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MIDWEEK LADIES RULES AND BY-LAWS

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RED: New or amended Rules from October 2021

1. RULES

- 1) The Rules of Tennis as adopted by the Governing Body of Tennis in Victoria shall apply to all matches, except where modified here-in-after. This shall apply to Tennis Etiquette, dress and the Code of Conduct.
- 2) The Association has the right to request the use of any affiliated Club courts for Association competition.
- 3) PTA decision is final.

2. COURTS

- 1) The type, condition and surroundings of each competing Club's courts shall be subject to the approval of the Executive.
- 2) A match can be played on two different surfaces as long as both teams consent to matches being played on different surfaces. If there is no agreement, the home team shall have the choice of surface for all matches. Finals matches can only be played on one court surface.
- 3) The Executive of the Association may request any Club to make repairs to their courts and surroundings that they deem necessary.
- 4) Any Club failing to make such repairs, to the satisfaction of the Executive may be suspended from the Association.
- 5) Any Club that feels aggrieved by a decision of the Executive to repair their courts or surroundings may appeal to Tennis Victoria who can be requested to inspect the courts. Any decision by Tennis Victoria to repair or allow the appeal shall be final.
- 6) Any costs incurred by the Club appealing to Tennis Victoria and the fee imposed by Tennis Victoria to inspect the courts shall be the sole responsibility of the Club.

3. COMPETITIONS

The Executive shall arrange all competition play and at all times determine the days, dates and formats of competition match play.

ALL Matches **MUST** be played on the date and time as shown in the fixture.

4. ENTERING TEAMS

- 1) Clubs may enter any number of teams in all formats of competitions provided by the PTA:
Minimum of 1 ½ courts per team available for Tuesday Doubles, Wednesday Doubles and Thursday Sets. Minimum of 1 court for Friday Singles.
- 2) During any **one** season, players shall only play with **one** affiliated Club during any of the following competitions:
 - a) Tuesday Doubles
 - b) Wednesday Doubles
 - c) Thursday Sets
 - d) Friday Singles
- 3) Teams must be submitted on or before the closing date for competitions as determined and advised by the PTA. Teams must be entered on League Manager or as directed by the PTA. Each Club must nominate the Competition format and Section in which it desires to enter a team. Documentation named in **Rule 4.5** must be fully completed and returned by closing date as notified. Any entry not fully completed shall be rejected by the MWL Liaison and returned to the Club to be completed. The amended entry form must be lodged by the closing date. Late entries will not be accepted.
BASE PLAYERS only to be entered into teams on League Manager.
Reserves must be completed on MWL Club Reserve List NOT on League Manager.
- 4) Team entry payments **MUST** be paid by date as set by Treasurer. At the commencement of each Season if there are ANY outstanding monies by a Club, points will be not be allocated for ANY matches until payment is received in full.
- 5) Clubs must submit the following documentation each season when entering teams
 - a) MWL Team Registration Sheet
 - b) MWL Club Reserve List
 - c) MWL Club Details & Invoice
 - d) Pool Player Sheet (optional)

5. REGISTRATION

- 1) Prior to the commencement of each season, Clubs must register all **BASE** players using League Manager. All players must have an Email address, Gender & Date of Birth registered against their profile.
- 2) Players must be financial members of the Club of which they are nominated to play.
- 3) Players can only nominate and play with only **one** affiliated Club in any one format during a season unless granted a clearance in writing by the PTA as set out in **Rule 10**.
- 4) Clubs may seek permission to add players to the team list, submitted prior to the season and graded by the Grading Committee, up to and including commencement of Round 7 of the season being played. Any application to add a player to a team list must be submitted in writing to the MWL Liaison stating reasons why the player was not included in the original team, and the player's recent playing history.
- 5) All players listed in the teams as submitted by the Clubs must play in the section as graded by the Grading Committee. No listed player will be permitted to play in a lower section unless prior approval is submitted in writing to the MWL Liaison.
- 6) Clubs may register players in teams for the following competitions as follows:
 - a) Tuesday Doubles - 8 players
 - b) Wednesday Doubles - 8 players
 - c) Thursday Sets - 10 players
 - d) Friday Singles - 4 players

6. RESERVES

- 1) Reserves should be registered prior to the season commencing by completing the Reserve Registration Sheet. If a reserve has not been registered and graded prior to the season commencing, Club Secretary or MWL Coordinator (not a team captain)
 - a) Must seek permission in writing to the MWL Liaison prior to playing (preferable) **OR**
 - b) Must include a note in Comment Box with name of player and an email to MWL Liaison and League Manager.Either option must supply the following information.
 - Full Name of Player
 - Date of Birth
 - Email AddressFailure to complete either option will result in a fine of **\$20.00**.
- 2) Reserves may not play below the Section for which they are registered and graded, unless prior approval is applied for and granted by the MWL Liaison.
- 3) Players shall be tied to a section after playing **five (5)** matches in that section or above and cannot play in a lower section without prior permission from the MWL Liaison.
- 4) A reserve may play in finals if they have played a minimum of **three (3)** matches within that format as per **Rule 8.3**.
- 5) Reserves must not strengthen the team. If a reserve is deemed to have unduly strengthened the team, the matches played by the reserve shall be awarded to the opposition to nil. This Rule does not apply to the top sections.
- 6) Any substitute player must be ready to commence play at the beginning of the next Rubber/Set in which the injured/sick player is scheduled to play. If not ready to commence play, all unplayed rubbers relative to the substitute player shall be forfeited.

