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8. Composition of Teams/Type and Order of Play

All sets shall be first to six games, excepting that in all Senior play and Junior Singles/Doubles Sections a 12 point tiebreaker shall be played at six all.

Note variations in paras (a) and (b) below for the Mixed and Mens Rubbers formats, and in para (e) below for the Junior President’s Cup.

**In all Senior and Junior Rubbers matches, players should not leave the court except for a toilet break.**

(a) Mixed Rubbers - Summer and Winter format

**Two Men Two Ladies**

Each man plays 2 rubbers ‑ one mens and one mixed rubber.

Ladies – one ladies and one mixed rubber. The majority of rubbers shall decide the match. If rubbers are equal, sets to decide. If rubbers and sets are equal, games to decide.

Matches shall consist of one mens rubber, one ladies rubber, and two mixed rubbers. All rubbers shall be “Best of Two” sets where if these rubbers are tied at one set all then the rubber is decided by playing a match tiebreaker, first to 10 by a margin of 2. This tiebreaker (which replaces the third set), is recorded as 7-6 to the winning team on the scoresheet, even when the rubber is at one set all due to a forfeit. The majority of rubbers shall decide the match. If rubbers are equal, sets to decide, and if rubbers and sets are equal, games to decide.

Each team Mens Rubber

Ladies Rubber

1st Mixed Rubber

2nd Mixed Rubber

(b) Mens Rubbers - Summer and Winter format

Four Men a Side

Matches to consist of 4 rubbers. All rubbers shall be “Best of Two” sets where if these rubbers are tied at one set all then the rubber is decided by playing a match tiebreaker, first to 10 by a margin of 2. This tiebreaker (which replaces the third set), is recorded as 7-6 to the winning team on the scoresheet, even when the rubber is at one set all due to a forfeit. The majority of rubbers shall decide the match. If rubbers are equal, sets to decide, and if rubbers and sets are equal, games to decide.

First mentioned pair is the home team:

1st Rubber First pair v First pair.

2nd Rubber Second pair v Second pair.

3rd Rubber Any combination pair except pairing from 1st or 2nd Rubber.

4th Rubber Remaining pair.

**Additions to highlighted items at beginning of Junior sections 8 (d)**

For all Junior Matches players MUST play in order of merit, as nominated by their club.

A Senior Supervisor is to be in attendance at all times during the match.

For away matches, a responsible adult/parent is required to be in attendance at the venue for the entire match.

For all Junior Rubbers matches, players may only leave the court with the permission of the Junior Supervisor.

No communication with, or coaching by, parents is permitted during a match or between sets in a Rubbers match.

**11. Eligibility**

b) Once a player plays more than 3 matches in any higher grade, or section within grade, or plays more than 3 matches in different higher level teams, that player cannot play for another team in a lower grade or lower section within grade, without prior permission of the Match Committee. This applies irrespective of whether the player was nominated as a regular player in a lower graded team at the start of the current season.

13. Completion of Scoresheet Prior to Match

Before the commencement of any match the opposing captains **must** enter team members’ names in order of play on the scoresheet. Once scoresheets have been filled in no changes to order of play are permitted.

14. Weather / Court Conditions

Waverley Tennis has adopted the Tennis Australia Extreme Weather Policy. Full guidelines of the policy may be found on the Tennis Australia website. A copy can also be downloaded from our website.

Extreme Weather, as defined by this policy, includes Extreme Heat, Wet Weather, Lightning, High Winds and Smoke.

For the purposes of this section, Waverley Tennis has taken a more conservative approach than is given in the Tennis Australia policy and we require that:

***All play must be suspended (on completion of the current game) and no further matches are to commence if the temperature is 35° C or greater.***

(b) On days of extreme heat when the temperature reaches 35 degrees as provided by the Bureau of Meteorology (1900 926 121), individual matches may be cancelled without teams attending courts providing it is mutually agreed to by both captains otherwise players must attend courts. Where there is no attendance both teams must enter player’s names using the “By Ph” feature on the Club Zone website.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, play may be cancelled below this temperature with consent of both captains.

15. Substitutes During Match

(e) In Junior finals where Clubs have rotating teams, clubs have the **option** of allowing all team members to take part.

***Where a substitute player is used, the position and sets in which this player competes must be shown in the “Comments” section of the scorecard.***