

SATURDAY AFTERNOON COMPETITION TENNIS GUIDELINES

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Welcome to our Saturday afternoon competition tennis format – **Saturday PM “Mix ‘n’ Match”**. Here’s how it works ...

Mixed Pairs Competition

- 1 man and 1 woman play as a team on the day (you may have more team members, and you may use reserve players, if you wish)
- Play starts at 1.30pm, and finishes at 3.00pm (complete the game in progress at 3.00pm)
- A match consists of 2 tie-break sets (tie-break at 5-all), with an additional match tie-break game (first to 10 points with a 2-point lead) if the match stands at 1-set all
- Competition points: 6 per match (2 points for each set, additional 2 points for the match winner)
- Procedure at the end of the first set:
 - If the first set had an odd number of games (eg. 6/3), change ends
 - If the first set had an even number of games (eg. 6/2), do not change ends
 - The pair which received in the first game of the first set serves in the first game of the second set
 - At the start of the second set, each pair may choose which of its players serves first
- Procedure for the match tie-break (if necessary):
 - If the second set had an odd number of games (eg. 6/3), change ends
 - If the second set had an even number of games (eg. 6/2), do not change ends
 - The pair which served in the first game of the first set serves in the first point of the match tie-break
 - At the start of the match tie-break, each pair may choose which of its players serves first
 - First to 10 points with a lead of 2 points wins the match tie-break. All other tie-break procedures regarding service order and change of ends apply

Men’s Pairs Competition and Women’s Pairs Competition

- 2 men / 2 women play as a team on the day (you may have more team members, and you may use reserve players, if you wish)
- Play starts at 3.20pm, and finishes at 4.30pm (complete the game in progress at 4.30pm)
- A match consists of 16 games, with an additional tie-break game (first to 7 points with a 2-point lead) if the match stands at 8-games all
- Competition points: 20 per match (1 point for each game, additional 4 points for the match winner)

Results

- Results of matches must be recorded by the winning team, and signed by both team captains, at the conclusion of a match
- If a reserve player is used, the result slip must be adjusted to note the name of the reserve player who actually played. If necessary, a player registration form must be submitted for the reserve player.

Playoffs

- Each competition will have semi-finals/final in the usual format (1st v 4th; 2nd v 3rd), **as well as** positional playoff matches for all other pairs not in semi-finals/final. All pairs are expected to participate in all scheduled positional playoff matches.

Eligibility for Semi-Finals/Finals/Playoffs

- A player must have played in two matches for a pair in the preliminary rounds to qualify for semi-finals, finals and positional playoffs. However, one (1) player who has only played one (1) match may be used in semi-finals, finals and positional playoffs if necessary, provided that this player is not a member of any other pair in that competition.

Cost

- No entry fee or Association membership requirement
- \$15.00 per player per afternoon, if playing in 2 competitions
- \$10.00 per player per afternoon, if playing in 1 competition
- \$120.00 “up front” fee, if you wish to pay for the entire competition in advance (due by round 2, if you elect to do this). This will cover any reserve players who fill in for you during the competition
- New balls will be supplied for the mixed pairs matches. The same balls will be re-used for the following men’s pairs/women’s pairs matches (just leave the balls on the court after the mixed)
- Prizes are to be determined, but may be gift vouchers

Afternoon Tea

It is expected that all players will be present for afternoon tea (3.00pm to 3.20pm). Each player should bring one item/plate of food to contribute towards a combined afternoon tea. The Association will supply tea/coffee/milk/sugar.

Draw and Point Scores

The draw and point scores for these competitions can be accessed from the Association’s web site: www.ndta.com.au. Click on COMPETITION, then DRAWS & SCORES.

Contact

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