7. POOL PLAYERS

- 1) Prior to the season commencing, and up to and including **Round 7**, to participate in the pool, the player must submit their name to the MWL Liaison on the fully completed prescribed form.
- 2) Any player nominating to be a registered Pool Player must be a financial member of a Peninsula Tennis Association Inc. affiliated Club, in accordance with their own Club's Constitution.

- 3) If a player is a registered reserve for their Club for a particular competition, that player cannot participate in the pool for that competition (i.e. If the Club has registered a player on their Friday Singles emergency form that player cannot participate as a member of the pool for the Friday Singles competition), but may be a pool player for any other competition for which they are not a registered reserve player.
- 4) A player whose application to be nominated as a Pool Player is not processed within **14 days** or rejected by their Club, may appeal in writing to the Peninsula Tennis Association Secretary. Such appeals must then be ruled upon by the Executive within 14 days and all parties advised in writing of the decision. Such appeal must be lodged before the commencement of **Round 7** of the season that the player wishes to be listed as a Pool Player.
- 5) The pool player can play **four (4)** matches for any given Club. If more than **four (4)** matches are played for any one Club then the player is tied to that Club for the current competition. That player cannot participate in finals without first obtaining approval from the MWL Liaison.
- 6) A Club wishing to use a Pool Player in a finals match must first submit to the MWL Liaison a list of players from their Club who are eligible to play, including players from lower sections. A Pool Player may only be considered where evidence is provided that the Club has no Club members available to play as an emergency and exceptional circumstances exist.
- 7) For a Pool player to be eligible to apply for permission to play in finals, that player must have played a minimum of **three (3)** matches for that Club. A player who has not played **three (3)** matches cannot participate in any finals match.
- 8) Clubs using Pool Players may charge reserve players a nominal fee. When ringing for a Pool Player, Clubs must advise any fees that the player needs to pay.

8. ELIGIBILITY.

- 1) No player may play below their approved personal grade.
- 2) Where a Club has more than one team in a section:
 - a) Once a player plays more than **three (3)** matches in any team, that player cannot play for another team in the same section.
 - b) One team in a section may use a player from the other team as a reserve under the following conditions.
 - i) The Club is unable find an emergency from within the Club that is eligible to play
 - ii) The Club has been unable to obtain a player from the Pool Player list
 - iii) The Club must request in writing to the MWL Liaison at least 24 hours prior to the match commencing, unless extenuating circumstances exist, permission to play a player from the other team.
 - iv) Such request must set out the steps taken to obtain an emergency from the Club or Club's reserve list and Pool Player list stating the names of players contacted and if extenuating circumstances exist, those extenuating circumstances.
- 3) No player will be eligible to play in finals unless they have played a minimum of **three (3)** matches within that format.
- 4) A player registered as a reserve, to be eligible to play finals must play a minimum of **three (3)** matches during the season.
- 5) All players registering must be financial members of the Clubs registering them in accordance with their own Club's constitution.
- 6) A player shall be **deemed to have participated in a match** when:
Their name has been recorded on the score sheet and entered on League Manager when:
 - a) A match has been played and completed.
 - b) A match has commenced but is unable to be completed due to unplayable conditions.
 - c) Their team has received a win via a forfeit from the opposition.
- 7) A player WILL NOT be deemed to have played a match when their name has been recorded on the score sheet but the match has been abandoned due to unplayable conditions before the commencement of the match.

9. TIEING

- 1) The Grading Committee will tie players on whose standards the grading of a team is based and grade all other players.
- 2) Players shall be tied to a section after playing five (5) matches in that section or above and cannot play in a lower section without the permission of the MWL Liaison.
- 3) Players nominated and graded on a Club's reserve list shall not be permitted to play for any other Club during that season without a clearance being granted as set out in **Rule 10**.

10. TRANSFERS.

- 1) When a Club approves an application for the clearance of a player during the current season, notice shall be forwarded to the Secretary of Peninsula Tennis Association Inc. signed by the Club President or Secretary. A copy of such notification shall be sent to the Secretary of the Club to which the player is transferring.
- 2) No clearance shall be valid until confirmed, in writing by the Peninsula Tennis Association President or Secretary, and sent to both Clubs.
- 3) A player whose clearance application is not processed or rejected within 14 days may appeal in writing to the Peninsula Tennis Association Secretary. Such appeals must then be ruled upon by the Executive within 14 days and all parties advised in writing of the decision.

