win the match.
- Each set is the first to 6 games. The first player/team who wins 6 games wins that set, provided there is a margin of 2 games over the opponent(s).
- If the score reaches 6 games all, a tie-break game to 7 points leading with a margin of 2 shall be played.
- If the score in a match is one set all, one tiebreak game is played to decide the match. This tiebreak game replaces the deciding final set. The player/team who first wins 10 points shall win the Match Tiebreak and the match, provided there is a margin of 2 points over the opponent(s).

### **2 Short Sets = 2 Short Sets and 10 Point Match Tie-Break (Average 60 Minutes)**

- Each match is played to the best of 3 sets - a player/team needs to win 2 sets to win the match.
- Each Set is the first to 4 games, the first player/team who wins 4 games wins that set, provided there is a margin of 2 games over the opponent(s).
- If the score reaches 4 games all, a tie-break game to 7 points leading with a margin of 2 shall be played.
- If the score in a match is one set all, one tiebreak game is played to decide the match. This tiebreak game replaces the deciding final set. The player/team who first wins 10 points shall win the Match Tiebreak and the match, provided there is a margin of 2 points over the opponent(s).

### **1 TB Set = 1 Tie-Break Set (Average 40 Minutes)**

- Each match is 1 set - the player/team that win the set win the match.
- The set is the first to 6 games. The first player/team who wins 6 games wins that set, provided there is a margin of 2 games over the opponent(s).
- If the score reaches 6 games all, a tie-break game to 7 points leading with a margin of 2 shall be played.

### **1 Short Set = 1 Short Set (Average 25 Minutes)**

- Each match is 1 set - the player/team that win the set win the match.
- The set is the first to 4 games. The first player/team who wins 4 games wins that set, provided there is a margin of 2 games over the opponent(s).
- If the score reaches 4 games all, a tie-break game to 7 points leading with a margin of 2 shall be played.

### **Timed Matches**

- Matches will continue for nominated length of time as set by the event.

### **10.1. Scoring Format Reductions**

In exceptional circumstances (such as inclement weather, including where the extreme heat policy is activated), the Tournament Organiser, who will be the final authority in this matter, can change the scoring formats, when it becomes clear that such circumstances will prevent a tournament from being completed within the publicised dates.

Changes to scoring formats should be made giving regard to the following priority, noting that not all options need to be used:

1. Introduce "No-Ad" scoring.



2. Reduce match format for match play matches.
3. Reduce match format for doubles matches.
4. Reduce match format for singles matches.

## 11. ENTRIES AND DRAWS

### 11.1. Acceptance List

Each CBC Tournament must produce a pre-event Acceptance List.

The acceptance list is designed to display the following:

- a. Players/teams accepted directly into the event
- b. Players/teams that have not been accepted into the event.
- c. Players/teams that have withdrawn from the event.

### 11.2. Entry Fees

The recommended maximum entry fees that may be charged by a CBC Tournament is \$45 for singles and \$25 for doubles. Fees must be collected by the Tournament Organiser prior to the start of the tournament. The Tournament Organiser should provide a receipt for fees if they are collected onsite.

These maximum entry fees are inclusive of any Member Association sanction fee that is required to be paid per player and also include any online processing fee charged by Stripe.

### 11.3. Entry Fee Refunds

The following entry fee refunds will be processed by the Tournament Organiser based on the following sliding scale:

TIME OF WITHDRAWAL	REFUND APPLICABLE
<b>Before withdrawal deadline</b>	A full refund of the player entry fee
<b>After withdrawal deadline, but before the release of the draw</b>	A 50% refund of the players entry fee
<b>After withdrawal deadline, and after the release of the draw</b>	A refund of the player entry fee is not required
<b>A player who is a 'No Show'</b>	A refund of the player entry fee is not required
<b>A player entering a doubles draw without a doubles partner and has to withdraw due to a partner not being allocated</b>	A full refund of the players entry fee
<b>Where a doubles partner can be found to replace a withdrawing partner, but the remaining player chooses not to play</b>	A refund of the player entry fee is not required

All withdrawals must be submitted by the player in writing (via email) or via the player's account in which they entered the tournament. Tournaments need not issue a refund if the withdrawal procedure is not followed.

Refunds less a \$10.00 administration fee must be issued if a draw is cancelled (due to weather or other extenuating reasons) before the completion of a player's first match within that draw.

