

Waverley Tennis – By-Law changes for Summer 2022/23

Text in **blue** indicates the amendments/clarifications for this season.

11. Eligibility

- (e) No player may play in the final series unless they shall have played **three** home and away matches of Mixed, Mens or Open. For Juniors, date of birth must also have been provided.

Should an ineligible player play in a home and away, or finals match, any rubber/s in which such player competes shall automatically be awarded to the opposition. However, a match can still be won by a team with an ineligible player should the majority of remaining rubbers be won by that team.

15. Substitutes During Match

- (e) In Junior finals where clubs have rotating teams, the option to use up to 5 players in a match is permitted.
Providing the order of merit of singles players is maintained, the substitute player can play in any position.
- (i) For each final the team must be nominated as usual however teams are allowed to add any other rotating team members into position 4, or positions 4 & 5.
- (ii) All such substitutions must be declared on the scoresheets prior to the start of the match and no changes may be made once the match has commenced (except as provided for in By-Law 15(a) - Injury or 15(d) - Unfinished Finals).
- (iii) To be eligible, the rotated substitute players must have played at least 3 matches for the team during the season.

With 1 substitute player, the #1 player will play 3 sets, and players 2-4 will all play 2 sets.

With 2 substitute players, players 1-4 will all play 2 sets, and the #5 player will play 1 set.

The order of play and doubles pairings are detailed on the scoresheet.

The number of players used determines which column the team uses, either Three, Four, or Five.

If the home team has 3 players and the away team has 5, then the home team uses the Three column pairings, and the away teams uses the Five column pairings.

Singles players play against their nominated opponent in all 3 variations.

21. Match Results

In the event of a total washout in the Finals Series, or an unfinished Finals match, the names of all participating players shall be filled out on the scoresheets and the **home club supervisor** shall retain the scoresheets and bring them to the continuation of the match.

For home team forfeits, the away team may use the “By Ph” feature to enter forfeit, and must include all player names. A forfeit is a qualifying game only for non-forfeiting team.

24. Final Series

- (a) At the completion of the home and away matches the four leading teams in an 8 team draw, the top three teams in an 6 team draw, **and the top two teams in a 4 team draw**, shall play off in a final series. All finals are to be played on the venues of the finalists as announced by the Waverley Tennis Match Committee. [Refer this By-Law paragraphs (g) and (h).]

(d) For 4 team sections

Grand Final: 1st placed team plays 2nd placed team. No semi final.

- (i) **In Junior Challenge Cup and Senior Ron Horne Challenge Cup, the semi final in each format shall be the top two teams in each section as follows:**

The first team in Section A versus the second team in Section B, and the second team in Section A versus the first team in Section B. Both winners shall play off in the grand final.