11. TENNIS ATTIRE

The dress regulations for competition play for the Peninsula Tennis Association are as follows:

- 1) Every competition player shall dress and present himself/herself for play in clean customarily acceptable tennis appropriate sports attire, preferably clothing with a pocket to hold a ball, and comply with the Tennis Australia Dress and Equipment Regulations.
- 2) Tennis, non abrasive shoes shall be worn that are suitable for the type of court surface. Venue Clubs may determine which types of footwear are suitable for their court surface, subject to PTA approval. No ripple sole shoes and no black or coloured marking soled shoes (on acrylic courts) shall be worn at any time.
- 3) Players should wear a hat or cap and use sunscreen at all times.
- 4) Players who do not comply with the dress MUST be given the opportunity to change their clothing (particularly before a match starts) prior to any action being taken.
- 5) Players unable to change their clothing within 10 minutes of being asked shall be given a warning and the player must be report to their Club and the MWL Liaison in writing within 24 hours in order for appropriate action to be taken.

12. COMPETITION FORMATS.

The Association shall provide but not be limited to the following formats –

- 1) **Tuesday Doubles** –
Teams shall consist of a minimum of 4 ladies using a minimum of 1 ½ courts per match playing 4 rubbers. Each rubber shall consist of best of 3 Tie Break Sets. The 7 point Tie Break to commence at 6 games all.
- 2) **Wednesday Doubles** –
Teams shall consist of a minimum of 4 ladies using a minimum of 1 ½ courts per match playing 4 rubbers. Each rubber shall consist of best of 3 Tie Break Sets. The 7 point Tie Break to commence at 6 games all.
- 3) **Thursday Sets** –
Teams shall consist of a minimum of 5 ladies using a minimum of 1 ½ courts playing one set with each of their team members for a total of 10 sets. The 7 point Tie Break to commence at 6 games all.
- 4) **Friday Singles** – Teams of a minimum of 2 ladies using a minimum of 1 court per match playing 2 singles rubbers followed by a doubles rubber.
Each rubber shall consist of best of 3 Tie Break sets. The 7 point Tie Break to commence at 6 games all.

13. CONDITIONS OF PLAY - TUESDAY DOUBLES.

- 1) A minimum of 1 ½ courts shall be made available.
- 2) 2 pairs of New Tennis Australia approved yellow balls as set out in these Rules.
- 3) The score sheet shall be completed prior to any matches commencing and shall not be altered except with the consent of both captains.
- 4) All matches must be played on the date and time as shown on the fixture.
- 5) Matches shall commence at 9.30am and finish at 3.00pm. Any game or tie break in progress at 3.00pm shall be completed.
- 6) When a Club registers a team of more than **four (4)** players, then all registered team players (up to 6 players) may play each week.
- 7) All players shall be in attendance ready to commence play at 9.30am. Any player not in attendance at the scheduled starting time, subject to **Rule 13.8**, shall forfeit the first set of that player's match. Any player, subject to **Rule 13.8**, not in attendance by 10.00am shall forfeit the rubber of that player.
- 8) Players scheduled to play in the 3rd and 4th rubber only shall be in attendance within 1 ½ hours (11.00am) of the scheduled starting time. Players scheduled to play the 3rd and 4th rubbers not in attendance within 1 ½ hours of the scheduled starting time (11.00am) shall forfeit the rubber they were scheduled to play.
- 9) Players must have played **three (3)** matches within the format in the relevant competition with the Club to be eligible for finals See **Rule 8.6** .
- 10) A Club fielding an incomplete team shall forfeit the rubbers for the players not in attendance.
- 11) Any person playing under an assumed name (as a person other than themselves) will be judged as committing an act of intent to deceive, and will be suspended for a period not exceeding one season (or the equivalent number of weeks) as determined by the PTA Committee, and the offending Club will incur a fine of **\$200.00**.
- 12) In the event that a player is injured or suffers a medical condition during the course of a rubber, a once only injury time period of up to a maximum of ten (10) minutes will be made available to the player to recover. The player concerned may under supervision leave the court during the period and the match is to recommence immediately at the conclusion of the injury time otherwise the rubber will be forfeited to the opposing player. In the event that the injured player is unable to play on for the remainder of the day then an eligible player may be used in accordance with **Rule 8**. If the player completes the rubber that she is playing then a substitute player cannot be used to complete any of the injured players remaining rubbers, subject to **Rule 13.15**. That rubber must be forfeited.
- 13) A substitute player may only be allowed a long as play is continuous.
- 14) For an unqualified player to play in the finals, the Club concerned must submit to the MWL Liaison, a list of available players from their Club who are eligible to play, with their playing record, including players from lower sections.
- 15) Where a Club has registered a team of more than four (4) players and less than four (4) players are available to play, the team is limited using emergencies to a maximum of 4 players in the team.
- 16) Where a team has only 3 players on the day of the match, the number 3 player may play in the 2nd rubber with a player from the first rubber. The remaining two rubbers will be forfeited to the team with a complete team.
- 17) When a Club registers and has qualified a team of more than **four (4)** players, then all registered and qualified players up to **eight (8)** players may play in any Final provided the players have met the eligibility conditions in **Rule 8.3**.
- 18) Should a finals match be incomplete and is set down by the Committee for completion on a subsequent date, a substitute, approved by the Committee may take the place of a team member from the point at which play was suspended, provided such team member is unable to continue due to illness, accidental disablement or any good and sufficient reason.
- 19) At the completion of the first two rubbers, a refreshment break of a maximum of 15 minutes shall be allowed before the commencement of the 3rd and 4th rubbers.
- 20) After the completion of all matches, a light lunch is to be provided by the home team.
- 21) In finals, each team shall supply half the required number of balls.

