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PLAYING RULES

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*ALL TENNIS SHALL BE PLAYED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OFFICIAL RULES OF TENNIS NSW
WITH WHICH WE ARE AFFILIATED*

1. Format of teams and matches to be determined by the Committee.
 2. Grading and seeding will be carried out by the Committee at the commencement of each competition.
 3. **STARTING TIMES:** Matches are to commence no later than the following times, unless otherwise determined by the Committee.
 - a. 10.00am for Thursday Women's
 - b. 7.00pm for Men's, Mixed, Women's and Junior night competition
 - c. 1.00pm for Saturday competition
 - d. 7.00pm for Summer night competitions.
Play may commence earlier with the mutual consent of both captains.
 4. Matches are to be decided on games. If games are equal, then on sets. The winning team shall receive two points. Both teams will receive ½ point for each set won.
 5. Players are to change ends on the odd games and every 6 points in the tie breaker.
 6. If a ball from another court interferes with play during a point, either team can call for a replay of the point provided that call is made immediately and the point is still in play.
 7. Teams will comprise 4 players seeded 1 to 4. Competing teams will play on 2 courts as follows:-
1 & 2 v 1 & 2 and 3 & 4 v 3 & 4
1 & 3 v 1 & 3 and 2 & 4 v 2 & 4
1 & 4 v 1 & 4 and 2 & 3 v 2 & 3
1 & 2 v 1 & 2 and 3 & 4 v 3 & 4
 8. The winning team is responsible for handing in the score sheet and balls at the completion of the match. The score sheet is to be checked and signed by a member of each team. Incomplete or not score sheet, no points.
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9. Clay courts are to be sprayed with water before play and at the half-way point of the match. At competition of the match, the clay court nets are to be returned to the clubhouse and courts must be bagged with the sweepers left on the ground NOT hung up on a hook.
10. Grass court nets are to remain on the court.
11. The winners of the points scores shall be the Minor Premiers Format of semi etc shall be as follows unless otherwise altered at an Annual Meeting.
SEMIS: A 1 v 2, B 3 v 4
FINALS: Loser A v Winner B
GRAND FINAL: Winner A v Winner Final
Unless six teams, no semi final will be played, 2 v 3 winner to play minor premiers in grand final.
12. Short sets will be played, with a tie breaker at 5 all in all matches.
13. If play is stopped by weather conditions in round matches before completion of the required number of sets by all teams, no points will be allocated and the match will be counted as a wet match. Where all teams complete the required number of sets, points will be allocated for win (or draw) and sets won.

REQUIRED SETS: For all 6 set match – 4 sets to be completed, for 8 set match – 6 sets to be completed, for 10 set match – 7 sets to be completed. If semis, finals or grand finals finish equal on both games and sets, the match will be replayed at a date set by the Competition Secretary.
14. If play is stopped by the decision of the Umpire/Competition Secretary in semis, finals, or grand finals the match will be completed at a later date from the exact position at which play stopped
15. If play is stopped by the decision of the Umpire/Competition Secretary due to inclement weather or for any reason, all players are to leave the courts.
16. Wherever possible neutral umpires are to be used for semis, finals and grand finals.
17. All matches are to be played in order of draw unless otherwise determined by the Committee.
18. Members playing off postponed matches or wet matches will be those eligible to play at the date of the postponement or be acceptable to both captains.
19. If play is postponed after a forfeit has been entered, the forfeit will be over ruled and the match treated as postponed.
20. The winner of the toss has the right to serve or receive in the first game. They also have the right to place the first pair on the court or to ask the opposing team to do so. Having done so, the players will be placed on the court alternately by the opposing captains. The loser of the toss has the right to choose which end they will begin play.
21. Two new balls will be provided for each match unless otherwise decided by the Committee. These balls remain the property of the Association and are to be returned at the end of the match.
22. Players must be correctly attired in regulation tennis clothing and regulation tennis shoes - no ripple soles or similar shoes.
23. Teams playing unfinancial members after the second match will forfeit points gained in all previous matches. Floaters must be financial after their second game.

24. Any player guilty of misconduct shall be subject to disqualification by the decision of the Committee.
25. In the event of two or more teams finish with the same point score, a countback of all games won will be done by the Competition Secretary/Committee.
26. Where a player is unable to continue because of illness, injury or any other cause their remaining sets must be forfeited.
27. In the case of wet weather captains will be notified at the earliest opportunity. Players will be required to contact captains for advice.
28. All enquiries regarding the competitions are to be made to the Committee.
29. Score sheets must contain all names of players competing in that particular match.
30. No fee will be required for grand finals.

PLAYERS PLEASE NOTE - THESE RULES MAY BE ADDED TO OR AMENDED AT THE START OF EACH COMPETITION AND PLAYERS SHOULD THEREFORE MAKE THEMSELVES CONVERSANT WITH THE CURRENT RULES. IGNORANCE OF ANY POINT COVERED HEREIN SHALL NOT BE ACCEPTED AS A REASON FOR NOT COMPLYING WITH THE SAME.