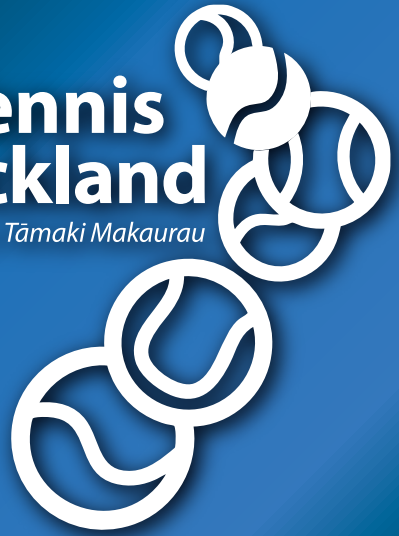


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## MESSAGE FROM THE TENNIS AUCKLAND INTERCLUB ADMIN TEAM

The 2025/26 season marks the end of an era as we farewell Match Hub and transition to MatchPoint, alongside the full adoption of WTN (World Tennis Number) rankings. We ask for your patience as this new system continues to develop — while it's a big step forward, we know there may be a few teething issues along the way.

With over 1,000 teams and thousands of matches to be played across our Senior, Midweek, and Junior competitions, we're looking forward to another exciting season of interclub tennis in Auckland.

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# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

## How do I find my interclub draw?

Your draw can be found after logging into the MatchPoint Scoring App

Or by going to <https://results.matchpoint.kiwi>

Select Auckland and the appropriate competition.

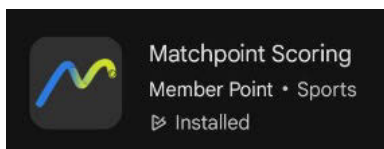
This is then broken down by grade and round.

To see your full schedule in one screen, click on “Entries” and find your team.

## How do I enter my team's interclub results?

Step 1: Claim your login at <https://matchpoint.kiwi> -You must do this first

Step 2: Download the app from the Google Play or Apple App Store and search “MatchPoint Scoring”, icon looks as below:



Step 3: Enter your login details

Step 4: Go to the top left and open the menu and select find a fixture

Step 5: Select your teams & enter your results – Please review the User Guide for full instructions found at <https://support.matchpoint.kiwi>

Note: Both teams must input their team lists prior to the start of the fixture, with the team on the left being responsible for inputting the scores and the team on the right being responsible for confirming the results. Any member of the team can score the fixture provided they have a login.

## When I requested a password reset I don't receive a code, why?

This will be because you don't have an email address attached to your MatchPoint account or it has gone to your spam/junk folder. If it is not in the spam or junk folder, check with your club administrator what your registered email address is or have them add it into the system.

## Do I have to enter the results after every fixture? And can someone else from my team enter them?

Both teams are responsible for pieces of scoring the fixture in some respect. Best practice is for scores to be entered during the fixture after each match is completed and then at the end of the fixture the team on the left of the app will finalise the results and then the team on the right of the app will confirm them

## Why can't I find a player in our team or the other team?

The player is not on the team in MatchPoint. If you click on the blue button next to the drop down list you can add a player (in accordance with competition rules) to the team list by



searching their last name, and club if necessary. If a player does not appear they may not be in the system and can be listed as 'substitute'. You can then email your club and cc in [interclub@tennisauckland.co.nz](mailto:interclub@tennisauckland.co.nz) to get them added.

**Why when we drew does the points table show no points added for the winner on sets/games countback?**

When it is a draw let Tennis Auckland know via [interclub@tennisauckland.co.nz](mailto:interclub@tennisauckland.co.nz) and they will manually adjust based on the winner on countback.

**What happens if the result has already been loaded?**

You will not be able to adjust the score after it has been submitted.

**Why is the points table not showing my team's latest result?**

This is because it has either not been finalised or confirmed by one/either team. Results don't show on the points table unless it has been confirmed by the team on the right of the app.

**What is MatchPoint?**

MatchPoint is the platform for interclub in New Zealand. It has all competitions and results at [results.matchpoint.kiwi](https://results.matchpoint.kiwi) and is also where you can check your and other players ratings and rankings. This product is being launched for Summer 2025 and will be adding more features over the next couple of years to improve your and your club's interclub experience.

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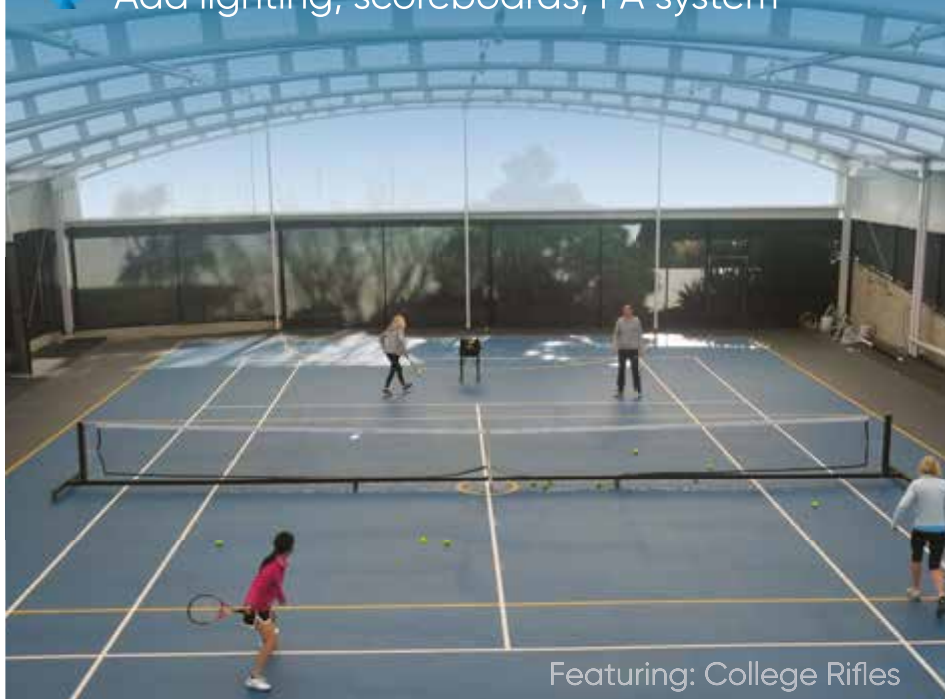
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## SENIOR INTERCLUB – KEY RULES TO REMEMBER

### What are the most common issues that arise during Interclub?

- Playing ineligible players in the team;
- Not observing the playing order for the grade;
- Failing to ensure that regular team members play in at least one half of the contests during the season.

### How often are Regular Team Members expected to play?

A regular team member is required to play in at least half of the contests for his or her team. The highest-graded player on a Team List must be a regular team member. For Doubles and Mixed-Four Presidents teams, both the highest-graded man and highest-graded woman must be regular players.

### Can a player be listed on more than one Team List?

Yes. A player can be listed on a Team List in any, or all, of the four Competitions (Singles Competition, Doubles Competition, Super Tennis Competition and Mixed-Four Presidents Competition) as each is treated as a separate Competition. Players must meet the eligibility requirements set out in Rule 14 as summarised in the table over the page, and for the Doubles Competition and Mixed-Four Presidents Competition must be at least 30 years old.

However, a player cannot be listed on more than one Team List in the same Competition, e.g. you could not be listed in both Open Men's 5 and Second Grade Men as these two grades are both part of the Singles Competition.

NB Players cannot play for more than one Club in Senior Interclub as per Rule 15.



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## Promotion/Relegation Player Eligibility Table Singles Grades to Doubles Grades – Rule 14

<b>Caro Bowl</b>	If under 35 years of age at 1/9/25 If over 35 years of age as at 1/9/25	<i>Cannot play Senior Interclub Can play Ferrier Cup only</i>
<b>Caro Bowl Reserve</b>	If over 30 years of age as at 1/9/25	<i>Can play Ferrier Cup only</i>
<b>First Grade Men</b>	If over 30 years of age as at 1/9/25	<i>Can play Ferrier Cup only</i>
<b>First Grade Women</b>	If over 30 years of age as at 1/9/25	<i>Can play no lower than Presidents A</i>
<b>Second Grade Men</b>	If over 30 years of age as at 1/9/25	<i>Can play no lower than Open Presidents 1</i>

### Do I have to belong to an Auckland Club to play interclub?

Yes, you must be a financial member of a Club affiliated to Tennis Auckland.

### What Restrictions are there on a Listed Player playing for another team in the same Competition?

There are three restrictions:

1. A listed player cannot play for a lower graded team.
2. There are restrictions around grading as set out in Rule 14 (see table above).
3. A listed player may play up only three times for higher graded teams in the same Competition. Eg a player listed in Second Grade Men could fill in twice for First Grade Men and once for Caro Bowl Reserve Men. He stays in his Second Grade team and cannot fill in again for a higher singles team as he has played up the maximum three times. (Rule 12). This applies to players listed on a Team from the start of the Competition as well as players that are added to Team Lists over the course of the season.

### Can a player be added to a Team List once Interclub has started?

Yes. Players can be added to a Team List in two ways:

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



### **Does a player need to be on a Team List by 1 February in order to play in Promotion-Relegation contests after 1 February? – Rule 12(2A)**

Yes . A player will need to be on a Team List by 1 February for the particular Competition that he or she wishes to play Promotion/Relegation contests for after that date. For Singles Grades the appropriate Competition is the Singles Competition. For Doubles Grades, the appropriate Competition is the Doubles Competition. Neither Super Tennis nor Mixed-Four Presidents count as appropriate Competitions for the purpose of playing Promotion/Relegation Grades after 1 February. The limitation of three play-ups continues to apply after 1 February.

### **Is there a Reserves List?**

No . The Reserves List no longer exists. Rather any player who belongs to a Club may play Interclub provided that they meet the eligibility requirements for the team in question.

### **Who has to play in the No.1 Doubles pairing when a specialist doubles player is used? – Rule 18(2)(a) and 18(2)(b)**

This depends on the singles grading band of the specialist doubles player.

If the singles grading band of the specialist doubles player is higher than that of the No .1 Singles player on that day then the specialist doubles player must play in the No .1 Doubles pairing. The other players, including the No .1 Singles player, can play in any order in the doubles.

Where the singles grading band of the specialist doubles player is not higher than that of the No .1 Singles player on that day then the No .1 Singles player must play in the No .1 Doubles pairing. The other players, including the specialist doubles player, can play in any order in the doubles.

### **How are the Grade Winners decided when there is a points-tie at the end of the season? – Rule 28**

Should two teams finish equal on points at the end of the Competition then the winner will be the team that won the most contests during the season. If both teams win the same number of contests, then the winning team will be the team that won the contest when the two teams played each other. Should that contest have ended in a tie then the procedure set out in Rule 28(3)(b) and (c) shall be used to determine the winner of the Grade.

If three or more teams finish equal on points at the end of the Competition then the winner will be decided by:

- The number of contests won; then if necessary
- The percentage of sets won of sets played; then if necessary
- The percentage of games won of games played.

The above formula also applies when deciding promotion and/or relegation places if teams are tied.

### **Does a Team lose Points if it has to Default some or all of its matches in a contest? – Rule 25(3)**

Yes. The defaulting team will lose competition points according to the following table:

	<b>Singles Competition Super Tennis Competition Mixed-Four Competition</b>	<b>Doubles Competition</b>
<b>Full team default notified at least 24 hours in advance</b>	Two points deducted	Three points deducted
<b>Full team default with no notification</b>	Three points deducted	Four points deducted
<b>with no notification</b>	Three points deducted	Four points deducted
<b>Failure to complete more than half the matches in a Contest</b>	Two points deducted	Three points deducted

### **What are the Time Requirements for Teams to be present before a Team is defaulted? – Rule 25(2)**

Hopefully captains will talk to each other and reach an amicable solution if there is the chance of a player not being able to arrive at the scheduled time. Where no agreement has been reached then the Rules provide as follows:

- Within 20 minutes of the starting time a Team must have available the players to play in the first two matches as per Rule 22. For Singles Grades this is the two Doubles matches; for Doubles Grades this is the No .4, and No .3 Mixed Doubles matches, for Mixed-Four Presidents Grades this is the Mixed Doubles.
- A Team must have all of its players present within 45 minutes of the starting time to avoid defaulting further matches.
- Special conditions apply to Super Tennis.