14. CONDITIONS OF PLAY – WEDNESDAY DOUBLES.

- 1) A minimum of 1 ½ courts shall be made available.
- 2) 2 pairs of New Tennis Australia approved yellow balls as set out in these Rules.
- 3) The score sheet shall be completed prior to any matches commencing and shall not be altered except with the consent of both captains.
- 4) All matches must be played on the date and time as shown on the fixture.
- 5) Matches shall commence at 9.30am and finish at 3.00pm. Any game or tie break in progress at 3.00pm shall be completed.
- 6) When a Club registers a team of more than **four (4)** players, then all registered team players (up to 6 players) may play each week.
- 7) All players shall be in attendance ready to commence play at 9.30am. Any player not in attendance at the scheduled starting time, subject to **Rule 14.8**, shall forfeit the first set of that player's match. Any player, subject to **Rule 14.8**, not in attendance by 10.00am shall forfeit the rubber of that player.
- 8) Players scheduled to play in the 3rd and 4th rubber only shall be in attendance within 1 ½ hours (11.00am) of the scheduled starting time. Players scheduled to play the 3rd and 4th rubbers not in attendance within 1 ½ hours of the scheduled starting time (11.00am) shall forfeit the rubber they were scheduled to play.
- 9) Players must have played **three (3)** matches within the format in the relevant competition with the Club to be eligible for finals See **Rule 8.6** .
- 10) A Club fielding an incomplete team shall forfeit the rubbers for the players not in attendance.
- 11) Any person playing under an assumed name (as a person other than themselves) will be judged as committing an act of intent to deceive, and will be suspended for a period not exceeding one season (or the equivalent number of weeks) as determined by the PTA Committee, and the offending Club will incur a fine of **\$200.00**.
- 12) In the event that a player is injured or suffers a medical condition during the course of a rubber, a once only injury time period of up to a maximum of ten (10) minutes will be made available to the player to recover. The player concerned may under supervision leave the court during the period and the match is to recommence immediately at the conclusion of the injury time otherwise the rubber will be forfeited to the opposing player. In the event that the injured player is unable to play on for the remainder of the day then an eligible player may be used in accordance with **Rule 8**. If the player completes the rubber that she is playing then a substitute player cannot be used to complete any of the injured players remaining rubbers, subject to **Rule 14.15**. That rubber must be forfeited.
- 13) A substitute player may only be allowed as long as play is continuous.
- 14) For an unqualified player to play in the finals, the Club concerned must submit to the MWL Liaison, a list of available players from their Club who are eligible to play, with their playing record, including players from lower sections.
- 15) Where a Club has registered a team of more than four (4) players and less than four (4) players are available to play, the team is limited using reserves to a maximum of 4 players in the team.
- 16) Where a team has only 3 players on the day of the match, the number 3 player may play in the 2nd rubber with a player from the first rubber. The remaining two rubbers will be forfeited to the team with a complete team.
- 17) When a Club registers and has qualified a team of more than **four (4)** players, then all registered and qualified players up to **eight (8)** players may play in any Final provided the players have met the eligibility conditions in **Rule 8.3**.
- 18) Should a finals match be incomplete and is set down by the Committee for completion on a subsequent date, a substitute, approved by the Committee may take the place of a team member from the point at which play was suspended, provided such team member is unable to continue due to illness, accidental disablement or any good and sufficient reason.
- 19) At the completion of the first two rubbers, a refreshment break of a maximum of 15 minutes shall be allowed before the commencement of the 3rd and 4th rubbers.
- 20) After the completion of all matches, a light lunch is to be provided by the home team.
- 21) In finals, each team shall supply half the required number of balls.

