

Mirboo North & District Junior Tennis Association

Competition Rules 2023-24

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Rule	Item
1.	<p>Age is at the 1st of October preceding the season.</p> <p>A Grade: 18 years and under. (yellow ball) (at the commencement of 1 October) B Grade: 15 years and under. (yellow ball) C Grade: 12 years and under. (green ball) C.2 Grade: 8 years and under. (orange ball)</p> <p>**Exceptions may be made by applying to the Association at the Annual General Meeting or at a special meeting called to discuss extenuating circumstances.</p>
2.	<p>Players in a Team.</p> <p>a. A player having played 4 matches in 1 grade cannot play in a lower grade. b. Where clubs have more than one team in a single grade, teams must be finalised by the fourth round. c. Once a player has played 3 matches in one team, they must be registered with the club. The player is still eligible to fill in for any other team in that grade. d. A player must have played 3 matches with that team to be eligible to play with them in finals, unless the team is unable to field 4 eligible players, in which case, 3 members of the committee can allow an unqualified player to participate. e. In the event that teams making the finals consist of 5 qualified players (for the given team), it be proposed that all 5 players be able to play on finals match days. (This allowance only applies to finals match days.) The extra players on the finals match day can play in any of 3rd player sets only; and that the team remain mixed at all times. This would relieve the duty parent of the unenviable task of deciding which player is to stand out for finals matches. f. In the event of one of the players not turning up on the day of play, the team with the missing player can still play the other 3 sets so as not to forfeit the whole match. The rule applies to all grades but not to Finals competition.</p>
3.	<p>All matches to commence at 8:45am sharp, if a team is not ready to play a set by 9:15am the first set is forfeited. If the team is still not ready to play by 9:30am the entire match is forfeited.</p>
4.	<p>Players in all grades are to be ranked in order from 1 to 3 of ability, 1 being the strongest player. Matches shall consist of:</p> <p>a. A & B Grade: 3 double sets and 3 singles sets (First to 6 games wins the set) b. C Grade: 3 double sets and 3 singles sets (First to 4 games wins the set)</p>
5.	<p>The two teams shall toss to decide on service/ends before each set.</p> <p>a. C Grade beginners have the option to bounce the ball for an underarm serve, with over arm serving to be encouraged.</p>
6.	<p>Tie Breakers</p> <p>a. A and B Grade to play tie breaker at 5 games all. b. C Grade to play 1st to 4 games with no tie breaker.</p>

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7.	Adult Supervision An adult from each team must be present at all times to supervise the match. Both teams to assist with umpiring of matches, team managers can encourage players who are not on court to umpire from the chair, but they must be under adult supervision. The umpire has the discretion to take 1 point off a player, after a prior warning has been given for the following: bad language, bad behaviour and or racket abuse.
8.	Balls and score sheets must be provided by the home team (first named/ numbered team) for each game: a. A Grade: 2 new balls per court (Slazenger brand balls preferred). b. B Grade: 2 good used balls per court. c. C Grade: 2 good low compression balls per court. (green) d. All balls in grades to be of good quality.
9.	Points Awarded. a. One point for each set won, plus one additional point to the winning team. b. The winning team is the team with the most sets, if the teams are level on sets, then the team with the greater number of games is the winner. c. If level on sets and games, each team shall receive 3.5 points . d. A team receiving a forfeit shall receive 7 points . e. Bye team to receive 3.5 points . i. When a team has a bye for a second, third time etc (Rule applies mostly when there are an uneven amount of byes). Then the result points for the team receiving the bye be calculated as an average of how the team has fared through the rounds. That is total accumulated points, divided by the number of matches played. <i>(Passed at general meeting 01/09/2026)</i>
10.	Score Sheet a. It is the responsibility of the winning team or in the case of a draw, the home team, to inform the score secretary of the result no later than midday the Sunday after the match. A copy of the score sheet can be sent to the score secretary via text or email. Failure to do so will result in one (1) premiership point penalty. b. Each club is to supply a list of players with their birthdates to the score secretary, ideally before the draws are set, i.e. along with team submissions. c. Fill-ins name and date of birth are to be noted on the game day scoresheet.
11.	Inclement Weather (Rainy, hot or windy) a. When there is inclement weather teams must still arrive at the specified venue to play unless informed of the impossibility of play by the manager of the team concerned by 8:00am. b. Match to be abandoned if unable to commence by 9:30am or by mutual consent by team managers.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> c. If showers interrupt play or the temperature reaches 35°C the match may be abandoned by mutual agreement of managers or after a maximum waiting period of 15 minutes. d. Teams who have played and reached a decision of outcome of the match on days where inclement/ hot weather has occurred will be granted their points. Any matches where inclement/ hot weather has stopped play without a decision on match days will receive 1 point for each completed set won. Any points for unplayed sets and the point for winning the match will be divided evenly between both teams. e. If the match is washed out/ called off due to heat, you need to notify the score secretary by no later than midday the Sunday after the match.
12.	<p>Finals</p> <p>Semi Finals: 1st play 4th and 2nd play 3rd</p> <p>Grand Finals: Each winner from the two Semi Final matches.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. In the event of a draw in any final, the team manager is to nominate two players, to play a deciding doubles set. b. Finals are to be played at the one township. c. Decisions concerning abandoning play are to be made with a meeting between one representative of each participating team, and any office bearers of the association present. If rain continues to halt play for at least 30 minutes, the matches are postponed. Play is to be continued from the last completed game, on the Sunday following (the next day) at the same venue and same starting time. d. If in the event that the semi-final cannot be played on Saturday or Sunday the top two teams on the ladder automatically go through to the Grand Final. e. If a player cannot play in the resumed match any qualified player may substitute or a player voted on by three committee members. f. Teams must arrive at the specified time of 8:30am. g. Each team draws a court out of a hat. h. Names of all players and combination of players are to be written on the score sheet prior to the commencement of the match. i. If a player is injured during a final, a qualified player may substitute in the next set, or a player agreed upon by three committee members.
13.	<p>Clubs to be represented at Association meetings by 2 delegates. Any Club with 10 or more teams entered, may have 3 delegates.</p>