### **What are the Special Default Rules for Super Tennis? – Rule 29(7)**

Because Super Tennis contests are played within certain time restrictions different default Rules apply subject always to agreement between the respective Captains.

The order of play in Super Tennis is for the No .1 & 2 pair and the No .3 & 4 pair to play first. If a pair is not available to commence play at the scheduled starting time that pair will be penalised one game for every five minutes they are late and will be defaulted after 15 minutes if they are still not available . If the full team has not arrived within 45 minutes of the scheduled starting time then that team will lose by default.

### **What does “short-handed” mean under Senior Interclub Rule 12(3)(c)?**

This means that a team does not have the required number of players available to play all matches in a contest. For Singles, Mixed-Four and Super Tennis grades that is four players per

team. In Presidents grades, that is eight players per team.

If a team is short-handed, all players must move up and play in the highest position possible, while still observing playing order rules. ie if a Singles team only has three players available, the top doubles must be played and the no. 1-3 singles.

If a player starts or completes one match and is unable to play the second match of the day, they default the match they would have played. This means if they were scheduled to play no. 1 singles, they would default that match. In this scenario, players do not move up to cover their absence.

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## IMPORTANT REMINDERS FOR SENIOR INTERCLUB TEAM CAPTAINS

- Start times for contests are indicated on the draw. Teams should arrive 15 minutes early, if possible, and be ready to play at the allocated time.
- If the playing order for matches cannot be agreed, the order stated in the Rules must be followed. Teams should do their best to accommodate each other and play within the spirit of the game.
- For Handbook Team Sheets - Fill in your team sheet prior to the start of the first match. Make sure result sheets are filled in correctly and include the full names of all players. Both captains need to sign the completed sheet. The result sheet must be kept for 4 weeks after the completion of the Competition.
- If using MatchPoint App - Both teams must input their team lists prior to the start of the fixture, with the team on the left being responsible for inputting the scores and the team on the right being responsible for confirming the results.
- **Playing order in Senior Interclub is determined by two grading lists:**
  - For play between September and December 2025 - **Grading List is as at 15 August 2025**
  - For play between February and April 2026 - **Grading List is as at 1 February 2026 Refer to Senior Interclub playing order rules Rules 18(2)(a) and 19(2)(a) for Promotion/ Relegation Grades and Rules 18(2)(b) and 19(2)(b) for Open Grades .**
- **Check with your Interclub Controller to ensure you are using the correct Grading List.**
- No contest shall be started or continued if the weather or court conditions are not suitable for play. Refer to Rule 17.
- If a contest is rained out, and team captains cannot agree on a date to replay it, inform your Interclub Controller. He or she can contact Tennis Auckland and ask for the contest to be rescheduled. Once a new date has been set, it is recommended that team captains contact the opposing captain before the rescheduled contest to make sure he or she is aware of the new date.
- Some contests will be played at Association Venues – TotalCoach Tennis Centre, Manukau Tennis Centre, Manuka Doctor Arena and Nicholson Park. If you are scheduled to play at these venues, there is no host team so please co-ordinate with the opposing team captain regarding refreshments. Please report to the Pro Shop at TotalCoach Tennis Centre on arrival.
- For contests at Manuka Doctor Arena, Tennis Auckland will supply parking passes. These will be emailed to team captains on the week of the contest. Please report to the Next Gen reception on arrival.

## 2025 - 2026 IMPORTANT INTERCLUB DATES

<b>AUGUST</b>	<b>1st</b>	<i>Senior Interclub Transfers due into Tennis Auckland</i>
	<b>3rd</b>	<i>Senior Interclub Entries Close for the 2025/2026 season</i>
	<b>10th</b>	<i>Last day to play/complete Winter Interclub contests</i>
		<i>Senior Grading List Published (for playing order Pre-Xmas)</i>
	<b>15th</b>	<i>Caro Bowl Transfers due into Tennis Auckland</i>
	<b>25th</b>	<i>Senior Interclub Draws Published</i>
	<b>28th</b>	<i>Midweek Lead-In Interclub Entries Open</i>
	<b>29th</b>	<i>Junior Pre-Xmas Interclub Entries Open</i>
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	<b>1st</b>	<i>Caro Bowl Team Lists due</i>
	<b>6th</b>	<i>Senior Interclub Begins</i>
	<b>7th</b>	<i>Love Tennis Open Day</i>
	<b>15th</b>	<i>Twilight Interclub Entries Open</i>
	<b>21st</b>	<i>Midweek Lead-in Interclub Entries Close</i>
	<b>20th -5th Oct</b>	<i>School Holidays T3</i>
	<b>28th</b>	<i>Junior Pre-Xmas Interclub Entries Close</i>
<b>OCTOBER</b>	<b>6th</b>	<i>Midweek Lead-in Interclub Draws Published</i>
	<b>12th</b>	<i>Twilight Interclub Entries Close</i>
	<b>20th</b>	<i>Junior Pre-Xmas Interclub Draws Published</i>
	<b>20th</b>	<i>Midweek Lead-in Interclub Begins</i>
	<b>24th</b>	<i>Twilight Interclub Draws Published</i>
	<b>25th- 27th</b>	<i>Labour Weekend (no Interclub played)</i>
	<b>31st – 2nd Nov</b>	<i>Caro Bowl</i>
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	<b>1st</b>	<i>Junior Pre-Xmas Interclub Begins</i>
	<b>3rd</b>	<i>Midweek Summer Interclub Entries Open</i>
		<i>Twilight Interclub Begins</i>
	<b>5th</b>	<i>Junior Post-Xmas Interclub Entries Open</i>
	<b>7th-9th</b>	<i>Caro Bowl</i>
	<b>14th-16th</b>	<i>Caro Bowl</i>
	<b>21st-23rd</b>	<i>Caro Bowl</i>
	<b>28th</b>	<i>Caro Bowl Men's and Women's Finals</i>



## 2025 - 2026 IMPORTANT INTERCLUB DATES

DECEMBER	1st	<i>Midweek Summer Interclub Entries Close / Last day player Transfers due for Midweek Championship Grades</i>
	7th	<i>Junior Post-Xmas Interclub Entries Close</i>
	13th & 14th	<i>Senior &amp; Junior Interclub last scheduled days Pre-Xmas</i>
2026		
JANUARY	3rd-17th	<i>ASB Classic</i>
	17th	<i>Set aside for rescheduled Senior Interclub contests</i>
	23rd	<i>Midweek Summer Interclub Draws Published</i>
	26th	<i>Auckland Anniversary</i>
	30th	<i>Junior Post-Xmas Interclub Draws Published</i>

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<b>FEBRUARY</b>	<b>1st</b>	<i>Senior Grading List Published (for playing order Post-Xmas)</i>
	<b>6th</b>	<i>Waitangi Day</i>
	<b>14th - 15th</b>	<i>Senior Interclub Restarts</i>
		<i>Junior Post-Xmas Interclub &amp; Junior Caro Bowl Begins</i>
	<b>16th</b>	<i>Midweek Summer Interclub Begins</i>
		<i>Twilight interclub restarts</i>
<b>MARCH</b>	<b>28th - 29th</b>	<i>Junior Interclub last scheduled days Post-Xmas</i>
	<b>30th – 31st</b>	<i>Midweek Summer Interclub Finishes</i>
		<i>Twilight Interclub Finishes</i>
<b>APRIL</b>	<b>18th</b>	<i>Senior Interclub last scheduled days</i>
	<b>3rd – 19th</b>	<i>School Holidays T1</i>
	<b>3rd – 6th</b>	<i>Easter</i>
	<b>25th</b>	<i>Anzac Day</i>
	<b>20th</b>	<i>Winter Interclub entries open</i>
	<b>21st</b>	<i>T2 Indoor Competitions Begin</i>
<b>MAY</b>	<b>10th</b>	<i>Winter Interclub entries close</i>
	<b>25th</b>	<i>Winter Interclub draws published</i>
<b>JUNE</b>	<b>1st</b>	<i>King's Birthday (no Interclub played)</i>
	<b>7th</b>	<i>Winter Interclub Begins</i>
<b>JULY</b>	<b>6th</b>	<i>Senior Interclub Entries Open</i>
	<b>10th July</b>	<i>Matariki (no Interclub or Indoor Competition played)</i>
	<b>4th-19th July</b>	<i>School Holidays T2</i>
	<b>15th</b>	<i>Acceptance of Promotion/Relegation Grades due</i>
	<b>20th</b>	<i>T3 Indoor Competitions Begin</i>

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# SENIOR INTERCLUB RULES

## PART 1 - INTRODUCTION

### 1. Interpretation

In these Rules-

**Committee** means the Interclub Committee appointed by Tennis Auckland.

**contest** means the matches between one team and another team in any grade, section or playoff.

**grading band** and **grading** in relation to an individual player means the player grading taken from World Tennis Numbers the date or dates prescribed at the beginning of the season by the Committee. For the Singles Competition the player's singles grading applies; for the Doubles Competition and the Super Tennis Competition the player's doubles grading applies.

**higher/lower grade** - In determining whether a grade or team is higher or lower than another grade or team:

- (a) The Promotion/Relegation Grades listed in the First Schedule are listed in descending order; and
- (b) Open Grades are lower grades than Promotion/Relegation Grades. Open Grades are numbered according to playing level with Open 1 being the highest Open Grade; and
- (c) Caro Bowl is a higher grade than Caro Bowl Reserve for the purposes of these Rules.

**match** means one individual singles, doubles, or mixed doubles.

**Promotion/Relegation Grade** means the grades listed as Promotion/Relegation Grades in the First Schedule. (Note: Open Men's 1, Open Women's 1, and Open Presidents 1 are NOT regarded as Promotion/Relegation Grades under these Rules.)

**Promotion/Relegation Rules** means the Promotion/Relegation Rules contained in the Second Schedule.

**regular team member** has the meaning set out in Rule 10(6).

**Rule or Rules** refers to these Senior Interclub Rules and the attached Schedules.

**Senior Interclub Competition** means either the Singles Competition, or the Doubles Competition, or the Super Tennis Competition or the Mixed-Four Presidents Competition as the case may require.

**Senior Interclub Competitions** means all of the Competitions listed in the First Schedule.

### 2. Application Of Rules

These Rules shall be applied and interpreted in the best interests of the game of tennis.

The Committee may waive a Rule or make an exception to the strict interpretation of any Rule where it considers that to do so best reflects the spirit of these Rules and the good of the game of tennis. The Committee shall exercise this discretion sparingly and only in exceptional and genuine circumstances.

### **3. Responsibilities Of Interclub Committee**

The Interclub Committee shall have the following duties and powers:

- (a) To arrange and control all interclub competition.
- (b) To interpret these Rules.
- (c) To decide any matters arising from the Competitions not covered by these Rules.
- (d) To disqualify any Club or player or team for breach of these Rules or to impose any penalty as set out in these Rules.
- (e) In its discretion to order any contest or match to be replayed.
- (f) To make recommendations to amend these Rules.

## **PART II - SENIOR INTERCLUB COMPETITIONS**

### **4. Senior Interclub Competitions**

- (1) The Senior Interclub Competitions shall be those listed in the First Schedule.
- (2) Each Competition listed in the First Schedule shall be a separate Competition for the purposes of these Rules. ie The Singles Competition, the Doubles Competition, the Super Tennis Competition and the Mixed-Four Presidents Competition are each separate Competitions.

### **5. Format For Entries**

Entries for the Senior Interclub Competitions shall be submitted by Clubs to the Committee by a date to be fixed annually by the Committee. Entries shall be in the form prescribed annually by the Committee, shall contain all the information stipulated, and shall be accompanied by the entry fee.