15. CONDITIONS OF PLAY - THURSDAY SETS

- 1) A minimum of 1 ½ courts shall be made available.
- 2) 2 pairs of New Tennis Australia approved yellow balls as set out in these Rules.
- 3) The score sheet shall be completed prior to any matches commencing and shall not be altered except with the consent of both captains.
- 4) All matches must be played on the date and time as shown on the fixture.
- 5) Matches shall commence at 9.30am and finish at 3.00pm. Any game or tie break in progress at 3.00pm shall be completed.
- 6) When a Club registers a team of more than **five (5)** players, then all registered team players (up to 7 players) may play each week.
 - a) The 6th and 7th player may take the position of any other player in the team. When a player is substituted by the 6th or 7th player, that player will not be able to take any further part in the match and the substitute player shall play in that position for the remainder of the days play.
 - b) The 6th and 7th player may only substitute for one player during the day's play.
 - c) These conditions shall apply to home and away matches.
 - d) For finals, up to a maximum of eight (8) players may play. The 6th, 7th and 8th player may only replace one (1) player each during the day's play.
- 7) Players 1, 2, 3 and 4 shall be in attendance ready to commence play at 9.30am. Any of those players not in attendance at the scheduled starting time, shall forfeit the first set. Any of the players scheduled to play in the second set, not in attendance by 10.00am shall forfeit the second set.
- 8) Players 6 and 7 in home and away matches, and player 8 for finals, shall be in attendance within 1 hour (10.30am) of the scheduled starting time, unless they're scheduled to play in the second set. If players 6, 7, and 8 for finals, are not in attendance by 10.30am then that/those player/s shall forfeit all sets they were scheduled to play.
- 9) Players must have played **three (3)** matches within the format in the relevant competition with the Club to be eligible for finals as per **Rule 8.6**.
- 10) A Club fielding an incomplete team shall forfeit the sets for the players not in attendance.
- 11) Any person playing under an assumed name (as a person other than themselves) will be judged as committing an act of intent to deceive, and will be suspended for a period not exceeding one season (or the equivalent number of weeks) as determined by the PTA Committee, and the offending Club will incur a fine of **\$200.00**.
- 12) In the event that a player is injured or suffers a medical condition during the course of a set, a once only injury time period of up to a maximum of ten (10) minutes will be made available to the player to recover. The player concerned may under supervision leave the court during the period and the match is to recommence immediately at the conclusion of the injury time otherwise the set will be forfeited to the opposing player. In the event that the injured player is unable to play on for the remainder of the day then an eligible player may be used in accordance with **Rule 8**. If the player completes the set that she is playing then a substitute player cannot be used to complete the injured players next set, subject to **Rule 15.16**. The next set must be forfeited.
- 13) A substitute player may only be allowed as long as play is continuous.
- 14) For an unqualified player to play in the finals, the Club concerned must submit in writing to the MWL Liaison, a list of available players from their Club who are eligible to play, with their playing record, including players from lower sections.
- 15) Where a Club has registered a team of more than five (5) players and less than five (5) players are available to play, the team is limited using emergencies to a maximum of five (5) players in the team.
- 16) Where a team has only 4 players on the day of the match, in order for all players to be able to play, the number 5 player of the complete team shall be able to share matches with the number four player of her team to a maximum of two (2) sets. The remaining 4 sets will be forfeited to the team with a complete team.
- 17) When a Club has qualified a team of more than five (5) players, then all registered and qualified players up to eight (8) players, may play in any Final provided the players have met the eligibility conditions in **Rule 8**.
- 18) Should a finals match be incomplete and is set down by the PTA for completion on a subsequent date, a substitute, approved by the Committee may take the place of a team member from the point at which play was suspended, provided such team member is unable to continue due to illness, accidental disablement or any good and sufficient reason.
- 19) After the completion of the first four (4) sets a refreshment break of a maximum of 15 minutes may be taken.
- 20) After the match, a light lunch is to be provided by the home team.
- 21) In finals, each team shall supply half the required number of balls.

16. CONDITIONS OF PLAY – FRIDAY SINGLES

- 1) A minimum of 1 ½ courts shall be made available.
- 2) 2 pairs of New Tennis Australia approved yellow balls as set out in these Rules.
- 3) The score sheet shall be completed prior to any matches commencing and shall not be altered except with the consent of both captains.
- 4) All matches must be played on the date and time as shown on the fixture.
- 5) Matches shall commence at 9.30am and finish at 3.00pm. Any game or tie break in progress at 3.00pm shall be completed.
- 6) When a Club registers a team of more than two (2) players, then all registered team players (up to 3 players) may play each week.
- 7) All players shall be in attendance ready to commence play at 9.30am. Any player not in attendance at the scheduled starting time, subject to **Rule 16.8**, shall forfeit the first set of that player's match. Any player, subject to **Rule 16.8**, not in attendance by 10.00am shall forfeit the rubber of that player.
- 8) Player No. 3 shall be in attendance within 1 hour (10.30am) of the scheduled starting time. If player No. 3 is not in attendance by 10.30am they shall forfeit the rubber they were scheduled to play.
- 9) Players must have played **three (3)** matches within the format in the relevant competition with the Club to be eligible for finals as per **Rule 8.6**.
- 10) A Club fielding an incomplete team shall forfeit the rubbers for the players not in attendance.
- 11) Any person playing under an assumed name (as a person other than themselves) will be judged as committing an act of intent to deceive, and will be suspended for a period not exceeding one season (or the equivalent number of weeks) as determined by the PTA Committee, and the offending Club will incur a fine of **\$200.00**.
- 12) In the event that a player is injured or suffers a medical condition during the course of a rubber, a once only injury time period of up to a maximum of ten (10) minutes will be made available to the player to recover. The player concerned may under supervision leave the court during the period and the match is to recommence immediately at the conclusion of the injury time otherwise the rubber will be forfeited to the opposing player. In the event that the injured player is unable to play on for the remainder of the day then an eligible player may be used in accordance with **Rule 8**. If the player completes the rubber that she is playing then a substitute player cannot be used to complete any of the injured players remaining rubbers. That rubber must be forfeited.
- 13) A substitute player may only be allowed as long as play is continuous.
- 14) For an unqualified player to play in the finals, the Club concerned must submit to the MWL Liaison, a list of available players from their Club who are eligible to play, with their playing record, including players from lower sections.
- 15) Where a Club has registered a team of more than 2 players and less than two players are available to play, the team is limited using emergencies to a maximum of 2 players in the team.
- 16) When a Club registers and has qualified a team of more than two (2) players, then all registered and qualified players up to four (4) players may play in any Final as per **Rule 8.6**.
- 17) Should a finals match be incomplete and is set down by the Committee for completion on a subsequent date, a substitute, approved by the Committee may take the place of a team member from the point at which play was suspended, provided such team member is unable to continue due to illness, accidental disablement or any good and sufficient reason.
- 19) a) Where the singles are played first, after the completion of both singles, a 15 minute refreshment break can be taken before the commencement of the doubles.
b) Where the doubles are played first, a 15 minute refreshment break may be taken before the commencement of the singles rubbers.
- 18) After the match, a light lunch is to be provided by the home team.
- 19) In finals, each team shall supply two new yellow balls.

