



Interclub
Competitive Tennis

2026 Midweek Competition

Guidelines for interclub controllers, captains,
players and spectators

Introduction

Welcome to the 2026 Midweek Interclub competition. Tennis Auckland has curated these guidelines to assist interclub controllers, team captains, players and spectators, to ensure an enjoyable experience throughout the contests.

These guidelines also reference the Senior Interclub Rules which [can be found online here](#).

Other useful resources can be found here, including:

- MatchPoint Frequently Asked Questions
- Self-Umpiring Tennis Rules
- Spectator Behaviour
- Raising a Concern
- World Tennis Number Frequently Asked Questions
- Tennis NZ Code of Behaviour
- List of clubs
- ITF Rules of Tennis

Guidelines for Interclub Controllers

Court Availability & Grade Splits

55 teams are entered this season. There are 23 Monday teams, (2 sections of 8 teams and 1 section of 7 teams) and 32 Tuesday teams (4 sections of 8 teams).

Task: check the number of contests scheduled at your Club each week and contact Tennis Auckland if there are any issues.

Club courts, along with TotalCoach Tennis Centre on Merton Rd, Nicholson Park & Manukau Tennis Centre have been scheduled for use.

[Nicholson Park - Venue Details](#)

[TotalCoach Tennis Centre - Venue Details](#)

Task: ensure team captains check draws carefully so they know when and where their teams are playing.

Note: There will be no play 26 or 27 October due to Labour Weekend

MatchPoint Ratings

We will now use Live Ratings rather than the Historic Grading Lists. All grading will be based on the Live World Tennis Number rating system. Each week, your playing order could change.

Task: ensure Team Captains check their teams' ratings in the morning of play and load playing order before play starts so you know who is to play at number 1 on that day.

Note: when a player has no WTN, it is likely they have no date of birth or Nationality loaded or are a new player so they must be positioned in the team playing order according to their relative playing ability. Clubs are expected to make fair and reasonable assessments in these cases. Once a WTN 0 players grading comes through they must play to that grading.

MatchPoint Database

Task: all clubs must update all player records on MatchPoint and ensure that email, mobile, date of birth and nationality are entered for all players.

Amending a Team List

Clubs can add players to a Team List in two ways:

- An Interclub Controller can email Tennis Auckland asking to add a player to a Team List during the season subject only to meeting the eligibility criteria. For example, you can't add a player with a grading higher than the highest-graded team member on that Team List.
- A player who has not been listed on, or added to, a Team List in a particular Midweek Competition before playing for a team in that Competition will be added to the Team List that he or she first plays for. Clubs and Captains need to manage reserves to make sure players don't end up on too high a team after playing once.

Playing Up

A player who gets added to a Team List after the season begins can play up two times for a higher team in the same Competition.

Players on a Team List at the beginning of the season can play up two times for a higher team in the same Competition.

After two play-ups a player remains in the team for which he or she was originally listed.

Grading Bands (World Tennis Numbers)

World Tennis Numbers (WTN), grading bands are now based on WTN ratings, which range from **1.0 (Pro players)** to **40.0 (Beginner players)**. Each band covers a one-point WTN range. For example:

- WTN 15.0 – 15.9
- WTN 16.0 – 16.9
- up to WTN 40.0. This creates **40 grading bands**, compared to the **12 bands** previously used in MatchHub.

Rescheduled Contests

Clubs should deal promptly with any matches that are affected by the weather. Wherever possible the two captains should agree on a new date to complete or play a deferred contest.

Task: contact Tennis Auckland by 5pm on Wednesday following a deferred contest to advise of the rescheduled date agreed to by the two team captains.

Note: Tennis Auckland can assist with rescheduling a contest where a rescheduled date cannot be agreed by the two team captains.

Official Ball

The official ball for Midweek Interclub is the Wilson US Open ball.

Task: ensure Wilson US Open balls are available to each team captain, for each contest.

Note: number of balls to be available by each team for each contest:

- Preferred: eight (8) new balls (each team provides four (4))
- Minimum four (4) new balls (visiting team provides four (4))

Guidelines for Team Captains

Rules – Game Day

Part IV “Contests” in the Midweek Interclub Rules includes key information for match days. These include:

- Playing order requirements for the team
- Limitations on team members playing up for a higher team
- Notice that regular team members play regularly for his or her team
- Requirements for non-listed players playing a contest
- Default provisions (Rule 16) where the default of a contest or of part of a contest can lead to the deduction of competition points

MatchPoint Scoring App

Results can only be inputted via the MatchPoint Scoring App. Both Team Captains are required to input their team lists prior to the start of the contest.

After each match, the team on the left (usually the home Team Captain) is responsible for inputting the scores. At the end of the contest, the home team should confirm the overall result then the away Team Captain is responsible for finalising the result.

If the Team Captain is not playing in the contest, the responsibility needs to be given to another player competing in the contest. This can be done by an Interclub Controller.

For other frequently asked questions and troubleshooting, [refer to the FAQ page here](#).

Regular Players

Regular team members are expected to play in at least half of the team’s contests they are listed for during the season. This is particularly relevant for the highest-graded player on a Team List. Tennis Auckland will monitor players over the season and will advise Clubs if issues arise.

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Wherever possible the two captains should agree on a new date to complete or play a deferred contest.

Task: contact both Club Interclub Controllers to advise of the rescheduled date agreed to by the two team captains.

Hosting

Tennis Auckland recommends Host teams provide refreshments for home games. If refreshments are unavailable for the day, notify the opposing team well before game day to allow them to make alternative arrangements.

Interclub Enquiries

All enquired are to be directed to the clubs' Interclub Controller. Where necessary, the Interclub Controller will escalate the enquire to the Tennis Auckland Competitive Tennis Team.

Note: all communications from Team Captains or players to the Tennis Auckland Competitive Tennis Team, will be referred back to the club Interclub Controller.