### **6. Eligibility To Enter Promotion/Relegation Grades**

- (1) Subject to the Promotion/Relegation Rules Clubs eligible to enter the Promotion/ Relegation Grades shall be those Clubs which had teams entered in that particular Grade the previous season.
- (2)
  - (a) If a Club feels it is unable to field a competitive team in a Promotion/ Relegation Grade it may request relegation to the immediate grade below. Such a request must be in the hands of the Committee prior to 15th July in any year.
  - (b) The vacant position will be offered to the next eligible Club/s in the grade immediately below as per Rule 4 .1 of the Promotion/

Relegation Rules. If the promotion offer is accepted, that Club shall be promoted and the Club requesting relegation will be relegated to the grade immediately below.

- (c) Should no eligible Club take up the offer of promotion then the Committee will ask the Club requesting relegation if it wishes to withdraw its team from the Promotion/Relegation Grade. The Club then has three working days from the receipt of this advice to advise the Committee of its decision.

## **7. Declaring Grade Abandoned Due To Lack Of Entries**

The Committee may declare any grade abandoned for any season should the Committee consider that insufficient entries have been received in that particular grade. Clubs who have entered in any abandoned grade shall be given the opportunity to make entries in other grades.

## **8. Restriction On Number Of Teams Per Club**

- (1) A Club may enter one team of eight persons for every 15 financial full playing members of the Club.
- (2) A team consisting of four persons shall be considered to be half a team under this Rule.

## **9. Court Requirements**

- (1) Clubs shall be required to make the following courts available for interclub each interclub day:
  - (a) Less than four teams entered in the Senior Interclub Competitions... two courts
  - (b) Four or more teams entered in the Senior Interclub Competitions... two to four courts
  - (c) Eight or more teams entered in the Senior Interclub Competitions... four to six courts
- (2) For any given interclub day, the host Club may change the courts allocated for contests but may not reduce the number of courts allocated on the draw to any contest at that Club.
- (3) Where a Club proposes to use courts other than their Club courts for interclub, such courts and facilities must first be approved to be of sufficient standard by the Committee.

## **PART III - TEAM LISTS AND PLAYER ELIGIBILITY**

### **10. Team Lists**

- (1) A Team List shall be provided for each team entered by a Club in the Senior Interclub Competitions by the closing date for entries for that season.



- (2) Each Team List shall show the names of the regular team members for that team for the season.
- (3) The highest-graded player on a Team List in the Singles Competition and in the Super Tennis Competition must be a regular member of that team. The highest- graded man and the highest-graded woman on a Doubles Competition Team List must be regular members of that team.
- (4) The Team List for a Singles Competition Team and for a Super Tennis Competition Team must show a minimum of four regular team members.
- (5) The Team List for a Doubles Competition Team must show a minimum of four regular men and four regular women team members.
- (6) A “regular team member” is a player that the Club at the time of entering the Team List reasonably believes will play in at least one half of the contests throughout the season for the team in which that player is listed. The onus of establishing that belief shall lie with the Club.
- (7) A player may be listed on the Team List of one or more of the Senior Interclub Competitions (ie the Singles Competition, the Doubles Competition and the Super Tennis Competition) subject to meeting the player eligibility criteria in Rule 14.
- (8) Where a Club has more than one team in the same grade, these team compositions can be balanced (eg each team can be made up of two WTN 15 and two WTN 16 players). The teams will be numbered Team 1 and Team 2 etc but once these teams have been listed players cannot be interchanged.
- (9) The Committee may require a Club to produce evidence as to the availability of a player included in a Team List. If the Committee is not satisfied that the Club has reasonable grounds to believe that the player would be a regular team member then the Committee may delete that player's name from the Team List.

## **11. Amending A Team List**

Subject to Rules 12(2), 12(2A) and 14 a player may be added to a Team List at any time by written notice to Tennis Auckland provided that the grading band of the player to be added to the Team List is not higher than the grading band of the highest graded man on the Team List in the case of the man, or the grading band of the highest graded woman on the Team List in the case of a woman .

## **12. Substitute Players For Team List Players**

- (1) **Players Listed On A Team List Playing For Another Team**
  - (a) Subject to Rules 12(2A) and 14:
    - (i) A player on a Team List; or
    - (ii) A player deemed to be on a Team List under Rule 12(2) may play a maximum of three contests for higher graded teams in the same Senior Interclub Competition provided that the player's grading

band is not higher than the grading band of the highest graded man on the Team List in the case of a man, or the grading band of the highest graded woman on the Team List in the case of a woman .

- (b) A player listed on a Team List or a player deemed to be listed on a Team List under Rule 12(2) may not play in a lower graded team in the same Senior Interclub Competition notwithstanding that the player may not have played in any contest or contests in the grade in which that player is listed.

## **(2) Players Not Listed On A Team List**

Subject to Rules 12(2A) and 14 a player who has not been listed on, or added to, a Team List in a particular Senior Interclub Competition may play for any team in that player's Club in that particular Competition provided that the grading band of that player is not higher than the grading band of the highest graded man on the Team List in the case of a man, or the grading band of the highest graded woman on the Team List in the case of a woman . That player will be deemed to have been added to the Team List of the team that he or she first plays for.

## **(2A) Eligibility For Promotion/Relegation Contests After 1 February**

To be eligible to play in Promotion/Relegation contests after 1 February a player must by that date –

- (i) In the case of the Singles Competition be listed on the Team List of a team in the Singles Competition.
- (ii) In the case of the Doubles Competition be listed on the Team List of a team in the Doubles Competition.

## **(3) Substituting Players After A Contest Has Commenced**

- (a) A player may not be substituted once that player has commenced playing a match in the contest.
- (b) If a player is injured or falls ill during his first match in a contest and has to default this match, that player is still eligible to play in his or her second match in that contest.
- (c) Where a team is shorthanded the players present must play in the highest position possible and the bottom match/matches shall be defaulted by the shorthanded team. Should an eligible player become available after the contest has commenced that player may play in the contest provided that the playing order in Rule 18(2) or Rule 19(2) can be observed.

## **13. Transfers**

- (1) Any player who represents any Club in a Promotion/Relegation Grade in any season may not in the immediately following season represent any other

Club in a Promotion/ Relegation Grade without first obtaining the consent to transfer in writing from the Club which that player represented in the previous season. Until such consent is obtained no Club may include any player on a Team List which requires such consent as set out in this Rule. Consent to transfer may not be unreasonably withheld.

- (2) Consents to transfer must be submitted on the official Transfer Form.
- (3) If a decision on a request to transfer is not forthcoming within a reasonable time the Committee may be approached to adjudicate on that request to transfer.
- (4) All consents to transfer must be in the hands of the Committee by the 1st August each year.
- (5) Where a player does play for another Club contrary to Rule 13(1) then:
  - (a) All points for matches won by that player and all points for matches won by any other member of the team who played below the player playing without consent in any contest shall be deducted and those points will be awarded to the opposing team.
  - (b) That player may play in a Promotion/Relegation Grade only for the Club he or she played Promotion/Relegation for the previous season. For the purpose of transfers for the following season that player will be deemed to have played for this Club and will therefore require a transfer to play in a Promotion/Relegation Grade for another Club in the following season.

#### **14. Player Eligibility**

- (1) Players must be financial full playing members of a Club affiliated to Tennis Auckland.
- (2) In the Doubles Competition players must be 30 years of age or over as at the 1st September of the year that the Competition starts.
- (3) Players shown on a Caro Bowl Team List are ineligible to play in the Senior Interclub Competitions with the exception that players who are 35 years of age or over as at 1st September of the year that the Competition starts may play in Ferrier Cup in the Doubles Competition.
- (4) Players shown on Caro Bowl Reserve (Men and Women) and First Grade Men's Team Lists may play no lower than Ferrier Cup in the Doubles Competition.
- (5) Players shown on a Second Grade Men's Team List may play no lower than Open Presidents 1 Grade in the Doubles Competition.
- (6) Players shown on a First Grade Women's Team List may play no lower than Presidents A Grade in the Doubles Competition.

- (7) No player may play for more than one team on any one day except for juniors who may play both Junior Interclub or School Tennis in the morning and Senior Interclub in the afternoon of the same day.
- (8) A player must use his or her correct name and player code in any contest.
- (9) Teams may include an unlimited number of players under the age of 15 years. Where there are more than two players under the age of 15 years in a team that team must be accompanied by an adult who may be a playing member of that team.

## 15. Playing For More Than One Club

- (1) A player may play for a different Club in each of the following four Competitions in any season provided that that player is a financial member of the Club for which he or she plays:
  - (a) Senior Interclub Competitions;
  - (b) Twilight Interclub;
  - (c) Midweek Interclub;
  - (d) Winter Interclub.
- (2) A player may not play for more than one Club in any one of the four Competitions listed in Rule 15(1) in any season.
- (3) If a player plays for more than one Club contrary to Rule 15(2) that player will, for the remainder of the season, be deemed to be a member of the Club for which he or she was originally listed for. The Club for which the player subsequently played shall lose all points for matches won by that player and all points for matches won by any other members of the team who played below the player in question in any contest and those points will be awarded to the opposing team.

## PART IV - CONTESTS

### 16. Starting Time

Unless otherwise agreed by the Captains of both teams the starting time for any contest shall be the time specified in the Draw.

### 17. Wet Weather

- (1) No contest shall be commenced or continued if the weather or court conditions are not suitable for play.
- (2) In the event of inclement weather no contest shall be postponed before two hours after the scheduled commencing time except with the agreement of both captains.
- (3) If any contest between teams containing six or more members, three or more matches have been completed and if in contests between teams containing

four members, two or more matches have been completed before play ceases for the day, then the contest shall be completed within 16 days of its commencement from the point at which play ceased; where fewer than this number of matches have been played, the contest shall be cancelled and the Committee must be advised immediately and it shall arrange another contest for a later date .

- (4) If a contest is required to be completed under Rule 17(3) the Team captains shall arrange the playing of the remaining matches. Should either Team captain consider that the opposing Team captain is not co-operating in the arrangement of any match the matter shall be referred to the Committee which will assume control of the completion of the contest.

## **18. Singles Competition Contests**

### **(1) Team Content**

- Teams of four players or five players if a doubles specialist is used.
- Each player plays one singles match and one doubles match except where a double specialist is used.

### **(2) Playing Order**

#### **(a) Promotion /Relegation Grades**

- Players with a higher singles grading band must play ahead of players with a lower singles grading band .
- Players with the same singles grading band may play in any order.
- The player who plays the No1 singles in a contest must play the No1 doubles if playing doubles in that contest except where a specialist doubles player with a higher singles grading band is used.
- If a specialist doubles player is used and that player has a higher singles grading band than the player playing the No1 singles match the specialist doubles player must play in the No1 doubles.

#### **(b) Open Grades**

- A player from the highest singles grading band must play in the No1 singles position.
- All other players can play in any order in the singles.
- The player who plays the No1 singles in a contest must play the No1 doubles if playing doubles in that contest except where a specialist doubles player with a higher singles grading band is used.
- If a specialist doubles player is used and that player has a higher singles grading band than the player playing the No1 singles match the specialist doubles player must play in the No1 doubles.

### **(3) Scoring in Matches**

- Singles matches to be the best of three Tie-break sets. Tie-break to

apply at six games all in any set. Tie-break to be first to seven points with a two point advantage.

- Doubles matches to be two Tie-break sets. Tie-break to apply at six games all in either set. Tie-break to be first to seven points with a two point advantage. If the score is one set all a Super Tie-break (first to ten points with a two point advantage) will be played to decide the winner.

## 19. Doubles Competition Contests

### (1) Team Content

- Teams of four men and four women players.
- Each player will play one men's or women's doubles as the case may be and one mixed doubles.

### (2) Playing Order

#### (a) Promotion /Relegation Grades

- For the men's/women's doubles a player from the highest doubles grading band must play in the No1 doubles.
- For the mixed doubles the No1 men's doubles player in a contest must play in the No 1 mixed doubles in that contest. The remainder of the men must play in the order of their doubles grading bands. The women can play in any mixed doubles combination.