17. HOME VENUE SUPERVISOR.

The Home Club shall appoint a venue supervisor who shall be responsible to act as the Home Club representative in all matters pertaining to that day's play.

18. FORFEITS

- 1) Teams **receiving** forfeit must enter the forfeit with intended players names, on League Manager to score maximum points to nil as per **Rule 20.5**. If forfeit result is not entered no points will be allocated.
The result shall be confirmed by the forfeiting team on League Manager by day/time as per **Rule 20.7**.
- 2) A team forfeiting a finals match shall incur a fine of **\$100.00**.

19. EXTREME WEATHER.

a) Wet Weather

- 1) In the event that a match cannot commence or continue by reason of inclement weather, unless the Captains of both teams mutually agree to reduce or extend the time, the match shall be abandoned after the expiration of any one continuous period of delay of 90 minutes after the commencement time or from the time that play was interrupted.
- 2) A washout CANNOT be called earlier than 3 hours prior to the Competition start time of each scheduled match.
- 3) The Home Club representative shall have the sole responsibility for calling off matches due to wet weather. The Home Club representative must assess the situation ensuring the safety of players. The courts (including the lines and surrounds) must be inspected to determine its suitability for play before any matches are commenced or resumed. All players must abide by the Home Club's representative's determination of the condition of the courts. When a dispute arises during a final, the Home Venue supervisor must contact the Senior Liaison for a ruling and their ruling is final.
- 4) This includes courts covered by ice, dew or other dangerous substance.
If a match is washed out prior to a decision being reached, points for the undecided Rubbers/Sets shall be divided equally.

b) Hot Weather

- 1) In the event of hot weather, if the Current Location temperature on BOM (Bureau of Meteorology) Weather App (free download) is 32°C or above, play will be abandoned.
- 2) Points for matches not completed for this reason shall be shared.

c) Smoke

- 1) The Home Supervisor must be aware of the dangerous and extreme conditions and take necessary steps to suspend play in the case of a significant potential risk. In the case of a specific fire alert in a particular area consideration must be given to the cancellation or suspension of play.
- 2) Points for matches not completed for this reason shall be shared.

d) Lightning and Thunderstorms

- 1) The definition of a thunderstorm is where lightning can be seen and/or thunder can be heard. Any storm which produces thunder means lightning is always present, even if it is obscured by cloud (it is the lightning that produces the thunder). The simplest and most effective way to assess this distance of lightning is the 30 second rule. If there is less than 30 seconds between the lightning and thunder, then the lightning is within 10km of the listener (30 sec at the speed of sound is 10.2 km).
- 2) The Home Club Representative must take all steps to ensure that all players and spectators where possible are inside a safe shelter during the thunderstorm.
- 3) When a lightning strike is within 10km of the event, play must be suspended.
- 4) Play can resume once the threat of lightning has passed, which is measured by the lightning and thunder being greater than 30 seconds apart.
- 5) Points for matches not completed for this reason shall be shared.

e) High Winds

- 1) Where high winds create unreasonable **conditions and** risks for players within the court enclosure or on-site spectators, play may need to be suspended by the Home Club supervisor. These conditions may include but not be limited to court furniture or fixtures disturbed, fences damaged, items being blown on to court or players health threatened by the force of the wind.
- 2) Points for matches not completed due to the suspension of play shall be shared.