## 12. WITHDRAWALS

### 12.1. The Withdrawal Deadline

For all CBC Tournaments, the recommended withdrawal deadline shall be no earlier than: 11:59pm (local time), seven (7) days prior to the first day of the tournament. Any change to this date must be communicated via the tournament home page.

### 12.2. Submission of Withdrawal

All withdrawals must be submitted through the players' account in which they entered the tournament or in writing (via email). Tournaments need not issue a refund if the withdrawal procedure is not followed. Withdrawals via SMS will NOT be accepted.

### 12.3. Late Withdrawal and/or Failure to Complete Match or Tournament penalties

A player's first four (4) disciplinary points incurred for Late Withdrawal and/or Failure to Complete Match or Tournament violations in a twelve (12) month rolling period will not be included when calculating the accumulated disciplinary points total.

**a. Before the withdrawal deadline:**

No penalty, withdrawal done through the player's account or in writing (via email)

**b. After the withdrawal deadline:**

• Before publication of the draw:

Any withdrawal from a player accepted into the tournament that occurs after the Withdrawal Deadline but before the publication of the draw shall be considered a late withdrawal and will be issued with a Late Withdrawal (Before the Draw) violation that will attract one (1) disciplinary point (as outlined in the Tennis Australia Code of Behaviour: Competitive Play), provided the withdrawal is received by the Tournament Director prior to the publication of the draw.

• After publication of the draw:

Any withdrawal from a player after the publication of the draw shall be considered either a:

- Late Withdrawal (After the Draw) violation, or
- Failure to Complete a Match or Event violation

These violations will attract two (2) disciplinary points (as outlined in the Tennis Australia Code of Behaviour: Competitive Play).

A withdrawal is deemed excused when a tournament appointed Doctor/Sports Physiotherapist assesses the player onsite and verifies that player is unfit to compete in the tournament.

If there is no appointed Doctor/Sports Physiotherapist and the Referee/Venue Supervisor is satisfied with the validity of the injury / illness onsite, then the withdrawal should also be excused.

A player may appeal a Late Withdrawal or Failure to Complete violation if they have a legitimate reason (i.e. medical reasons, emergencies, death of a loved one, etc.) and evidence is provided. Any appeal must be made within 48 hours of the Code Violation notification, via the following [application](#), otherwise it is not appealable. The decision to accept the appeal is at the sole discretion of TA.

**CASE:** During a tournament, can a player medically withdraw or retire from a match and play again that day?

**DECISION:**

- If there is an onsite tournament-appointed Doctor/Sports Physiotherapist, a player who withdraws or retires from one event can play in other events on the same, or subsequent days, with medical clearance and approval from the Tournament Referee.
- If there is no onsite tournament-appointed Doctor/Sports Physiotherapist, a player who withdraws or retires from one event can play in other events on the next or subsequent days with medical clearance or the approval of the Tournament Referee but must be withdrawn from all other matches schedule for and called on the same day.

**NOTE:** If due to weather or other circumstances, any of that players matches that are postponed until the next day, the player is allowed to play in those events upon receiving clearance. This principle can be applied either on the first day of a tournament or subsequent days.

#### 12.4. **Withdrawal vs. No Show**

A Withdrawal is received by the Tournament Director before the start of the relevant first match for that player at the tournament. A No Show applies when no valid withdrawal is received before the match is called to the court.

- It is the player's responsibility to be aware of the correct withdrawal procedures.
- Players are advised to keep copies of all withdrawal documentation in the event of any disputes.
- Withdrawal notification must be in writing (via e-mail – not via SMS or social media channels) and submitted to the Tournament Director prior to the match being called.

#### 12.5. **No Show Procedures**

Any player not ready to play within fifteen (15) minutes after his/her match is called shall be defaulted unless the Referee/Venue Supervisors in their sole discretion, after consideration of all relevant circumstances, elects not to declare a default.

A player who does not appear for a scheduled match will be defaulted from that match. This is recorded as 'no show'.

**NOTE:** For doubles it is essential to accurately record the actual player that does not appear, as the innocent partner will not receive demerit points. Also, it is necessary to complete this within the code violation function within Tournament Planner.

- A player who is defaulted under the "no show" provisions of the code of behaviour may be permitted to play in subsequent draws at the discretion of the Referee/Venue Supervisors. Situations where this may be applicable include (but are not limited to):
  - Family Grievances.
  - Late arrival due to transport difficulties.
  - Incorrect reading of the time schedule.
  - Attending the wrong venue.

