



Selection of Teams

Selection of teams who represent the Jerrabomberra Tennis Club in the Canberra Adult Tennis League

Jerrabomberra Tennis Club has had a proud history of participating in the Canberra Tennis League dating back over two decades. It has been an important part of the club in that it provides for social interaction and gives the club exposure within the region - as well as provides a structured competition to allow players to improve their tennis abilities.

There are currently three competitions for adults in the league: Monday/Tuesday unisex, Thursday mixed and Saturday unisex - each of which require the selection of teams each season. This is currently done by the Club Captain and then submitted for comment to two members with a knowledge of the players abilities who are participating. Once agreed, the Club Captain submits the teams and attends the ACT Tennis Grading meeting. At the meeting it is determined the Division that each team will compete in.

It should be noted that on: Mondays/Tuesday competition, it is only the top 3 ranked players that are used in grading; for Thursdays, the top 2 males and top 2 females; and Saturdays it is the top 2 players.

Our broad principles for team selection

Our broad principles applied during team selection include:

- Team selection should take account of the relative strengths of competitors in grouping players together.
- The UTR Rankings of players directly informs their promotion or relegation.
- New players should be accommodated (we should be inclusive) and placed in teams at an appropriate level.
- Where possible, team selection should support friends/family to play together in a competitive environment.
- Supporting younger players to play together if they wish.

Teams are constructed by the Club Captain considering these principles.

It is acknowledged that is not always possible for every principle to be adhered to at the same time. So, we apply slightly different selection rules to the different competitions to provide a balance.

Monday/Tuesday Unisex Competitions

Players will nominate as individuals. The list of those that nominate will be ranked according to their UTRs (singles and double weighted equally). Players will be grouped into teams of 4 (3 play on any one night). Players ranked 1 to 4 in the top team, 5 to 8 in the second team and so on. When the number nominating is not divisible by 4 slight adjustments to team sizes will be made (either teams of 3 or 5 depending on likely player availability and availability of reserve players). This allows for improving players to move up to higher standards of tennis and those who are not playing well to drop down.

Players who nominate as a reserve will be added to a team of appropriate level noting that a reserve must have a UTR the same or less than the player they are reserving for.

Consideration will be given to group younger players (typically 16-21 years of age) who may wish to play together. We do this to encourage their participation and comfort with their team colleagues, even where their rankings might mean they would not otherwise be in the same team.

Thursday Mixed Competitions

Players are encouraged to nominate teams of players of similar ability, ensuring all players are aware to the team nomination. This allows players to play with friends/family and keep teams together from season to season - regardless of improvements or otherwise of individual players. This could be in teams ranging from 4 to 8, noting 6 players is ideal. New players will be slotted into a team according to their ability or where there is a need. A team cannot reject a player who is without a team. If a team cannot find enough players, the Club Captain will assist to identify additional players. Players who nominate as a reserve will be added to a team of appropriate level noting that a reserve must have a UTR the same or less than the player they are reserving for.

Saturday Unisex Competitions

Players will nominate as individuals. The list of those that nominate will be ranked according to their UTRs (singles only). Players will be grouped into teams of 2 or 3 depending on player availability (2 play on any Saturday). Similarly to Monday/Tuesdays, players will be grouped according to their UTRs. Players who nominate a reserve will be added to a team of appropriate level - noting that a reserve must have a UTR the same or less than the player they are reserving for.

Should you have any concerns in regards to these guidelines please contact our Club Captain at clubcaptain@jerraberratenisclub.com.au in the first instance.