20. RESULTS.

- 1) Matches are decided on rubbers, if applicable, then sets, if equal, the result is on games.
- 2) All Clubs shall retain a copy of all Score Sheets of matches played during the season.
- 3) Immediately after the completion of ALL matches whether or not a result is determined, the PTA approved score sheet printed from League Manager shall be completed and signed by the Captain of each team.
- 4) In the event of a match not being commenced or being incomplete, the result score sheet shall as far as practicable be completed and must include each player's name and score (if any) of each completed or incomplete rubber and state the reasons for the match not being commenced or completed.
- 5) The Home Team/Club shall ensure that each result are entered on League Manager:
 - a. Tuesday Doubles – 12 noon on the Thursday following the match
 - b. Wednesday Doubles – 12 noon on the Friday following the match
 - c. Thursday Sets – 12 noon on the Saturday following the match
 - d. Friday Singles – 12 noon on the Sunday following the match
- 6) If results are not entered by 12 noon on the specified day as set out above, following the match, a late score entry fine of **\$40.00** will be incurred by the Club for each breach.
- 7) The Away Team/Club shall confirm each result on League Manager:
 - a. Tuesday Doubles - 12 noon on the Friday following the match
 - b. Wednesday Doubles - 12 noon on the Saturday following the match
 - c. Thursday Sets - 12 noon on the Sunday following the match
 - d. Friday Singles - 12 noon on the Monday following the match
- 8) The results of each **Last Round home and away match** shall be entered on League Manager by the: Home Club by **6pm** on the day of the match. Failure to do so will result in a fine of **\$40.00**. The Away team must confirm the results on League Manager by **9am** the day following the match.
- 9) The results of each **Finals** match shall be entered on League Manager by the: Winning or Leading team by **6pm** on the day of the match. Failure to do so will result in a fine of **\$40.00**. The Losing team must confirm the results on League Manager by **9am** the day following the match.
- 10) Matches not completed for any reason, other than default, will be abandoned and the winning points will be shared, unless one team has an unbeatable lead. Incomplete rubbers/sets points will be shared. Games played shall be computed for percentages.
- 11) Points shall be awarded as follows:
 - a. **Tuesday Doubles, Wednesday Doubles and Friday Singles:**
4 points for winning the Match
1 point for each rubber won
.5 point for each rubber not completed.
 - b. **Thursday Sets:**
4 Points for winning the Match
1 Point for each set won
.5 Point for each set not completed.
- 12) Teams receiving forfeits shall score the maximum to nil.
- 13) The team receiving the forfeit shall enter the results on League Manager as per **Rule 18.1 & 20.5**.
- 14) Should a team withdraw after the season has started:
 - a) If a complete rotation has been played (7 rounds for 8 team draw, 5 or 10 rounds for 6 team draw) the results will stand for that rotation.
 - b) If it is during a rotation (Rounds 1 – 7 or 8 – 14 for a 8 team draw, 1 – 5, 6 – 10, 11 – 15 for a 6 team draw) the incomplete rotation results will be deleted.
 - c) Subject to a) & b), the withdrawn team draw number will be treated as a BYE, ie no points awarded.
 - d) Withdrawal of team after grading shall incur a fine of **\$50.00**.

21. FINALS.

- 1) For both six (6) and eight (8) team sections, the team finishing 1st shall play the team finishing 4th. The team finishing 2nd shall play the team finishing 3rd. The two winning teams shall play off in the Grand Final.
- 2) The teams finishing 1st and 2nd shall have the first final played at their home venue where practical.
- 3) Teams playing Round 15 take preference for home courts. Should Clubs not have enough courts available, they can either arrange to play at away venue, or contact MWL Liaison for an alternative venue.
- 4) Grand Finals shall be played at a neutral venue, unless one Captain requests to use the courts of the other team.
- 5) A Supervisor for all finals shall be appointed by the Host Club and must be in attendance 15 minutes prior to the commencement time and have the courts available for play, subject to the prevailing weather conditions (Penalty of **\$50.00** for non-compliance).
- 6) Both teams are responsible for the servicing of courts before, during and after the day's play.
- 7) Each team shall nominate one (1) Tie Break Pair before the commencement of play. Where the result is a tie, the nominated Tie Break Pair shall play one (1) Match Tie Break as per **Rule 23** to decide the winner of the final.
- 8) Attendance at finals is compulsory. Every effort should be made to play.
- 9) There is no 3pm finish time in finals.
- 10) Either team may elect to stop play once a result is determined.
- 11) All Club courts shall be at the disposal of the Association for all finals, to be arranged by the MWL Liaison.
- 12) Pennants shall be presented to the winners of each section.
- 13) If the season has not been concluded on the set dates, allowing for one washout/heat out, the Grand Final shall be played on the reserve (if needed) date. The opposing teams shall be
 - a) If the Semi Final was played and a winner determined, then the winner from that Semi Final will participate in the Grand Final.
 - b) If the Semi Final was not played and no winner determined, then the highest ranked team from that Semi Final will participate in the Grand Final.
 - c) Should both the 2nd attempt at Semi Finals and the Grand Final be washed out/heat out, then the highest ranked remaining team shall be declared the winner.
- 14) Teams may arrange an alternative (mutually agreeable) time/date, within 7 days, should they be washed out/heat out in a Final. Please advise MWL Liaison should this be the case.

22. DISPUTES

- 1) Disputes should be noted on League Manager by selecting the "Dispute Box" and the reason for the dispute entered into match notes by day and time as per **Rule 20.5 or 20.7**.
- 2) The League Manager shall take such action as appropriate within seven days of receiving the complaint to adjudicate on the protest.