#### (b) Open Grades

- For the men's/women's doubles a player from the highest doubles grading band must play in the No1 doubles.
- For the mixed doubles the No1 men's doubles player in a contest must play in the No 1 mixed doubles in that contest. The remainder of the men may play in any order. The women can play in any mixed doubles combination.

### (3) Scoring in Matches

- Doubles matches to be two Tie-break sets. Tie-break to apply at six games all in either set. Tie-break to be first to seven points with a two point advantage. If the score is one set all a Super Tie-break (first to ten points with a two point advantage) will be played to decide the winner.

## 20. Playing Out Of Order

When a player plays out of order in a contest the number of points to be deducted and awarded to the opposing team shall be determined by the number of matches that gained an advantage by that action.

## 21. Team Sheet

Each captain shall hand to the other captain before the first match a team sheet showing the playing order of players for all matches in the contest. This team order



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may not be departed from unless a substitute is required to be played (see Rule 12(3)).

## 22. Order Of Play

- (1) Unless otherwise agreed by both captains the order of play in contests shall be:
  - (a) Singles Competition: No .2 doubles, No .1 doubles, No .4 singles, No .3 singles, No .2 singles, No .1 singles.
  - (b) Doubles Competition: No .4 mixed doubles, No .3 mixed doubles, No .2 mixed doubles, No .1 mixed doubles, No .4 doubles, No .3 doubles, No .2 doubles, and No .1 doubles.

## 23. Umpires

Any player may require an umpire for a match who shall in that case be arranged by agreement between the captains.

## 24. Official Ball

Teams shall use the adopted ball specified each season by the Committee. Each team shall provide three pairs of new balls for each Singles Competition contest, four pairs of new balls for each Doubles Competition contest and one pair of new balls for each Super Tennis Competition contest.

## 25. Defaults

- (1) A Club must notify the Committee and the opposing team at least 24 hours before the scheduled starting time of the contest if a team from that Club has to default that contest.
- (2) Unless both captains agree otherwise the following default process shall apply:
  - Where a team does not have available the players to play in the first two matches as prescribed in Rule 22 within 20 minutes of the scheduled starting time the players present for that team must play in the highest position possible and that team shall lose by default the match or matches that cannot be played at that time. Should an eligible player become available after the contest has commenced that player may play in the contest provided that the playing order in Rule 18(2) or Rule 19(2) can be observed.
  - Where a team does not have all of its players present within 45 minutes of the scheduled starting time the players present in that team must play in the highest position possible in any remaining match or matches and that team shall lose by default all of the lower match or matches irrespective of whether or not a court or courts were available to play any matches or whether any eligible player subsequently becomes available .
- (3) The following penalties shall apply to defaults:
  - Failure to notify the Committee and opposing team at least 24 hours

in advance of the contest (including defaulting on the day of the contest) will result in the deduction of three competition points for singles grades and super tennis grades or four competition points for doubles grades.

- Where a default is notified at least 24 hours before the scheduled starting time of the contest the team defaulting shall have two competition points deducted in the singles grades and super tennis grades or three competition points deducted in the doubles grades.
  - Where a team defaults for a third time it shall be withdrawn from the Competition and shall be relegated at the end of the season.
  - Where a team withdraws from a Competition after the draw has been published the Club will incur a \$100 fine and the team will be relegated at the end of the season.
- (4) Where a team whether through absence of players from that team or individual defaults by players from that team fails to complete more than one half of the matches in any contest on the scheduled date for that contest that team shall have two competition points deducted in the singles grades and super tennis grades or three competition points deducted in the doubles grades. Matches played shall still count for the purposes of Rule 27.

## **PART V - RESULTS**

### **26. Entering Results**

The captain or nominated person from the winning team is responsible for entering the results into the Match Point electronic system within five days of the completion of the contest. The correctly completed team sheets must be signed by both captains and include the player codes. Such Team sheets are to be kept for four weeks after the end of the Competition and to be made available to the Committee within five working days if so requested.

### **27. Points Awarded In A Contest**

- (1) Points shall be awarded as follows:
- One point for every match won.
  - Two points to the team winning the contest.
- (2) The winning team in any contest shall be decided:
- By the number of matches won in the first instance.
  - If matches are equal by the number of sets won. (A Super Tie-break counts as one set).
  - If sets are equal by the number of games won. (A Super Tie-break counts as one game).
  - If games are equal then the contest shall be a draw and the two win points shared one each.

## 28. Determining Grade Winners

- (1) The team gaining the greatest number of points in all contests during a season shall be the winner of that grade or section. If a Competition is played in more than one section, or the grade is to include a final series, the Committee shall hold a playoff or final series to determine who shall be the winner of the grade.
- (2) Should teams finish equal on points at the end of a Competition the team that won the most contests shall be the winner. Where teams have won the same number of contests then the winning team shall be the team that won the contest when the two teams played each other. Should that contest have ended in a tie then the procedure set out in Rule 28(3)(b) and (c) shall be used to determine the winner of the grade.
- (3) If three or more teams score an equal number of points the following procedure will be used:
  - (a) The number of contests won shall decide the winner;
  - (b) If the number of contests won are equal, the percentage of sets won of sets played against all teams shall decide the winner;
  - (c) If the percentage of sets won is equal, the percentage of games won of games played against all teams shall decide the winner.
- (4) In all grades where a default has a bearing on the Promotion/Relegation positions or the winning of a grade; at the end of the season where a team has gained the maximum points from a default then the team/s that have been jeopardised by this default will also be credited with the maximum points from the contest when they played the defaulting team.

## PART VI - SUPER TENNIS COMPETITION

### 29. Super Tennis Competition

- (1) The Super Tennis Competition is a part of the Senior Interclub Competitions.
- (2) These Rules apply to the Super Tennis Competition but with the modifications detailed in (3) to (9) below.
- (3) Each player will play three doubles matches one with each team member. Players can play in any order from contest to contest provided that a player with the highest doubles grading band on any given day must play in the number one position. The pairings and order of play shall be 1 and 2, 3 and 4, 1 and 3, 2 and 4, 1 and 4, 2 and 3.
- (4) Each match will consist of one set being the best of 15 games (ie. first to eight games wins). A Tie-break to apply at seven games all. Tie-break to be first to seven points with a two point advantage.
- (5) At the scheduled completion time (3pm or 6pm) play shall continue until the game in progress is completed at which stage the pair with the most games is the winner of that set. If the games in this set are equal, then one point of the next game shall be played to determine the winner of that game and thus the

set. The receiving pair shall decide with player receives the serve for this one point.

- (6) The captain of the home team shall be the judge of when the scheduled completion time has arrived. If the contest is not finished at the scheduled completion time and the court being used is available for further play then the contest may continue if both captains are in agreement.
- (7) If a team pair is not available to commence play at the scheduled start time, then the pair can be penalised one game for every five minutes that they are late. If the pair is not available for play 15 minutes after the scheduled start time, then they lose that match by default. The start time for the second match is then 30 minutes after the scheduled start time. If a team has not arrived within 45 minutes of the scheduled start time, then that team loses by default.
- (8) In the event of inclement weather the contest shall be postponed by the two teams at the scheduled venue at 12pm and/or 3pm.
- (9) If courts are available at a home venue, and if both teams agree, they can play at those home courts.

## **PART VII - MIXED-FOUR PRESIDENTS COMPETITION**

### **30. Mixed-Four Presidents Competition**

- (1) The Mixed-Four Presidents Competition will be a separate Competition from the Singles Competition, the Doubles Competition, and the Super Tennis Competition.
- (2) This is a non-promotion/relegation Competition.
- (3) The Mixed-Four Presidents Teams are two men and two women.
- (4) The highest- graded man must play in the top mixed doubles. Players doubles gradings will apply in this Competition.
- (5) Each match is two Tie-break sets with a Super Tie-break if required.
- (6) Each team to provide two pairs of the official tennis balls for each contest.
- (7) Mixed-Four Presidents Grades are determined on playing level with Grade 1 being the highest grade.
- (8) Players must be 30 years of age or over as at 1 September and be financial full playing members of a Club affiliated to Tennis Auckland.
- (9) Players shown on Caro Bowl Team List are ineligible to play in the Mixed- Four Presidents Competition.

The following Rules from the Senior Interclub Rules will apply with any necessary modifications to the Mixed- Four Presidents Competition:

Rule 2	Application of Rules
Rule 3	Responsibilities of the Interclub Committee
Rule 5	Format for Entries
Rule 10	Team Lists (including definition of “regular team member”)
Rule 11	Amending a Team List
Rule 12	Substitute Players
Rule 15	Playing for More than One Club
Rule 16	Starting Time
Rule 17	Wet Weather
Rule 20	Playing Out of Order
Rule 21	Team Sheet
Rule 25	Defaults
Rule 26	Entering Results
Rule 27	Points Awarded in a Contest
Rule 28	Determining Grade Winners
Rule 32	Code of Conduct
Rule 35	Offences
Rule 36	Right of Appeal

## PART VIII - TWILIGHT COMPETITIONS

### 31. Twilight Competitions

- (1) The Twilight Singles and Doubles Competitions are separate Competitions from the Senior Interclub Competitions listed in the First Schedule.
- (2) These Rules apply to the Twilight Singles and Doubles Competitions but with the modifications detailed in (3) to (5) below.
- (3) Caro Bowl players are excluded from playing in the Twilight Singles and Doubles Competitions.
- (4) Twilight Singles Competition
  - A Club must provide a Team List showing a minimum of two regular team members.
  - Each contest shall comprise two singles matches and one doubles match. Up to four players may play in any one contest.

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- Players may play in any order from contest to contest.
- Each match shall be two Tie-break sets. Tie-break to apply at six games all in either set. Tie-break to be first to seven points with a two point advantage. Sudden death deuces shall apply. If the score is one set all a Super Tie-break (first to ten points with a two point advantage) will be played to decide the winner.
- A Club must provide one court for each contest and one pair of new balls per team per contest.

(5) **Twilight Doubles Competition**

- A Club must provide a Team List showing a minimum of four regular team members.
- Each contest shall comprise four doubles matches. The pairing and order of play shall be 1 and 2, 3 and 4, 1 and 3, 2 and 4.
- Players may play in any order from contest to contest provided that the top doubles graded player on any given day must play in the number one position.
- Each match shall be two Tie-break sets. Tie-break to apply at six games all in either set. Tie-break to be first to seven points with a two point advantage. Sudden death deuces shall apply. If the score is one set all a Super Tie-break (first to ten points with a two point advantage) will be played to decide the winner.
- A Club must provide two courts for each contest and one pair of new balls per team per contest.

## **PART IX - GENERAL**

### **32. Code Of Conduct**

The Tennis New Zealand Code of Conduct shall apply to all contests under these Rules.

### **33. Representative Commitments**

If any team has half or more than half its players selected in or officially representing Tennis Auckland or Tennis New Zealand or who have been directed by Tennis New Zealand to attend a pre-selection tournament or has three players involved in a combination of the above, then that team shall be granted a postponement and/or a new date for the contest which shall be scheduled on application to the Committee at least seven days before the original scheduled date for the contest.

### **34. Amendment To Rules**

- (1) The following process shall be followed for amending these Rules:
  - (a) Suggested amendments from Clubs and from the Committee shall be discussed at the annual Senior Interclub Debrief held towards



the end of each Interclub season. The Committee shall give at least ten days notice to Clubs of the matters to be discussed at the Senior Interclub Debrief including details of any proposed changes to the Senior Interclub Rules.

- (b) The Committee after considering the matters discussed at the Senior Interclub Debrief and any other factors that it considers relevant shall make such amendments to the Rules as appropriate and report those amendments to Clubs.
  - (c) The amendments to the Rules decided on by the Committee shall be ratified at a Delegates Meeting.
- (2) No amendment shall take effect any earlier than the beginning of the Interclub season following the Senior Interclub Debrief.

