



# TENNIS BY LAWS



# 2021

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## RULES PERTAINING TO ALL TEAMS

### Clause 1: GRADES AND AIC AGGREGATE

(a) Grades catered for shall be:

1<sup>st</sup> IV, 2<sup>nd</sup> IV, 3<sup>rd</sup> IV, 11A, 11B, 10A, 10B, 9A, 9B, 8A, 8B, 7A, 7B, 6A, 6B, 5A, 5B

(b) All grades except for the 6A, 6B, 5A and 5B shall count towards the AIC Aggregate.

### Clause 2: COMPETITION POINTS

Win	=	2 points
Tie	=	1 point
Washout	=	1 point
Loss	=	0 points

### Clause 3: SELECTION OF TEAMS AND RESTRICTION ON PLAYERS

- Each 1<sup>st</sup> IV and 'A' team shall consist of four players. Provision shall exist for an optional reserve in "B" Teams and, if all players are in attendance, the reserve may play in the last doubles match and 3<sup>rd</sup> IV
- Any reserve must not have previously played in that round of competition.
- In all age groups, the teams shall be graded and the players within the teams are to be ranked 1 to 4. A playing order must be exchanged prior to the start of play. This playing order must not be altered throughout the course of the match.
- In the event of an 'A' team or 1<sup>st</sup> team having insufficient number of players, a 'B' player must fill the vacant position

### Clause 4: FORMAT OF MATCHES

a) Matches shall consist of eight sets - four sets of singles and four sets of doubles.  
Singles - The winner of each set shall be the first to six games with an advantage of two games, or by winning seven games to five. If the games are tied six all, the "7 Point tie-break" system shall apply i.e. first to seven points with a two-point advantage. Long deuce play shall apply for all singles sets.

Doubles - The winner of each set shall be the first to four games. If the games are tied at three all, the "5 Point Tiebreak" system shall apply i.e. first to five points. At 4 points all, the receiver shall choose the service side. Short deuce play shall apply for all doubles sets. Receiver chooses service side at 40 all.

- b) The match shall be decided on the number of completed sets won at the designated finishing time, or, if the sets are equal, on the number of completed games won including unfinished sets. If the sets and games are equal the result is a tie.
- c) If a player is absent from a match, the team shall forfeit all sets in which he should have taken part.
- d) If a team is unwilling or unable to commence play within one quarter of an hour of the time set down for commencement, a forfeit of the first set may be claimed. For each subsequent half hour, a further set shall be forfeit

#### **Clause 5: MATCH TIMES**

##### **HOME VENUE**

<b>TIME</b>	<b>Court 1</b>	<b>Court 2</b>	<b>Court 3</b>	<b>Court 4</b>	<b>Court 5</b>	<b>Court 6</b>	<b>Court 7</b>	<b>Court 8</b>	<b>Court 9</b>	<b>Court 10</b>
<b>7.45am – 10.00am</b> <b>(Session 1)</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> IV	1 <sup>st</sup> IV	2 <sup>nd</sup> IV	2 <sup>nd</sup> IV	3 <sup>rd</sup> IV	3 <sup>rd</sup> IV	9A	9A	9B	9B
<b>10.15am – 12.30pm</b> <b>(Session 2)</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> IV	1 <sup>st</sup> IV	11A	11A	11B	11B	10A	10A	10B	10B

Warm up: Session 1 (7:30am – 7:45am) - Session 2 (10:00am – 10:15am)

##### **AWAY VENUE**

<b>TIME</b>	<b>Court 1</b>	<b>Court 2</b>	<b>Court 3</b>	<b>Court 4</b>	<b>Court 5</b>	<b>Court 6</b>	<b>Court 7</b>	<b>Court 8</b>
<b>7.45am – 10.00am</b> <b>(Session 1)</b>	5A	5A	5B	5B	7A	7A	7B	7B
<b>10.15am – 12.30pm</b> <b>(Session 2)</b>	6A	6A	6B	6B	8A	8A	8B	8B

Warm up: Session 1 (7:30am – 7:45am) - Session 2 (10:00am – 10:15am)

#### **Clause 6: MATCH VENUES**

Year 9 to Open teams shall play on courts (10 courts) designated by the home team. Year 5 to 8 teams shall play on courts (8 courts) designated by the away team. Wherever possible no more than two venues should be used, and teams within the same age group or year level should play at the same venue.

