



GUIDELINES TO CONDUCT A SENIORS NON-IPIN TOURNAMENT (NRT) IN AUSTRALIA.

Guidelines:

Tennis Seniors Australia through each state seniors body call for applications to have Seniors National Ranking Points attached to their tournament. National Ranking Tournaments (NRT) are important events on the TSA Calendar as results are included in the TSA national ranking lists. Events that attract ranking points are Singles and Doubles. Mixed and Combine events do not. These results are also included in UTR ratings for players.

Software:

The TP computer software MUST be used to conduct a Seniors NRT tournament, the backup for these events will be forwarded to you by your state MA possibly through your Seniors Assoc. This backup must be used otherwise you will be unable to publish your tournament. The online entry facility should be used and the event published 5 weeks before the event. Please note the version of the software used to set-up the tournament must be the version you finish with. **DO NOT** download an update during the tournament.

Tournament Directors:

TD's must be familiar and experienced using the TP software. If any assistance is required with obtaining a licence or training, contact your Seniors Secretary or State Body (MA).

Entry Form:

Entry Forms (if you choose to produce one) should be published at least 5 weeks prior to the commencement of the tournament. When compiling your Entry Form, please insert "**TSA National Ranking Tournament NRT.5, NRT.6 or NRT.7**" (whichever is applicable) on the front page.

Tournament Grading:

The grading is determined by the number of participants in the previously held tournament as follows: NRT.5 > 140, NRT.6 – 70-139, NRT.7 < 69. **All new tournaments will be a NRT.7.** The grading of your tournament will be advised in late December/early January after all applications have been processed and the TSA Calendar finalised.

UTR Rating System:

All players must have a Tennis ID number (66333xxxxxx) and it must be linked to the UTR rating system. This can be done through Match Centre.

Seniors Membership:

All participants in a seniors tournament should be members of their state seniors division.

Referee:

Preferably, there should be a qualified referee or court supervisor to oversee the conduct of the tournament. Please contact your state MA regarding their requirements for conducting a seniors tournament.

Playing formats:

Round Robin (RR) or Knock-out formats may be used at the tournament committee's discretion. **The Round Robin format is preferred by TSA** and a suggested template for the conduct of RR events is included in this document.

Commencement time:

Morning session 8.00am. Afternoon session 1.00pm. **No morning matches/finals to commence after 12.30pm.** Any morning matches/finals not completed will be played at the completion of the afternoon matches on the same day and under lights if necessary. If conducting an event on Natural Grass, the starting times of the sessions may change, however, try to keep the length of the sessions the same.

Draws:

It is important that the first and last names, dates of birth, mobile, email address, state and Tennis ID number of all players are recorded in the TP tournament file, (for all Australian players) or Country for International players. All draws must be fully completed with scores. If a player withdraws after the draw has been made but before play has started, the draw may be redone. If a player withdraws after play has started, indicate the circumstances of the withdrawal i.e. w/o, ret, def, withdrawal, abandoned, not played or no show. If a player forfeits during a match please record the score as it stood at the time the player retired i.e. 4/3 ret.

Round Robin Setup in TP:

To determine the correct winners and place getters, click on Properties, then the Round Robin Tab. **Standings Calculations order:** 1. Match Points, 2. Set Difference, 3 Games For, 4. Games Difference, 5. Head to Head and in **Scoring:** Points per Match, match won 1, match draw 0, match loss 0. In Draws click on "Show Match Numbers in Draws and NOT "Show Round Numbers in Draws". It is important in RR events that a result of each match is determined. In the NRT events DO NOT play 8 games without a deciding tiebreak at 4 games all, the score must be recorded as 5/4, otherwise this will result in players not receiving ranking points.

Reporting:

For national ranking points to be allocated to participants, **email a completed backup of your TP file to the National Rankings Co-ordinator Gail Bates (maxgailbates@bigpond.com) with 7 days after the completion of the tournament.** This is in addition to reports etc. required by the Seniors Body or MA's in your state.