### **35. Offences**

- (1) Every Club or its representative that commits any breach of these Rules shall be liable to one or more of the following penalties:
  - (a) A fine not exceeding \$50 and where the offence is a continuing one, to a fine of \$50 on every occasion on which the offence is committed.
  - (b) To suspension of a team or teams from contests for whatever period the Committee decides;
  - (c) To the deduction of competition points. (Where appropriate competition points may be awarded to the opposing team if the Committee believes that the opposing team was disadvantaged by the breach of the Rules.)
- (2) Every player who commits any breach of these Rules shall be liable to one or both of the following penalties:
  - (a) Suspension from contests for whatever period the Committee decides;
  - (b) Suspension from all or any events conducted by the Association for whatever period the Committee decides.
- (3) The penalties provided in this Rule shall be in addition to any other penalties herein provided.
- (4) Where the Committee considers that a Club or player has committed an offence against these Rules that Club or player shall be advised forthwith of the alleged offence by the Committee by telephone, email or otherwise, and shall be given a reasonable opportunity to submit a case to the Committee if they so wish either in writing or in person or through a representative .
- (5) Any Club or player that fails to pay a fine within one month of the imposition thereof or in the case of an appeal within one month of the final determination of the appeal shall automatically be suspended from taking part in all contests until the fine has been paid.

### 36. Right Of Appeal

Any Club or player shall have the right of appeal against any decision of the Committee as follows:

- (a) Within ten working days of the receipt in writing of the Committee decision the Club or player may request a meeting with the Committee. That meeting shall be chaired by an independent person. Should the matter not be resolved at this meeting the Club or player may within seven days appeal the matter to the Centre Judiciary Committee of Tennis Auckland.
- (b) A further right of appeal can be made against the decision of the Centre Judiciary Committee of Tennis Auckland to the Tennis New Zealand Judiciary Committee: such an appeal to be made in writing and within seven days of the receipt in writing of the decision of the Centre Judiciary Committee.

## FIRST SCHEDULE

### SINGLES, DOUBLES, SUPER TENNIS & MIXED-FOUR PRESIDENTS COMPETITIONS

#### 1. Singles Competition

##### (a) Promotion-Relegation Grades

- (i) Caro Bowl Reserve Men
  - Maximum of 12 teams
  - Maximum of two teams from any one Club
  - Each team to be a minimum of four regular team members
- (ii) Caro Bowl Reserve Women
  - Maximum of 12 teams
  - Maximum of two teams from any one Club
  - Each team to be a minimum of four regular team members
- (iii) First Grade Men
  - Maximum of 24 teams
  - Maximum of four teams from any one Club
  - Each team to be a minimum of four regular team members
- (iv) First Grade Women
  - Maximum of 12 teams
  - Maximum of two teams from any one Club
  - Each team to be a minimum of four regular team members
- (v) Second Grade Men
  - Maximum of 24 teams
  - Maximum of four teams from any one Club
  - Each team to be a minimum of four regular team members

##### (b) Non-Promotion-Relegation Grades

- Open Grades Men and Women numbered according to playing level based on the average of the four nominated regular team members

## **SECOND SCHEDULE**

### **PROMOTION/RELEGATION RULES**

The number of teams to be promoted or relegated in any Grade shall be determined under the Promotion/Relegation Rules contained in this Schedule.

#### **1. Teams Eligible For Promotion Or Liable To Relegation**

##### **(a) Singles Competition**

###### **(i) Caro Bowl Reserve Men's and Women's**

- The winning team in the Caro Bowl Reserve Men's Grade and the winning team in the Caro Bowl Reserve Women's Grade shall be eligible for promotion to the Caro Bowl Men's Competition and the Caro Bowl Women's Competition respectively
- The bottom two teams in each of the Caro Bowl Reserve Men's Grade and the Caro Bowl Reserve Women's Grade shall be relegated to the First Grade Men's and the First Grade Women's respectively

###### **(ii) First Grade Men's and Women's**

- The winning team in each section of the First Grade Men's and the top two teams in the First Grade Women's shall be eligible for promotion to the Caro Bowl Reserve Men's Grade and the Caro Bowl Reserve Women's Grade respectively
- The bottom two teams in each section of the First Grade Men's shall be relegated to the Second Grade Men's and the bottom two teams in the First Grade Women's shall be relegated to the Open Women's Grade

###### **(iii) Second Grade Men**

At the conclusion of the season -

- The top two teams in each section of the Second Grade Men's shall be eligible for promotion to the First Grade Men's
- The bottom two teams in each section of the Second Grade Men's shall be relegated to the Open Men's Grade

###### **(iv) Open Men's One Grade/Open Women's One Grade**

- The top four teams in the Open Men's One Grade and the top two teams in the Open Women's One Grade shall be eligible for promotion to the Second Grade Men's and the First Grade Women's respectively

##### **(b) Doubles Competition**

###### **(i) Ferrier Cup Championship Doubles**

- The bottom two teams in the Ferrier Cup Championship Doubles

shall be relegated to the Presidents A Grade Doubles

(ii) Presidents A Grade Doubles

- The top two teams in the Presidents A Grade Doubles shall be eligible for promotion to the Ferrier Cup Championship Doubles
- The bottom two teams in the Presidents A Grade Doubles shall be relegated to the Open Presidents Grade

(iii) Open Presidents One Grade

- The top two teams in the Open Presidents One Grade shall be eligible for promotion to the Presidents A Grade Doubles

## 2. Maximum Number Of Teams From One Club In A Grade

Nothing in the Promotion/Relegation Rules shall permit a Club to enter more than the maximum number of teams permitted to that Club in any Grade.

## 3. Declining Promotion

A Club, by written notice to the Interclub Committee to be received by 15 July, may elect not to take up the option of Promotion in any Grade.

## 4. Filling Vacancies In Promotion/Relegation Grades

- (a) Where for the reasons set out in either Rule 2 or Rule 3 in this Schedule an eligible team does not get promoted in any grade then the Club or Clubs



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with the next placed teams in that grade shall be eligible for promotion provided that-

- (i) In grades where one team is to be promoted only Clubs with a team that finished in the first three positions shall be eligible for promotion
  - (ii) In grades where two teams are to be promoted only Clubs with a team that finished in the first four positions shall be eligible for promotion
  - (iii) In grades where three teams are to be promoted only Clubs with a team that finished in the first five positions shall be eligible for promotion
  - (iv) In grades where four teams are to be promoted only Clubs with a team that finished in the first six positions shall be eligible for promotion
- (b) The Interclub Committee shall have the discretion to add teams to the Promotion/ Relegation Grades where for any reason the number of teams entered following the above Rules in this Schedule falls below the maximum number of teams permitted for that Grade.
- (c) Promotion and Relegation need not take place in any particular Grade where there is fewer than the maximum permitted number of teams in the Grade.



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# CARO BOWL RULES

## PART I - INTRODUCTION

### 1. Interpretation

In these Rules-

**Auckland Senior Interclub Competition** means the Singles Competition, the Doubles Competition, the Super Tennis Competition and the Mixed-Four Presidents Competition of the Auckland Senior Interclub.

**Committee** means the Interclub Committee appointed by Tennis Auckland.

**contest** means the matches between one team and another team in any grade, section or playoff.

**grading band and grading** in relation to an individual player means the player grading taken from World Tennis Numbers at the date or dates prescribed at the beginning of the season by the Committee.

**match** means one individual singles or doubles.

**Rule or Rules** refers to these Caro Bowl Rules .

### 2. Application Of Rules

- (1) These Rules apply only to the Caro Bowl Competition.
- (2) These Rules shall be applied and interpreted in the best interests of the game of tennis. The Committee may waive a Rule or make an exception to the strict interpretation of any Rule where it considers that to do so best reflects the spirit of these Rules and the good of the game of tennis. The Committee shall exercise this discretion sparingly and only in exceptional and genuine circumstances.

### 3. Responsibilities Of Interclub Committee

The Interclub Committee shall have the following duties and powers:

- (a) To arrange and control the Caro Bowl Competition.
- (b) To interpret these Rules;
- (c) To decide any matters arising from the Caro Bowl Competition not covered by these Rules;
- (d) To disqualify any Club or player or team for breach of these Rules or to impose any penalty as set out in these Rules;
- (e) In its discretion to order any contest or match to be replayed;
- (f) To make recommendations to amend these Rules.

#### **4. Format For Entries**

Entries for the Caro Bowl Competition shall be submitted by Clubs to the Committee by a date to be fixed annually by the Committee. Entries shall be in the form prescribed annually by the Committee, shall contain all the information stipulated, and shall be accompanied by the entry fee.

### **PART II - CARO BOWL COMPETITION**

#### **1. Caro Bowl Competition**

- (1) The Caro Bowl Competition shall comprise of a Men's section and a Women's section.
- (2) Maximum of eight teams in each of the Men's section and the Women's section.
- (3) Maximum of one team per Club in each of the Men's section and the Women's section.
- (4) Clubs eligible to play in the Caro Bowl Competition shall be those Clubs which had teams entered in the Caro Bowl Competition the previous season subject to the Promotion/Relegation requirements in sub clauses (5) and (6) below.
- (5) Promotion from the Caro Bowl Reserve Grades shall be as determined in the Auckland Senior Interclub Rules. Should none of the eligible teams take up the offer of promotion then the Committee shall offer promotion, in descending order, to Clubs that finished in the fourth to tenth positions in the Caro Bowl Reserve Grade the previous season and do not have a team in the Caro Bowl Competition. Should none of those teams take up the offer of promotion then the Club that was relegated the previous season will be offered promotion back to the Caro Bowl Competition. If the relegated team does not wish to return to the Caro Bowl Competition, then the Committee will use its discretion to fill the vacant slot
- (6) The team finishing in eighth position in each of the Men's section and the Women's section shall be relegated. Where there are less than eight teams in a section no team will be relegated that season.

#### **2. Format of Caro Bowl Competition**

##### **(1) Round Robin**

All teams will play a full round robin. The top two teams on points at the end of round robin play will contest a Final.

- (2) Should teams finish equal on points at the end of round robin play the team that won the most contests shall be placed ahead of the other team or teams. If teams have the same number of winning contests then the decision will be made on who beat who during round robin play. If still tied, a count back of all contests (sets and games) will be required. This formula also applies to determining the final placement of teams for the competition.



### (3) **Tied Contests in the Final**

In the event that sets and games are tied in the Final then the contest will be decided by three tie-break singles. The three participants from each team who are to contest the tie-break singles are to be named within ten minutes of the last match finishing. The three participants must play in the approved playing order. The three tie-break singles are all to start at the same time, 15 minutes after the completion of the last match

### **3. Host Venues for Finals**

- (1) The Final to be hosted by the team that won the round robin .

## **PART III - TEAM LISTS AND PLAYER ELIGIBILITY**

### **4. Team Lists**

- (1) A Team List along with individual player consent forms for all players shall be provided for each team entered by a Club by the closing date for entries for that season. No particular format is required for the player consent form so long as the form makes it clear that the named player agrees to play for that Club for the coming season and is signed and dated by the player.
- (2) The Team List must contain a minimum of four team members.
- (3) Each Team List shall list the team members for that team for the season in playing order. This playing order must be approved by the Committee. The Committee may seek the opinion of the Tennis Auckland selectors if it disagrees with the playing order submitted by the Club. The decision of the Committee shall be the approved playing order for the season.
- (4) Additions to Team Lists may be made and must be received by the Committee by 5pm on the Wednesday prior to the first contest of the Competition. The Committee must approve the placement of the new team member within the team's approved playing order.

### **5. Transfers**

- (1) Any player who represents any Club in a Caro Bowl team or in a Promotion/ Relegation Grade in the Auckland Senior Interclub Competition in any season may not in the immediately following season represent any other Club in a Caro Bowl team without first obtaining the consent to transfer in writing from the Club which that player represented in the previous season. Until such consent is obtained no Club may include that player on its Caro Bowl Team List. Consent to transfer may not be unreasonably withheld.
- (2) Consents to transfer must be submitted on the official Transfer Form.
- (3) If a decision on a request to transfer is not forthcoming within a reasonable time the Committee may be approached to adjudicate on that request to transfer.