However, the player must make contact with the Tournament Director or Referee/Venue Supervisors within one (1) hour of the scheduled match time on the day of the "no-show" in order to be permitted to play other draws. The player who makes contact within one (1) hour of the "no show" will be permitted to play both match play and singles/doubles in the tournament. All other players who committed "no show" offences without making contact must be taken out of all singles and doubles events, including match play.

- It should be noted that for the purposes of Code of Behaviour processes the production of a Medical Certificate either during or post tournament is unacceptable in the case of a "No Show."

### 13. ADMINISTRATIVE ERROR ON ACCEPTANCE LIST

If an administrative error is made on an Event Acceptance List and a player is not included or too many players are accepted into the event, the Acceptance List will be corrected at the earliest opportunity in accordance with the most recently available UTR Ratings (released weekly on a Tuesday).

### 14. CRITERIA FOR ACCEPTANCE

#### 14.1. Singles

There are two methods in which to accept players into CBC Tournaments:

##### **Method A: Sorting players in order of UTR Rating**

In determining acceptance of players for singles, players must be selected in accordance with the most recently available singles Coloured Ball or UTR Rating (released weekly on a Tuesday) at the time of the Entry Deadline.

Noting entry requirements (i.e. players with a Green Ball rating cannot enter Red Ball events, and players with a Yellow Ball rating cannot enter Orange Ball events) Yellow Ball Rating will have first acceptance, followed by Green, Orange and then Red.

##### **Ties**

In the event of a tie on the acceptance list between players for positions, that tie shall be broken as follows:

- A player's full Coloured Ball or UTR Rating
- Drawn by lot by Tennis Australian or the relevant Member Association

##### **Method B: Accepting players using a 'First In, First Served' entry system**

If a tournament has advertised accepting a restricted number of entries until the event is sold out, players will be prioritised based on the entry date and time stamp.

Once events have been filled, each event must produce an acceptance list. The acceptance list must be designed to display the following:

- a. Players accepted directly into the main draw.
- b. Players that have not been accepted into the tournament.
- c. Players that have withdrawn from the tournament.

Tournaments must clearly indicate on the tournament home page that a 'First In, First Served' entry system is to be used.

## **14.2. Doubles**

### **Method A: Sorting players in order of UTR Rating**

Doubles teams will be accepted according to their best Coloured Ball or UTR Rating (either doubles or singles) added together and the total used to determine their acceptance. Players must be selected in accordance with the most recently available Coloured Ball or UTR Ratings (released weekly on a Tuesday) at the time of the Entry Deadline.

### **Ties**

In the event of a tie on the acceptance list between doubles teams for positions, that tie shall be broken as follows:

- The team member with the highest doubles Coloured Ball or UTR Rating, then
- The team member with the highest singles Coloured Ball or UTR Rating, then
- Drawn by lot by Tennis Australian or the relevant Member Association

Direct acceptance for doubles are selected according to the following acceptance methods; teams consisting of:

- Two players with a UTR Rating (yellow ball)
- One player with a UTR Rating (yellow ball) and one player with a Green Coloured Ball Rating
- Two players with Green Coloured Ball Ratings
- One player with a Green Coloured Ball Rating and one player with an Orange Coloured Ball Rating
- Two players with Orange Coloured Ball Ratings
- One player with an Orange Coloured Ball Rating and one player with a Red Coloured Ball Rating
- Two players with Red Coloured Ball Ratings
- One Rated player (in order of ball level; yellow, green, orange then red) and one unrated player
- Two unrated players

### **Method B: Accepting players using a 'First In, First Served' entry system**

If a tournament has advertised accepting a restricted number of doubles teams until the event is sold out, teams will be prioritised based on the entry date and time stamp. Noting that players with a doubles partner during entry will have priority over players that have not advertised a doubles partner.

Once events have been filled, each event must produce an acceptance list. The acceptance list must be designed to display the following:

- a. Players accepted directly into the main draw.
- b. Players that have not been accepted into the tournament.
- c. Players that have withdrawn from the tournament.

Tournaments must clearly indicate on the tournament home page that a 'First In, First Served' entry system is to be used.

## 15. SEEDINGS

Seedings are not compulsory at CBC Tournaments. When they are used, they must be based on the Coloured Ball and/or UTR Rating, with yellow ball having first priority, followed by Green, Orange and then Red. If seeds are used, the following number of seeds shall be allocated:

- 8 players / teams or less: 2 seeds
- 9 to 16 players / teams: 4 seeds
- 17 to 32 players / teams: 8 seeds
- 33 to 64 players: 16 seeds

**NOTE #1:** The number of seeds required for a draw is different if undertaking a Round Robin draw. Two seeds are required for each Round Robin group.

