

Singles Competitions
(Saturday Morning and Wednesday and Thursday Nights)
and, where applicable, Monday Night Doubles Competition

Format and Rules
(as at 20th July 2015)

Competition Format

- Each competition will be played, as far as possible, within one school term.
- Divisions will, as far as possible, consist of eight (8) players (if there are less than or more than eight players, a different playoff structure may apply). Each player will be scheduled to play each other player once (ie. 7 rounds). All players will then qualify for playoffs, which will be played as follows:
 - semi-finals: 1st v 4th; 2nd v 3rd
 - positional playoffs: 5th v 8th; 6th v 7th
 - final: winners of semi-finals
 - positional playoffs: losers of semi-finals; winner (5th v 8th) v winner (6th v 7th); loser (5th v 8th) v loser (6th v 7th)Players are expected to participate in all 9 weeks of the competition, except where a bye is scheduled for a player.

Match Format and Rules

- Matches will be played at one of the following time slots, as allocated by the Competition Secretary: Saturday Morning: 7.30am-8.30am; 8.30am-9.30am; 9.30am-10.30am; 10.30am-11.30am; or 11.30am-12.30pm. Wednesday and Thursday Nights (and Monday Night Doubles): 7.00pm-8.00pm; 7.30pm-8.30pm; or 8.00pm-9.00pm. A division may be split over two time slots if necessary.
- Match hitups commence at 7.30am or 8.30am or 9.30am or 10.30am or 11.30am (Saturday morning) or 7.00pm or 7.30pm or 8.00pm (Wednesday and Thursday nights) sharp. A match ceases at the conclusion of the point in progress one hour later.
- Where a player in a singles competition (or a pair in a doubles competition) arrives late:
 - (1) if the late arrival is less than 10 minutes late, the match will commence as normal;
 - (2) if the late arrival is between 10 and 20 minutes late, the match will commence, but at the conclusion of the allocated one hour, any unplayed or uncompleted games will be awarded as forfeited games against the late player;
 - (3) if the late arrival is more than 20 minutes late, the entire match is a forfeit, unless the player/pair who was on time offers to commence play, under the conditions outlined in (2) above.
- All players are entitled to a maximum of five (5) minutes hitup (ie. the match should be 55 minutes). Should both players choose to waive all or part of the hitup, then they may commence play when ready.
- A match shall consist of 16 games. Any game/s not completed or started within the time limit will be considered “unfinished”.
- Competition Points: 1 point for each game won; half a point for each “unfinished” game; 4 points for the winner of the match* ie. a total of 20 points allotted for the match.
(* In preliminary rounds, a player must have won 9 or more games to be the “winner” of the match, otherwise the match is “unfinished” and players receive 2 points each)
- Forfeits: a player receiving a forfeit shall be awarded the full 20 points (the forfeiting player receives no points).
- If, at the end of the preliminary rounds, two or more players are tied on points, positions will be determined by:

- the result of the match (or matches, if the players played each other more than once) between those players (ie. the head-to-head result/s). Games won/lost between those players will be used if necessary
 - if that is equal, the margin between total matches won and lost by each player will be considered
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- If, in a semi-final or final, at the end of the allocated hour, one player is two (2) games or more ahead of the other player, then that player is declared the winner. If there is only one (1) game difference, then play will continue until one player is two games ahead of the other. However, if a semi-final or final reaches 8 games-all, then an additional tie-break game will be played to determine the winner.
 - Matches may be rescheduled due to special circumstances, under the following conditions:
 - The rescheduling must be agreed to by both players, and must be advised to the Association, along with the reason, by 5.00pm Friday (for Saturday Morning Competition) or by 10.00am Wednesday/Thursday/Monday (for Wednesday/Thursday Night Singles Competition or Monday Night Doubles). Notification after these times will result in a forfeit by the unavailable player.
 - The rescheduled match must be played after the originally scheduled date and before the next scheduled round, and must be played at the Woodriff Gardens Courts.
 - Any rescheduled “last round” or “quarter-final” or “semi-final” matches must be played within four (4) days of the originally scheduled date, to allow the following week’s draw to be prepared in reasonable time.
 - If a rescheduled match cannot be played on the new/rescheduled date for any reason, the player unable to play on the originally scheduled date must forfeit.
 - If the original Saturday morning/Wednesday night/Thursday night/Monday night is a washout for all other matches in a division, then no matches in that division can be rescheduled.
 - If a rescheduled match is played at night, then any additional court hire cost applicable to night hire must be paid.
 - The normal match time limits must be adhered to for all rescheduled matches
 - In singles competitions, no replacement/substitute player will be allowed for a player unable to play a match or reschedule. The player will simply need to forfeit.
 - Any player forfeiting three (3) matches in all during the preliminary rounds will be disqualified from further participation in the competition, unless a reasonable explanation is advanced to the satisfaction of the Competition Secretary.

Grading of Players Into Divisions

- At the end of each competition, the top two (2) players in each division (ie. the two finalists) will, where possible, be promoted to a higher division. Alternatively they may be invited to participate in playoffs for promotion to a higher division, at the discretion of the Management Committee.
- New players to a competition may be required to participate in playoffs for placement in the division they have requested.
- The bottom two players in each division should expect relegation to the next division below. Alternatively they may be invited to participate in playoffs if they wish to remain in that division, at the discretion of the Management Committee.
- Depending on overall entries received, other players may be required to participate in playoffs at the discretion of the Management Committee.
- The format of playoff matches will be determined by the number of players involved.

- Any playoffs necessary will be held, if possible, one week before the start of any competition. This will be included in the advertising for that competition. Players must be available if they wish to participate, otherwise their division placement is entirely at the discretion of the Management Committee.

Special Note: Each competing player no longer needs to be an Association Member for the calendar year in which the competition is being played.

Saturday Morning Singles Competition – Premier Division
(including Women's Premier Division)

Guidelines for Scheduling Matches
(to be implemented from 7th October 2011)

Matches are to be scheduled jointly by the two players involved, under the following guidelines:

1. The player numbered first on the draw for a match has the responsibility for contacting his/her opponent BEFORE 9.00pm on the Friday before the scheduled date of that round, to discuss and confirm the date/time of the match.
2. If, for any reason, no agreement can be reached on the scheduling of the match, then it must be referred to the Competition Secretary for determination.
3. The match must be scheduled and played before 10.30am on the Saturday following the scheduled date of the round (ie. within one week).
4. Once agreement is reached on the date/time of the match, the player numbered first on the draw should contact the Tennis Shop at the courts to advise the date and time, and book a court.
5. If inclement weather prevents or curtails play on the scheduled date for the match, then it will be washed out and points allocated according to normal washout procedures.
6. Last round, and semi-final matches must be scheduled and played before 7.30pm on the Thursday following the scheduled date of the round, so that reasonable time is allowed to prepare the draw for the next round. Finals may, at the discretion of the Association, be required to be played on the Saturday morning as scheduled on the draw, to fit in with sponsor and presentation requirements.
7. Where a date range rather than a particular Saturday date is specified for a round, points 1, 3 and 6 above will be reasonably varied.