- (4) All consents to transfer must be in the hands of the Committee by the 15th August each year.
- (5) Where a player does play for another Club contrary to Rule 9(1) then:
  - (a) All points for matches won by that player and all points for matches won by any other member of the team who played below the player playing without consent in any contest shall be deducted and those points will be awarded to the opposing team.
  - (b) That player may play in a Caro Bowl team or a Promotion/Relegation Grade in the Auckland Senior Interclub for the Club they played Caro Bowl or Promotion/Relegation for the previous season. For the purpose of transfers for the following season that player will be deemed to have played for this Club and will therefore require a transfer to play in a Caro Bowl team or a Promotion/Relegation Grade for another Club in the following season.

## **6. Player Eligibility**

- (1) Players must be financial full playing members of a Club affiliated to Tennis Auckland.
  - (2) To play in any contest in the round robin for a Club a player must, by the Wednesday prior to the contest, either be listed on:
    - (a) A Caro Bowl Team List for that Club; or
    - (b) An Auckland Senior Interclub Competition Team List for that Club.
  - (3) To play in the final a player must have played a minimum of three contests for his or her Club in that season in the Caro Bowl Competition or in the Auckland Senior Interclub Competition or in a combination of the two Competitions.
- No player may play up from the Auckland Senior Interclub Competition on more than three occasions in any season.

## **PART V - RESULTS**

### **1. Entering Results**

The captain or nominated person from the winning team is responsible for entering the results into the Match Point electronic system by 12pm the day following the contest. The correctly completed team sheets must be signed by both captains and include the player codes. Such Team sheets are to be kept for four weeks after the end of the Competition and to be made available to the Committee within five working days if so requested.

### **2. Points Awarded In A Contest**

- (1) Points shall be awarded as follows:

- One point for every match won.
  - Two points to the team winning the contest.
- (2) The winning team in any contest shall be decided:
- By the number of matches won in the first instance.
  - If matches are equal by the number of sets won. (A Super Tie-break counts as one set). If sets are equal by the number of games won. (A Super Tie-break counts as one game).
  - If games are equal then the contest shall be a draw and the two win points shared one each.

## PART VI - GENERAL

Refer to Senior Interclub Rules 31 – 35



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# MIDWEEK INTERCLUB RULES

## PART I - INTRODUCTION

### 1. Interpretation

In these Rules-

**Committee** means the Interclub Committee appointed by Tennis Auckland.

**contest** means the matches between one team and another team in any grade, section or playoff.

**grading band** and **grading** in relation to an individual player means the player grading taken from the Doubles WTN Grading List at the date or dates prescribed at the beginning of the season by the Committee.

**match** means one individual doubles.

**Promotion/Relegation Rules** means the Rules contained in the Second Schedule.

**regular team member** has the meaning set out in Rule 8(4).

**Rule** or **Rules** refers to these Midweek Interclub Rules and the attached Schedules.

**Senior Interclub** means the Singles Competition, the Doubles Competition, the Super Tennis Competition, the Mixed-Four Presidents Competition and the Twilight Competition of the Auckland Senior Interclub.

### 2. Application Of Rules

These Rules shall be applied and interpreted in the best interests of the game of tennis. The Committee may waive a Rule or make an exception to the strict interpretation of any Rule where it considers that to do so best reflects the spirit of these Rules and the good of the game of tennis. The Committee shall exercise this discretion sparingly and only in exceptional and genuine circumstances.

### 3. Responsibilities Of Interclub Committee

The Interclub Committee shall have the following duties and powers:

- (a) To arrange and control the Midweek Interclub;
- (b) To interpret these Rules;
- (c) To decide any matters arising from the Competitions not covered by these Rules;
- (d) To disqualify any Club or player or team for breach of these Rules or to impose any penalty as set out in these Rules;
- (e) In its discretion to order any contest or match to be replayed;
- (f) To make recommendations to amend these Rules.

## **PART II - MIDWEEK COMPETITIONS**

### **4. Midweek Competitions**

- (1) The Midweek Interclub Competitions shall be those Competitions detailed in the First Schedule.
- (2) The Monday Competitions and the Tuesday Competitions are separate Competitions for the purposes of the Rules.

### **5. Format For Entries**

Entries for each Competition shall be submitted by Clubs to the Committee by a date to be fixed annually by the Committee. Entries shall be in the form prescribed annually by the Committee, shall contain all the information stipulated, and shall be accompanied by the entry fee.

### **6. Eligibility To Enter Championship Grades**

- (1) Subject to the Promotion/Relegation Rules Clubs eligible to enter a Championship Grade shall be those Clubs which had a team entered in that Championship Grade the previous season.
- (2) Where a Club feels it is unable to field a team in a Championship Grade:
  - (a) The Club may request relegation to the immediate grade below. Such request must be in the hands of the Committee prior to 1st December in any year.
  - (b) The vacant position will be offered to the next eligible Club/s in the grade immediately below as per Rule 5 of the Promotion/Relegation Rules. If the promotion offer is accepted, that Club shall be promoted and the Club requesting relegation will be relegated to the grade immediately below.
  - (c) Should no eligible Club take up the offer of promotion then the Committee will ask the Club requesting relegation if it wishes to withdraw its team from the Championship Grade . The Club then has three working days from the receipt of this advice to advise the Committee of its decision.

### **7. Court Requirements**

- (1) Clubs shall be required to make the following courts available for interclub on each Interclub day on which it has entered teams:
  - (a) Less than four teams entered on an Interclub day ... two courts
  - (b) Four or more teams entered on an Interclub day ... two to four courts
  - (c) Eight or more teams entered on an Interclub day ... four to six courts
- (2) For any given Interclub day the host Club may change the courts allocated for contests but may not reduce the number of courts allocated on the draw to

any contest at that Club.

- (3) Where a Club proposes to use courts other than their club courts for interclub, such courts and facilities must first be approved to be of sufficient standard by the Committee.

## **PART III - TEAM LISTS AND PLAYER ELIGIBILITY**

### **1. Team Lists**

- (1) A Team List shall be provided for each team entered by a Club by the closing date for entries for that season.
- (2) Each Team List shall show the names of a minimum of four regular team members for each team.
- (3) The highest graded player on a Team List must be a regular team member of that team.
- (4) A "regular team member" is a player that the Club at the time of entering the Team List reasonably believes will play in at least one half of the contests throughout the Competition for the team in which that player is listed. The onus of establishing that belief shall lie with the Club.
- (5) A player may be shown on a Team List for both a Monday team and a Tuesday team.
- (6) Where a Club has more than one team in the same Grade, these team compositions can be balanced (eg . Each team can be made up of two WTN 15 and two WTN 16 players). The teams will be numbered Team 1 and Team 2 etc. but once these teams have been listed players cannot be interchanged.
- (7) The Committee may require a Club to produce evidence as to the availability of a player included in a Team List. If the Committee is not satisfied that the Club has reasonable grounds to believe that the player would be a regular team member then the Committee may delete that player's name from the Team List.

### **2. Amending A Team List**

Subject to Rules 10(2), 10(2A) and 11 a player may be added to a Team List at any time by written notice to Tennis Auckland provided that that grading band of the player to be added to the Team List is not higher than the grading band of the highest graded player on the Team List.

**NOTE: There will no longer be a Reserves List.**

### **3. Substitute Players**

**(1) Players Listed On A Team List Playing For Another Team**

- (a) Subject to Rules 10(2A) and 11:
  - (i) A player on a Team List; or
  - (ii) A player deemed to be on a Team List under Rule 10(2); may play a maximum of two contests for higher graded teams in the same Competition provided that the player's grading band is not higher than the grading band of the highest graded player on the Team List of the higher graded team.
- (b) A player listed on a Team List, or a player deemed to be listed on a Team List under Rule 10(2), may not play in a lower graded team in the same Competition notwithstanding that the player may not have played in any contest or contests in the grade in which that player is listed.

**(2) Players Not Listed On A Team List**

Subject to Rules 10(2A) and 11 a player who has not been listed on a Team List in a Competition may play for any team in that player's Club provided that the grading band of that player is not higher than the grading band of the highest graded player on the Team List. That player will be deemed to have been added to the Team List of the team that that player first plays for.

**(2A) Eligibility For Promotion/Relegation Contests In The Summer Competition** To be eligible to play in Promotion/Relegation contests after the date set for the fourth round of the Competition a player must by that date –

- (i) In the case of Monday Competitions be listed on a Team List of a team playing in a Monday Competition.
- (ii) In the case of Tuesday Competitions be listed on a Team List of a team playing in a Tuesday Competition.

**(1) Substituting Players After A Contest Has Commenced**

- (a) A player may not be substituted once that player has commenced playing a match in the contest.
- (b) If a player is injured or falls ill during that player's first match in a contest and has to default this match, that player is still eligible to play in the second match in that contest.
- (c) Where a team is shorthanded the players present must play in the highest position possible and the bottom match/matches shall be defaulted by the shorthanded team. Should an eligible player become available after the contest has commenced that player may play in the contest provided that the playing order in Rule 15(1) can be observed.



#### 4. Player Eligibility

- (1) The Competitions are open to any player who is over the age of 18 years as at 30 April in any given season and who is a financial full playing or restricted playing member of a Club affiliated to Tennis Auckland.
- (2) A player must play all Midweek Interclub Competitions for the same Club in any season but may play for another Club in Senior Interclub in the same season.
- (3) A player must use his or her correct name and player code in any contest.
- (4) Where a player plays Midweek Interclub for more than one Club contrary to Rule 11(2) that player will, for the remainder of the season, be deemed to be a member of the Club for which that player played their first Midweek Interclub Competition for. The Club for which that player subsequently played any Midweek Interclub Competition for shall lose all points for matches won by that player and all points for matches won by any other members of the team who played below the player in question in any contest and those points will be awarded to the opposing team.

#### 5. Transfers

- (1) Any player who represents any Club in a Championship Grade in any season may not in the immediately following season represent any other Club in a Championship Grade without first obtaining the consent to transfer in writing from the Club which that player represented in the previous season. Until such consent is obtained no Club may include any player on a Team List which requires such consent as set out in this Rule. Consent to transfer may not be unreasonably withheld.
- (2) Consents to transfer must be submitted on the official Transfer Form.
- (3) If a decision on a request to transfer is not forthcoming within a reasonable time the Committee may be approached to adjudicate on that request to transfer.
- (4) Where a player does play for another Club contrary to Rule 12(1) then:
  - (a) All points for matches won by that player and all points for matches won by any other member of the team who played below the player playing without consent in any contest shall be deducted and those points will be awarded to the opposing team.
  - (b) That player may play in a Championship Grade only for the Club they played in a Championship Grade for the previous season. For the purpose of transfers for the following season that player will be deemed to have played for this Club and will therefore require a transfer to play in a Championship Grade for another Club in the following season.

## **PART IV - CONTESTS**

### **1. Starting Time**

Unless otherwise agreed by the Captains of both teams the starting time for any contest shall be the time specified in the Draw.

### **2. Wet Weather**

- (1) No contest shall be commenced or continued if the weather or court conditions are not suitable for play.
- (2) In the event of inclement weather no contest shall be postponed before 10.30am except with the agreement of both captains.
- (3) Where in any contest:
  - (a) Two or more matches have been completed before play ceases for the day the contest shall be completed from the point at which play stopped.
  - (b) Fewer than two matches have been completed before play ceases for the day the contest shall be cancelled and shall start afresh on another date.
- (4) Team captains shall seek a mutually acceptable date or dates for playing any contest under Rule 14(3). Should either Team captain consider that the opposing Team captain is not co-operating the matter shall be referred to the Committee for resolution.
- (5) All contests under Rule 14(3) must be finished no later than two weeks after the last scheduled round of play.

### **3. Competition Contests**

#### **(1) Playing Order**

- A player with the highest doubles grading band on any given day must play in the No .1 position. The remaining three players can play in any order.
- The pairing and order of play shall be 1&2, 3&4, 1&3, 2&4 .

#### **(2) Scoring in Matches**

- All matches shall be two Tie-break sets. Tie-break to apply at six games all in either set. Tie-break to be first to seven points with a two point advantage. If the score is one set all a Super Tie-break (first to ten points with a two point advantage) will be played to decide the winner.