**NOTE #2:** For match play events, the number and placement of seeds follows all principles of Main Draw elimination draw procedures.

## 16. REGISTRATION

For all CBC Tournaments, it is a mandatory requirement for all entries to be submitted online via the official tournament entry system available for each tournament at <http://tournaments.tennis.com.au>.

Any entries that are received by tournaments outside of the online entry system must not be accepted.

A player must submit an electronically validated entry form containing the following information, along with the appropriate entry fee, by the specified closing deadline:

- Their Tennis ID number.
- An undertaking confirming that the player has read and agrees to be bound by and to comply with, the conditions of entry, including the conditions listed in Appendix I (Tennis Australia Tournament Conditions).
- A valid residential mailing address, including state of residency and postcode.
- A valid email address.
- A contact phone number that will be operational prior to and during the tournament.
- The players date of birth and gender.

## 17. SCHEDULE

Tournaments must make every effort to be time efficient with regards to scheduling, thereby limiting the amount of waiting time that players/families incur at each tournament. This includes:

- Accurate scheduling.
- Appropriate match formats for the number of entries received.

- Communication of scheduling and of any scheduling changes.
- Sensible and timely announcements in the event of rain or heat delays.
- Updating of match schedules and draws as frequently as possible and if applicable a text messaging service.
- Timely advice to players with regard to withdrawals, no shows etc.

## 18. DAILY RELEASE OF THE SCHEDULE

Every evening, the schedule for the following day's play must be published on the Internet via <http://tournaments.tennis.com.au>. Tournament Directors must ensure that the updated draws and times are published on the Internet before leaving the venue.

## 19. TIME RESTRICTIONS

For all levels of CBC Tournaments, no matches may be scheduled before 7:30am and no match must commence after 7:30pm, unless exceptional circumstances including weather (extreme or otherwise) exist in the opinion of the Referee/Venue Supervisor.

CBC Tournaments that start on a school day will be permitted to start from 4pm, unless approved by Tennis Australia or the relevant Member Association in exceptional circumstances. They must still abide by the above 7:30pm last match starting time regulation.

The Referee/Venue Supervisor must provide a minimum of 12 hours' rest between matches played on consecutive days except in exceptional circumstances where a minimum of 10 hours can be applicable.

## 20. CONDITIONS OF PLAY

### 20.1. Warm-ups

Immediately prior to a match, the players are entitled to a warm-up period not exceeding five (5) minutes.

### 20.2. Rest Breaks

Whenever it is necessary to schedule more than one match in the same day such player shall, unless they are in the singles and doubles final to be played consecutively, be given the following minimum rest periods between matches:

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|--|-------------------|
| • Matches lasting less than 2 hours    | = 30 minutes rest |
| • Matches lasting between 2 to 3 hours | = 1 hour rest     |
| • Matches lasting more than 3 hours    | = 1½ hour rest    |

If a player is involved in the singles and doubles finals, they shall be allocated a rest period of 30 minutes. The Referee/Venue Supervisor can extend this time within reason.

A player may play before the end of the rest period if all participants are in agreement. Under no circumstances are players to be forced to play inside their allocated rest period unless they voluntarily choose to do so.

Where the Extreme Heat Policy has been invoked, the suggested minimum rest periods should be extended within

reason in conjunction with using shortened match formats.

The Referee/Venue Supervisor must provide a minimum of 12 hours' rest between matches played on consecutive days except in exceptional circumstances where a minimum of 10 hours can be applicable.

## 21. GREEN BALL NATIONALS

The Green Ball Nationals will be conducted in the Term 3 School Holidays in 2025 and provides a pathway for players competing in Green Ball CBC Tournaments to progress to a National Carnival event. The invitation-only event will consist of 32 boys and 32 girls in each draw.

### 21.1. Composition of Draw

<b>DRAW SIZE</b>	<b>32</b>
<b>Direct Acceptance</b> - based on UTR Rating (yellow ball)	8
<b>Wildcards (per state)</b> – NSW, QLD and VIC	4
<b>Wildcards (per state)</b> – SA and WA	3
<b>Wildcards (per state)</b> – ACT, NT and TAS	2

*Note that each Member Association will communicate their method of designating Wildcards in due course.*



## 22. CONTACTS

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