22. TIE BREAKER (STANDARD)

The following system shall be used at 6 games all in a set.

- 1) A player/pair who first wins seven (7) points shall win the game and the set, provided the lead is by two (2) points or more. If the score reaches six (6) points all, the game shall be extended until this margin has been achieved. Numerical scoring shall be used throughout the tie break game.
- 2) The player whose turn it was to serve, shall be the server for the first point. Thereafter each player shall serve in rotation for two points, in the same order as previously in that set until the winners of the game and set has been decided.
- 3) From the first point, each service shall be delivered alternatively from the right and left courts, beginning from the right court.
- 4) Players shall change ends after every six (6) points.
- 5) The tie break game shall count as one game, therefore change ends. The player/pair who received serve for the first point of the tiebreak, will serve the first game of the next set.

23. MATCH TIE BREAKER

The following system shall be used in a Match Tie Break set.

- 1) A player/pair who first wins ten (10) points shall win the set provided the lead is by two (2) points or more. Numerical scoring shall be used throughout the tie break set.

- 2) The player whose turn it was to serve, shall be the server for the first point (singles). For doubles, either player of the team whose turn it is to serve may serve. Thereafter each player shall serve in rotation for two (2) points, in that set until the winner(s) of the set has been decided.
- 3) From the first point, each service shall be delivered alternatively from the right and left courts, beginning from the right court.
- 4) Players shall change ends after every six (6) points.
- 5) The tie break set shall count as one (1) set. The score shall be recorded on the score sheet as 7 games to 6 games as a separate set.

24. TENNIS AUSTRALIA CODE OF CONDUCT.

All matches sanctioned by the Peninsula Tennis Association Inc. shall be played under Tennis Australia Rules. The Rules of Tennis Booklet must be available for reference.

A copy of the Tennis Australia And Member Association Events Disciplinary Policy shall be on display at all affiliated Clubs. Failure by any Club to observe this requirement shall not negate any breach of these Rules.

Any breach of this Policy shall be reported to the Peninsula Tennis Association Inc. Committee within 48 hours of the breach.

Players shall not, during any match or at any time within the precincts of the venue sanctioned fixture engage in conduct to the prejudice of the game of tennis;

Commencement of Play. Play must start in accordance with the Peninsula Tennis Association Inc. competition rules. Matches must follow each other without delay, in accordance with the order of play as determined in the competition rules or as agreed by both captains.

Unreasonable Delays. Players shall commence the match after the established warm up period. Thereafter play shall be continuous. Players shall take no longer than 90 seconds to change ends.

Coaching. Players shall not receive any coaching while a match is in progress. This includes any period where the player leaves the court for any reason whatsoever.

Abuse – Verbal and gestures. Players shall not during any competition, verbally abuse any official, opponent, spectator or any other person. Players shall not use offensive or obscene language or make offensive or obscene gestures during any match.

Physical Abuse. Players shall not at any time physically abuse any official, opponent, spectator or other person within the precincts of a competition site. A breach of this rule will result in the immediate abandonment of the match with a report by the Duty Person and both Captains to the Peninsula Tennis Association Inc. Secretary. If one captain refuses to sign the report such refusal shall be noted by the Duty Person on the report.

Any breach of the Tennis Australia Events Disciplinary Policy shall be forwarded in writing to the Secretary of the Peninsula Tennis Association Inc. within 72 hours of the alleged incident by, in the case of a junior player, the parent or guardian of that player or in the case of an adult, by the victim.

Upon receipt of a complaint, the Secretary must cause to be forwarded a copy of the complaint to the Member Protection Officer, and the person complained against within 48 hours.

The Member Protection Officer shall then comply with clause 15.1 of the By Laws.

If the complaint cannot be resolved, a hearing shall be fixed in accordance with the By Laws.

The Member Protection Officer shall have the power to call any relevant persons to appear before the Tribunal and give evidence.

All parties to the hearing shall be notified by ordinary pre-paid mail of the place, date and time of the hearing no less than 72 hours before the date fixed for the hearing.

If the person complained against fails to attend the hearing, the tribunal may proceed to hear the complaint and impose any penalty it sees fit or it may adjourn the hearing for a period not exceeding seven (7) days and suspend the player complained against from any Peninsula Tennis Association Inc. competition or tournament until the determination of the complaint.

A complaint against a minor shall not be heard unless the person is accompanied by a Parent or legal guardian. and players Club shall be notified in writing of the result of the hearing and any penalty imposed.

SUMMARY OF FINES

RULE NO.	RULE SUMMARY	FINE
6.1(a) 6.1(b)	Failure to complete either option 6.1 a or b	\$20.00
13.11 14.11 15.11 16.11	Playing under an assumed name	\$200.00
18.2	Forfeit a final	\$100.00
20.14(d)	Withdrawal of Team after grading	\$50.00
20.6 20.8	Failure to enter results on League Manager (Home and Away Matches) & (Last Home and Away Matches)	\$40.00
20.9	Failure to enter results on League Manager (Finals Matches)	\$40.00
21.5	Fail of Host Club to have referee in attendance	\$50.00