### **4. Defaults**

- (1) A Club must notify the Committee and the opposing team at least 24 hours

before the scheduled starting time of the contest if a team from that Club has to default that contest.

(2) Unless both captains agree otherwise the following default process shall apply:

- Where a team does not have available the players to play in the first two matches as prescribed in Rule 15 within 20 minutes of the scheduled starting time the players present for that team must play in the highest position possible and that team shall lose by default the match or matches that cannot be played at that time. Should an eligible player become available after the contest has commenced that player may play in the contest provided that the playing order in Rule 15(1) can be observed.
- Where a team does not have all of its players present within 45 minutes of the scheduled starting time the players present in that team must play in the highest position possible in any remaining match or matches and that team shall lose by default all of the lower match or matches irrespective of whether or not a court or courts were available to play any matches or whether any eligible player subsequently becomes available .

(3) **The following penalties shall apply to defaults:**

- Failure to notify the Committee and opposing team at least 24 hours in advance of the contest (including defaulting on the day of the contest) will result in the deduction of two competition points.
- Where a default is notified at least 24 hours before the scheduled starting time of the contest the team defaulting shall have one competition point deducted.
- Where a team defaults for a third time it shall be withdrawn from the Competition and if in a Promotion/Relegation Grade that team shall be relegated at the end of the season.
- Where a team withdraws from a Competition after the draw has been published the Club will incur a \$100 fine and the team will be relegated at the end of the season.

## 5. Playing Out Of Order

When a player plays out of order in a contest the number of points to be deducted and awarded to the opposing team shall be determined by the number of matches that gained an advantage by that action.

## 6. Team Sheet

Each captain shall hand to the other captain before the first match a Team sheet showing the playing order of players for all matches in the contest. This team order may not be departed from unless a substitute is required to be played (see Rule 10(3)).

## **7. Umpires**

No matches shall be umpired unless mutually agreed by team captains.

## **8. Official Ball**

Teams shall use the adopted ball specified each season by the Committee. Each team shall provide two pairs of new balls for each contest.

# **PART V - RESULTS**

## **1. Entering Results**

The captain or nominated person from the winning team is responsible for entering the results into the Match Point electronic system within five days of the completion of the contest. The correctly completed Team sheets must be signed by both captains and include the player codes. Such Team sheets are to be kept for four weeks after the end of the competition and to be made available to the Committee within five working days if so requested.

## **2. Points Awarded In A Contest**

(1) Points shall be awarded as follows:

- One point for every match won.
- Two points to the team winning the contest.

(2) The winning team in any contest shall be decided:

- By the number of matches won in the first instance.
- If matches are equal by the number of sets won. (A Super Tie-break counts as one set).
- If sets are equal by the number of games won. (A Super Tie-break counts as one game).
- If games are equal then the contest shall be a draw and the two win points shared one each.

## **3. Determining Grade Winners**

- (1) The team gaining the greatest number of points in all contests during a season shall be the winner of that grade or section. If a competition is played in more than one section, or the grade is to include a final series, the Committee shall hold a playoff or final series to determine who shall be the winner of the grade.
- (2) Should teams finish equal on points at the end of a competition the team that won the most contests shall be the winner. Where teams have won the same number of contests then the winning team shall be the team that won the contest when the two teams played each other. Should that contest have ended in a tie then the procedure set out in Rule 23(3)(b) and (c) shall be used to determine the winner of the grade.

- (3) If three or more teams score an equal number of points the following procedure will be used:
- (a) The number of contests won shall decide the winner.
  - (b) If the number of contests won are equal, the percentage of sets won of sets played against all teams shall decide the winner.
  - (c) If the percentage of sets won is equal, the percentage of games won of games played against all teams shall decide the winner.
- (4) In all grades where a default has a bearing on the Promotion/Relegation positions or the winning of a grade at the end of the season where a team has gained the maximum points from a default then the team/s that have been jeopardised by this default will also be credited with the maximum points from the contest when they played the defaulting team.

## PART VI - GENERAL

### 4. Home Team Hosting

The host Club will provide refreshments unless otherwise agreed with the opposition.

**Refer to Senior Interclub Rules 31 – 35**

## FIRST SCHEDULE

### MIDWEEK DOUBLES COMPETITIONS

#### 1. Lead-In Competitions (pre-Christmas)

##### (a) Monday Competition

- Maximum of 8 teams per Grade
- Each team to be a minimum of four regular team members
- Teams will be graded according to playing level based on the average of the top four nominated regular team members' points from the approved WTN Doubles Grading List as at the closing date for entries. These Grades shall be called Monday Open 1, Monday Open 2, etc . with the Open 1 Grade being the highest Grade.

##### (b) Tuesday Competition

- Maximum of 8 teams per Grade
- Each team to be a minimum of four regular team members
- Teams will be graded according to playing level based on the average of the top four nominated regular team members' points from the approved WTN Doubles Grading List as at the closing date for entries. These Grades shall be called Tuesday Open 1, Tuesday Open 2, etc . with the Open 1 Grade being the highest Grade.

## **2. Summer Interclub Competitions (post-Christmas)**

### **(a) Championship Competitions**

#### **(i) Monday Championship Competition**

- There shall be two Grades, Championship 1 and Championship 2
- Maximum of 8 teams per Grade
- Maximum of two teams from any one Club in any one Grade
- Each team to be a minimum of four regular team members
- Championship 1 and Championship 2 Grades are higher grades than the Open Grades with Championship 1 Grade being higher than Championship 2 Grade

#### **(ii) Tuesday Championship Competition**

- There shall be two Grades, Championship 1 and Championship 2
- Maximum of 8 teams per Grade
- Maximum of two teams from any one Club in any one Grade
- Each team to be a minimum of four regular team members
- Championship 1 and Championship 2 Grades are higher grades than the Open Grades with Championship 1 Grade being higher than Championship 2 Grade

### **(b) Open Grade Competitions**

#### **(i) Monday Open Grade Competition**

- Maximum of 8 teams per Grade
- Each team to be a minimum of four regular team members
- Teams will be graded according to playing level based on the average of the top four nominated regular team members' points from the approved WTN Doubles Grading List as at the closing date for entries. These Grades shall be called Monday Open 1, Monday Open 2, etc. with the Open 1 Grade being the highest Grade.

#### **(ii) Tuesday Open Grade Competition**

- Maximum of 8 teams per Grade
- Each team to be a minimum of four regular team members
- Teams will be graded according to playing level based on the average of the top four nominated regular team members' points from the

approved WTN Doubles Grading List as at the closing date for entries.  
These Grades shall be called Tuesday Open 1, Tuesday Open 2, etc. with the Open 1 Grade being the highest Grade.

**Note: The Monday Lead-In Competition, The Monday Championship Competition and the Monday Open Grade Competition are separate Competitions from the Tuesday Lead-In Competition, the Tuesday Championship Competition and the Tuesday Open Grade Competition. A player may be listed in both a Monday Competition team and a Tuesday Competition team.**

## **SECOND SCHEDULE**

### **PROMOTION/RELEGATION RULES**

The number of teams to be promoted or relegated in any Grade shall be determined under the Promotion/Relegation Rules contained in this Schedule.

#### **1. Teams Eligible For Promotion**

- (i) Winning team in Monday Championship 2 shall be eligible for promotion to Monday Championship 1.
- (ii) Winning team in Tuesday Championship 2 shall be eligible for promotion to Tuesday Championship 1.
- (iii) Winning team in Monday Open 1 shall be eligible for promotion to Monday Championship 2.
- (iv) Winning team in Tuesday Open 1 shall be eligible for promotion to Tuesday Championship 2.

#### **2. Teams Liable For Relegation**

- (i) Bottom placed team in Monday Championship 1 shall be relegated to Monday Championship 2.
- (ii) Bottom placed team in Tuesday Championship 1 shall be relegated to Tuesday Championship 2.
- (iii) Bottom placed team in Monday Championship 2 shall be relegated to Monday Open 1.
- (iv) Bottom placed team in Tuesday Championship 2 shall be relegated to Tuesday Open 1.

#### **3. Maximum Number Of Teams From One Club In A Grade**

Nothing in the Promotion/Relegation Rules shall permit a Club to enter more than the maximum number of teams permitted to that Club in any Grade.

#### **4. Declining Promotion**

A Club, by written notice to the Interclub Committee may elect not to take up the option of Promotion in any Grade.

## 5. Filling Vacancies In Promotion/Relegation Grades

- (a) Where for the reasons set out in either Rule 3 or Rule 4 in this Schedule an eligible team does not get promoted in any Grade then the Club with the next placed team in that Grade shall be eligible for promotion provided that only Clubs with a team that finished in the first three positions shall be eligible for promotion.
- (b) The Interclub Committee shall have the discretion to add teams to a Championship Competition where for any reason the number of teams entered following the above Rules in this Schedule falls below the maximum number of teams permitted for that Grade.

Promotion and Relegation need not take place in any particular Grade where there is fewer than the maximum permitted number of teams in the Grade.



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# JUNIOR INTERCLUB RULES

## 1. Interpretation

In these rules:

- 1.1 Committee means those persons appointed by the Board of Tennis Auckland Region Incorporated to administer interclub.
- 1.2 Association means Tennis Auckland Incorporated.
- 1.3 Match means one individual singles, or doubles.
- 1.4 Contest means the total matches between one team and another team in any grade, section or playoff on any given day.
- 1.5 Home team is the team playing on its own grounds.
- 1.6 Any reference to matches or players refers to junior matches or players.
- 1.7 Words importing one gender shall include the other gender and words importing the singular or plural numbers shall include the singular or plural numbers as the case may be or as the context shall require.

## 2. Amendments

These rules may be amended by a resolution at a delegates' meeting of the Association, passed in accordance with rules governing notices of motion at delegates' meetings of the Association, provided that an amendment made after the commencement of the interclub contests in any particular season will not take effect until the following season.

## 3. Interclub Committee

The Association will each year appoint an Interclub Committee with the following duties and powers:

- 3.1 To arrange and control all junior competitions.
- 3.2 To interpret these rules.
- 3.3 To decide any matters arising from the competitions not covered by these rules.
- 3.4 To disqualify any club or player for breach of these rules or to impose any penalty herein set forth.
- 3.5 In its discretion to order any contest or match to be replayed.

## 4. Competitions

The following competitions will be held:

- 4.1 A junior competition; and
- 4.2 A beginner competition.

## 5. Entries

- 5.1 Entries for all competitions will close at the Association Office on a date to be fixed annually by the Committee.
- 5.2 The date for commencing play in each competition will be fixed annually by the Committee.
- 5.3 An entry fee, payable with the entry for each team in each competition, will be fixed annually by the Association.

- 5.4 Where the entries for any competition render it advisable, the Committee will divide them into such grades and sections as it will deem necessary.
- 5.5 The Committee has the power to re-grade any entry.
- 5.6 The Committee has the power to declare any grade or competition abandoned for any season should the Committee in its absolute discretion consider that insufficient entries have been received in a particular grade or competition, provided that clubs who have entered in any abandoned grade or competition will be given the opportunity to make entries in other grades.
- 5.7 The total number of teams entered by any one club in all grades will be restricted as follows: one team for every 12 affiliated junior members or part thereof in accordance with affiliated player returns of the previous season.
- 5.8 Where a club is newly affiliated, then the junior membership as advised to the Association in the club's application to affiliate will be the basis for that club's entry of teams and payment must not eventually be made for less than the number so indicated.

## **6. Junior Competition**

- 6.1 SATURDAY OPEN GRADES (see Junior Rule 8):
  - 6.1.1 18 years and under
  - 6.1.2 16 years and under
  - 6.1.3 14 years and under
  - 6.1.4 12 years and under
  - 6.1.5 10 years and under
- 6.2 SATURDAY BEGINNER GRADES (see Junior Rule 8): PRE AND POST-XMAS
  - 6.2.1 13 years and under
  - 6.2.2 12 years and under
  - 6.2.3 11 years and under
  - 6.2.4 10 years and under
- 6.3 SUNDAY OPEN GRADES (see Junior Rule 8): PRE AND POST-XMAS
  - 6.3.1 18 years and under
  - 6.3.2 16 years and under
  - 6.3.3 14 years and under
  - 6.3.4 12 years and under
  - 6.3.5 10 years and under
- 6.4 SUNDAY BEGINNER GRADES (see Junior Rule 8)
  - 6.4.1 13 years and under
  - 6.4.2 12 years and under
  - 6.4.3 11 years and under
  - 6.4.4 10 years and under
- 6.5 And other open grades if necessary.