Home 1<sup>st</sup> IV, 2<sup>nd</sup> IV, 3<sup>rd</sup> IV, 11A, 11B, 10A, 10B, 9A, 9B

Away 8A, 8B, 7A, 7B, 6A, 6B, 5A, 5B

#### **Clause 7: TEAMS AND ORDER OF PLAY**

- i. Each member of the team shall play a set of singles against the correspondingly ranked opposition player, and each doubles pair shall play both opposition doubles pairs. (See order of play below)
- ii. For singles play, the team is to be ranked. An exchange of team lists must be made immediately on arrival at the venue and prior to warm up.
- iii. For doubles play, the pairings and rankings are at the discretion of each College.
- iv. Matches may be played in any order by mutual arrangement, but if agreement cannot be reached, then the order of play shall be:

COURT 1	COURT 2	
No 1 pair vs No 2 pair	No 2 pair vs No 1 pair	Doubles
No 1 v No 1	No 2 v No 2	Singles
No 3 v No 3	No 4 v No 4	Singles
No 1 pair vs No 1 pair	No 2 pair vs No 2 pair	Doubles

#### **Clause 8: UMPIRES/SCORERS**

Players are to umpire and score their own matches.

#### **Clause 9: BALL BOY**

No ball boys shall be in attendance at any AIC fixtures

#### **Clause 10: COACHES**

- i. Coaching of players is not permitted once play has commenced and the players are on the court.
- ii. In accordance to Clause 10 (a) coaching is only permitted outside the playing arena prior to, and after the rubber.

#### **Clause 11: BALLS**

- a) The College at whose grounds the match is being played shall supply the balls. Balls are to be new.
- b) Three balls are required for each court. Four balls are required for each First IV court.
- c) The minimum ball required for all 1st matches is the Slazenger Hard Court, the Wilson Australian Open Hardcourt or the Head Championship (ball equivalent for standard of play).

#### **Clause 12: WEATHER**

- a) If the two teams are at the courts at the time set down for start of play, the decision of the fitness of the courts shall be made by the coaches. If they do not agree, the existing state of affairs shall continue until agreement is reached. If there is no play the match shall be drawn.

Clarification of "existing state of affairs": If the match has not started, and the umpires/coaches do not agree, then the match does not start. If the match is in progress and agreement cannot be reached, then the match is to continue.

- b) If courts are not playable within one hour of the scheduled start of play, the match shall be recorded as a draw.
- c) Unfinished matches shall be recorded as a draw. However, if unattainable, a winning margin has already been established when play is stopped and a win shall be recorded.
- d) If play is interrupted or delayed continuously the match shall be declared a draw or continue until a result is achieved.
- e) Matches shall remain at the venue where they started.

#### **Clause 13: SPECTATORS**

No player, participating in that match or spectator is permitted in the playing area whilst a match is being played. All such persons shall remain behind the designated playing areas, this may include any fenced area.

#### **Clause 14: SCOREBOOKS**

Captains and/or coaches shall sign both scorebooks at the conclusion of each match.

#### **Clause 15: PUBLICATION OF SCORES**

All scores are to be recorded as number of sets won unless the number of sets is tied, then the number of games are to be published as well as the number of sets. (1<sup>st</sup> IV match results are to be reported as per number of matches eg 8-0; 7-1 etc)

#### **Clause 16: MEDICAL**

Adequate sports medicine staff and first aid are to be available.

#### **Clause 17: HOSPITALITY**

A brief exchange of speeches and refreshments can be made to First players and coaches following the match.

## RULES PERTAINING TO FIRST IV MATCHES

### Clause 1: FORMAT OF MATCHES

- a) 1st IV fixtures shall consist of eight matches, which require the playing of eight sets of singles and four sets of doubles. The winner of each set shall be the first to six games with an advantage of two games, or by winning seven games to five. If the games are tied six all, the "tie-break" system shall apply.
- b) In singles each match shall consist of two sets. If one player wins both sets then he shall be the winner of that match. If the sets are tied 1-1 then a "tie break" (first to ten points with a two point advantage) shall be played to establish the winner of the match. This "tie break" is purely designed to provide a winner for an individual singles match and shall not be counted as a set if a count back is required as outlined in Clause 1 c)
- c) The fixture shall be decided on the number of matches won, or, if the matches are equal, on the number of sets won, or, if the sets are equal, on the number of games won. If the matches, sets and games are all equal then the result is a tie.

### Clause 2: TEAMS AND ORDER OF PLAY

- a) Each member of the team shall play two sets of singles against the correspondingly ranked opposition player, and doubles pairings shall play one set against each of the opposition doubles pairings.
- b) For singles play, the team is to be ranked. An exchange of team lists must be made immediately on arrival at the venue and prior to warm up.
- c) Doubles pairings and rankings are at the discretion of each College, but they cannot be changed once play has commenced.
- d) Matches may be played in any order by mutual arrangement, but if agreement cannot be reached, then the order of play shall be:

COURT 1	COURT 2	
No 1 pair vs No 2 pair	No 2 pair vs No 1 pair	Doubles
No 1 v No 1	No 2 v No 2	Singles
No 3 v No 3	No 4 v No 4	Singles
No 1 pair vs No 1 pair	No 2 pair vs No 2 pair	Doubles

### Clause 3: COURTS

Two courts shall always be made available for First IV fixtures.

### Clause 4: UMPIRES/SCORERS

Players must call their own lines.

### Clause 5: BALLS

Eight balls shall be supplied by the home team for all 1st IV matches (four per court).

