



## **Junior Competition Finals Policy**

On March 28<sup>th</sup> 2021, the Macedon Tennis Club Committee voted on a finals selection policy in an effort to assist team managers in what can sometimes be a daunting task. By publishing the policy all players and parents will be aware of how selection works well before the end of the season. We hope this will alleviate some of the angst at finals time.

The policy tries to achieve two things: to give everyone in the team the opportunity to play in the finals, and to maximise a team's chance of winning the flag.

The statistics recorded on TennisScores for each player throughout the season are used to rank each of our players within their own team. Rankings can be viewed via the TennisScores website or app and/or can also be advised to team managers whose teams make the finals via the Junior Coordinator. The rankings (by sets) are then used in finals team selection as follows.

**In C and D grade**, all children that have played at least half of the played matches should get to play at least a set in all the finals matches. All finals (preliminary, semi and grand) use the TennisScores ranking (by sets) to rank players.

In D grade, the top 4 ranked players play the first two set of doubles. In C Grade the top 4 players play the first set of double and a set of singles each. Any lower ranked players should substitute in in the 3<sup>rd</sup> and final set. For example, If there are 5 in the team, player ranked 5 plays set 3 instead of player 4. If 6 players in the team, then players ranked 5 and 6 replace 3 and 4 in the final set.

**In A and B grade**, only the top 4 ranked players play singles in the finals. These players must have played in at least half of the matches that season. Substitutes may play in the final doubles sets at the discretion of the team manager after discussion with the team players and their parents.

***If there are any disagreements, please contact the Junior Coordinator who will advise the final teams for all finals matches.***