Seedings:

The TSA National Ranking Singles & Doubles Lists (www.tenniseniors.org.au) can assist with seedings for your tournament. State Selectors may also assist by contacting your State Secretary however, allow two days for a response. **In RR events seeded players should be drawn to play their last set against each other.**

Number of Seeds:	4 plus players	2 seeds minimum
	10 plus players	4 seeds minimum
	15 plus players	6 seeds minimum
	20 plus players	8 seeds minimum

Placement of Seeds:	2 sections	Section 1	No 1 seed v No 4 seed
		Section 2	No 2 seed v No 3 seed
	3 sections	Section 1	No 1 seed v No 6 seed
		Section 2	No 2 seed v No 5 seed
		Section 3	No 3 seed v No 4 seed
	4 sections	Section 1	No 1 seed v No 8 seed
		Section 2	No 2 seed v No 7 seed
		Section 3	No 3 seed v No 6 seed
		Section 4	No 4 seed v No 5 seed

RR format:	3 players/pairs - play each player/pair twice, first to 6, tiebreak at 5 all
	4 players/pairs - 1 section, first to 8, tiebreak at 7 all
	4 players/pairs - 2 sections first to 7, tiebreak at 6 all
	4 players/pairs - 3 or 4 sections, first to 6, tiebreak at 5 all
	5 or 6 players/pairs, first to 6, tiebreak at 5 all

Court allocation formula:	4 players/pairs	1 court
	5 players/pairs	1½ courts (3 adjacent courts)
	6 players/pairs	2 courts
	7 players/pairs	3 courts

Events with uneven players/pairs:

Place the greater number of players/pairs in section 1 with the no.1 seed. (i.e. 9 players/pairs - place 5 players/pairs in section 1 and 4 players/pairs in section 2. For 13 players/pairs – 5 players/pairs in section 1 and 4 players/pairs each in sections 2 & 3 – refer to the seedings placement above.

Maximum players/pairs per section of each event:

6 player/pairs maximum in each section – EXCEPT for special format for one section with 7 players ONLY (see below).

Special format for 7 players/pairs:

If courts are available (3 courts required) 7 players/pairs may play first to 5, tiebreak at 4 all, in one section. (Recommended for the younger age groups (<60).

Semi-Finals & Finals:

Play the same amount of games as played in the sections, if sections have equal number of players/pairs – otherwise play first to 6 games t/b at 5 all.

2 sections	Winner section 1 vs Winner section 2
3 sections	Winner of section 1 straight into Final
	Winners of section 2 & 3 playoff (Semi)
4 sections	Winner section 1 vs Winner section 4 (Semi 1)
	Winner section 2 vs Winner section 3 (Semi 2)

Winners of each section should be available to play semis/finals as soon as possible.

Tiebreak:

The seniors tiebreak rule must be used, play one point and change ends and then change after every four points. First to seven or two points ahead.

Age Groups:

Seniors age groups start at 30+ and are in 5 year increments (ie 30, 35, 40, 45 etc) Ranking Events must use the seniors age groups. Tournaments may choose not to offer every age group (ie 35, 45, 55 every 10 years) Players should not be relocated to an event more than 10 years below the age nominated by them, without notification. Players must be notified if a lack of entries cancels their event. **Age eligibility is @ 31st December.**

Winners Formula:

SETS WON, if equal – games won, if equal – games against, if equal – head to head.

LISTED BELOW ARE SOME SUGGESTIONS FOR ROUND ROBIN EVENTS.

Suggested Events to hold for Two+ and Three Day Tournaments:

MS and MD	30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75, 80
LS	30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75
LD	30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75
XD	30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75
CMD	90, 100, 110, 120, 130, 140, 150
CLD	90, 100, 110, 120, 130, 140
CXD	90, 100, 110, 120, 130, 140

Suggested daily programs for events for Two and 2½ day Tournaments:-

FRI PM	CMD 90, 110, 130, 150	CLD 90, 110, 130	OR CXD 90, 100, 110, 120, 130, 140
SAT AM	MS 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80	LS 30, 40, 50, 60	XD 35, 45, 55, 65, 75
SAT PM	MD 35, 45, 55, 65, 75	LD 35, 45, 55, 65, 75	
SUN AM	MS 35, 45, 55, 65, 75	LS 35, 45, 55, 65	XD 30, 40, 50, 60, 70
SUN PM	MD 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80	LD 30, 40, 50, 60	

Suggested daily program for events for Three Day Tournaments:-

SAT AM	MS 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80	LS 30, 40, 50, 60, 70	XD 35, 45, 55, 65, 75
SAT PM	MD 35, 45, 55, 65, 75	LD 35, 45, 55, 65, 75	
SUN AM	MS 35, 45, 55, 65, 75	LS 35, 45, 55, 65, 75	XD 30, 40, 50, 60, 70
SUN PM	MD 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80	LD 30, 40, 50, 60, 70	
MON AM	CMD 90, 100, 110, 120, 130, 140, 150	CLD 90, 100, 110, 120, 130, 140	
MON PM	CXD 90, 100, 110, 120, 130, 140		

The above daily programs are suggestions ONLY and Senior Tournaments may decide to play any events at any time over the course of their tournament. TSA ask that when deciding on what events and format to conduct, take into consideration the maximum opportunity for players to compete in as many events as possible.

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