- 6.6 Each grade may be divided into one or more sections; the sections to consist of not less than four teams .
- 6.7 Each team in a section will play every other team in that section.
- 6.8 Teams will consist of a maximum of either six boys or six girls. Four boys or girls will play singles in the order shown on the result sheet for that contest. Girls can play in boy's teams but boys cannot play in a girls' team. There will be a cap of two girls able to play per contest with the Interclub Committee given discretion to allow more. The doubles combinations may include up to two other players as shown on the result sheet for that contest as follows:
  - 6.8.1 Players can play singles in any order as long as they play in the order listed on the results sheet prior to the commencement of each contest.
  - 6.8.2 The highest named singles player who plays in the doubles on any given day must play in the top doubles competition for that contest.
- 6.9 Each contest will consist of four singles and two doubles matches to total six matches in all, except as provided in Junior Rule 9.4.
- 6.10 A Certificate and/or Pennant as the case may be will be awarded to the winning team in each section and/or grade.

## 7. Beginner Competition

The beginner competition will consist of a restricted age grade competition as follows:

- 7.1 13 years and under
- 7.2 12 years and under
- 7.3 11 years and under
- 7.4 10 years and under
- 7.5 This competition will be open to players who have not:
  - 7.5.1 played in a junior interclub competition;
  - 7.5.2 been ranked on the Tennis Auckland ranking list;
  - 7.5.3 previously won a school or other open tournament; 7.5.4 been selected for an Auckland squad.
- 7.6 Players may play in two competitions in a beginner grade before being ineligible for the beginner competition in the following season . Two competitions mean Pre and Post or Post and Pre .
- 7.7 Each grade may be divided into one or more sections; the sections to consist of not less than four teams .
- 7.8 Each team in a section will play every other team in that section.
- 7.9 Teams will consist of a maximum of either six boys or six girls. Four boys or girls will play singles in the order shown on the result sheet for that contest. The doubles combinations may include up to two other players as shown on the result sheet for that contest as follows:
  - 7.9.1 First, second, third and fourth boy or girl play first, second, third or fourth boy's or girl's singles respectively.
  - 7.9.2 The highest ranked singles player who plays in the doubles on any given

day must play in the top doubles competition for that contest.

- 7.10 Each contest will consist of four singles and two doubles matches to total six matches in all, except as provided in Junior Rule 9.4.
- 7.11 A pennant will be awarded to the winning team in each section.

## **8. Age Qualification**

For Pre and Post Competitions as at 30th April 2026.

## **9. Grade and Section Winners**

Should Playoffs be necessary in any Grade or Section the following rules apply:

- 9.1 Where any grade is played in one section, then where teams rank equal for winner, a playoff will take place on a knockout basis in accordance with Junior Rule 9.4.
- 9.2 In the event of there being more than one section in a grade, then the winners of the sections will play off on a knockout system to find the winner of the grade.
- 9.3 To ascertain the winner of a section the following rules will be applied:
  - 9.3.1 A team winning a contest will be awarded two points; in addition, one point will be awarded for each match won by each team; the winner of the contest will be the team winning the majority of the matches therein.
  - 9.3.2 In the event of the matches being equal, then a count back of games won shall determine the winner of the contest and allocation of the two additional bonus points. If on a count back the games are equal, the two additional bonus points shall be shared one each.
  - 9.3.3 In the event of teams ranking equal for section winner on the basis in Junior Rule 9.3.1, then contests in which the teams were concerned will be recounted, a team receiving one point for each game won.
  - 9.3.4 In the event of the teams ranking equal on this last basis, a draw will be declared and the Committee will arrange a further contest between the teams concerned.
  - 9.3.5 In all calculations in Junior Rules 9.3.1, 9.3.2, 9.3.3 and 9.3.4, where one team has won a contest wholly by default, then the other team or teams whose wins are being counted will be credited with a win by default in their contests with the defaulting team.
  - 9.3.6 The team gaining the most points from all contests will be declared the winner of the section.
- 9.4 To ascertain the winner of a final or section playoff in the event of the matches in the contest being equal, the following Junior Rule will be applied: any two players who have played in that fixture but have not played as a doubles combination on that day will play one set of doubles, the 12 point Tie-break to operate at six games all.

## **10. Team List**

- 10.1 Team Lists, as submitted on Match Point shall be the list accepted by the Committee as at the closing date notified each year.

- 10.2 A printout of the team lists from Match Point must be forwarded to the Association including the Date of Birth of all players.
- 10.3 If a club enters more than one team in the same grade or in the same competition, then the players in the number one team should be stronger than the players in the number two team, and for the purpose of these rules the number one team must be deemed to be a higher grade than the number two team and so on.
- 10.4 A club may at any time forward an amended team list deleting or adding further players. Should it be necessary to play an unregistered player an addition/alteration/deletion form must be forwarded within a week of the contest being played.
- 10.5 No player may be a member of a team taking part in any playoff or final unless that player has already played in at least two contests. Where a player has played twice in a grade above then that player is no longer eligible to play in a grade below.
- 10.6 Where a club has failed to forward a team list, then the team result as it appears on Match Point for the first contest will be deemed to be the team list of the club concerned until such team list is supplied. Any variations in the team must be deemed a breach of Junior Rule 11 .2.
- 10.7 The Committee has the power to question the grading of any player under Junior Rules 6, 7 and 8 and the club may be required to obtain a birth certificate to justify its playing of such player in the grade in question.
- 10.8 The Committee has the power to question any team list and will call on the club to produce evidence of match results to justify its selection, and it will be the Committee's duty so to do whenever a team list is not in accordance with the results of any recent matches or the player's ability.
- 10.9 The Committee has the power to call on a club to produce evidence as to the availability of a player on a team list and if the Committee is not satisfied that the club had reasonable grounds to believe that the player would be available; the Committee may delete that player's name from the list.
- 10.10 Where the Committee questions any playing positions or pairings, it will also obtain the opinion of the Association's junior selectors, and in the event of any subsequent appeal such opinion will be available to all parties concerned in such appeal.
- 10.11 Where the Committee decides that a player or doubles pairing has played without being on a team list or an additions form is not forwarded to the Association, then the matches involving the offending player or doubles pairing will be defaulted and if the non-offending team is either still behind or equal in matches, then the Committee will order a new contest to be played where the Committee considers that the playing out of order has altered the final result of the contest .

## 11. Qualification of Players

- 11.1 Players must be affiliated junior members of their club and have paid through such affiliated club the levies payable to the Association.
- 11.2 A player who is on a team list and has played more than twice for the club in

one grade shall not be permitted to play in a lower grade in the same pre or Post- Xmas competition without application having first been made to the Committee to have such player re-graded, but a player may at any time play in a higher grade than that for which he is graded, provided that where he plays more than twice in such higher grade he must automatically be placed on the higher grades team list .

- 11.3 No player, being a member of more than one club, will play for another club in the same season. For the purpose of Junior Interclub a season runs from August to July and includes both Pre and Post-Xmas Competitions. If a player plays for more than one club that player will for the remainder of the season be deemed to be a member of the club for which he or she was originally listed for. The club for which the player subsequently played shall lose all points for matches won by that player and all points for matches won by any other members of the team who played below the player in question in any contest and those points will be awarded to the opposing team. At the discretion of Tennis Auckland Interclub Committee under special circumstances and on agreement of all parties, (clubs and players) a junior may be permitted to transfer clubs between the Pre and Post-Xmas competitions of a season.
- 11.4 The Committee may consent to the re-grading of a player to a lower grade where special circumstances exist, details of which must be supplied to the Committee in writing, together with the application for re-grading.
- 11.5 A junior player wishing to play for another club in the senior weekend interclub competition may be permitted to do so under special circumstances and on agreement of all parties, provided notification shall be on the Juniors Transfer form and submitted to Tennis Auckland by 1st August. The Transfer must be renewed annually.
- 11.6 A junior player may only play in his/her correct age band or the age band immediately higher for Junior Interclub competitions with the exception of Junior Caro Bowl or a Premier Pre-Xmas competition.

## **12. Substitutes**

- 12.1 All players must be on the current team list which can be updated as per Junior Rules 10.4 or 10.11.
- 12.2 No player may be substituted once that player has commenced to play a match in a contest.
- 12.3 If in a contest a match is defaulted in other than the bottom position, then the club concerned must satisfy the Committee that it was unaware that a substitute would be required and where the Committee is not so satisfied it may order a replay of the contest if it considers a different decision than the one which occurred could have resulted .
- 12.4 Nothing in these rules will prevent a player from a lower grade playing as a replacement in a higher grade but if such a lower grade player plays more than two contests above their normal grade they may not play down again without the approval of the Committee.
- 12.5 Where a player has been selected in an association senior or junior representative team, either as player or first emergency, but has declined selection for any reason, then that player cannot take part in interclub matches on the date set down for such representative match without the permission of the selectors, and a substitute must be played by the club concerned.
- 12.6 Where a player has been selected as player or first emergency for an association senior or junior representative team, then that player cannot take part in interclub matches on the date set down for such representative match without the permission of the selectors, and a substitute must be played by the club concerned.

- 12.7 Where any team has two or more players selected in or officially representing the Auckland Association or the New Zealand Association or who have been directed by the New Zealand Association to attend a pre-selection tournament, it will be granted a postponement and/or a new date for the contest on application to the Committee at least seven days before the original scheduled date for the contest.

### 13. Captains

- 13.1 A captain must be nominated with each team and failing such nomination the first boy or first girl must act as captain.
- 13.2 Before a contest commences, simultaneously, each team captain will hand to the other captain a team sheet showing the playing order for singles and doubles and this team order may not be departed from or changed.

### 14. Contests

- 14.1 Contests must be played on the date set down by the Committee unless prevented by weather or court conditions, or other approved reason, or an official cancellation by the Committee.
- 14.2 Unless prevented by weather or court conditions, each contest must commence not later than 8.30am for Saturday Open Grades, no later than 12pm for Saturday Beginner Grades and no later than 9am for all Sunday Grades whether on home courts, on association courts, or on school courts.
- 14.3 No contest will be commenced or continued if the weather or court conditions do not permit; in the event of showery weather at home courts, the ground Committee or its representative, and at association and school courts, the representative of the association, will be the sole judge as to whether play will be allowed, or will be stopped, and when it may be resumed; provided that in the event of showery weather the ground representative will make every effort to complete the contests on the dates set down.
- 14.4 If in any contest three matches at least have been completed on the date specified and the others not completed owing to weather conditions or for any other reason approved by the Committee, it must be completed by the following Wednesday evening as arranged by the captains; the result must be entered on Match Point by the Friday morning; the Committee may require the teams concerned to play another contest at a later date if it proves impossible for the teams concerned to arrange for completion.
- 14.5 In the event of the cancellation of a contest by a supervisor, or by a representative of the association or the home club, then the captains of the teams concerned in the contest will make mutually acceptable arrangements to play the contest within 14 days of the original date set down for the contest; if, in a cancelled contest, the team captains cannot make mutual arrangements to play, then the matter must be referred to the Committee and the Committee will set the date for the contest; in all arrangements the result of the contest must be completed on Match Point within 48 hours from the day of the completion of the contest.
- 14.6 Unfinished matches in a contest will be continued from the same stage whether play is recommenced later in the same day or on another date.
- 14.7 The order of play in a contest will be: each contest is to start with both doubles, followed by singles as players become available, unless both teams agree otherwise.
- 14.8 Clubs must notify the Committee and the opposing team of any team or teams that must default in a contest or contests at least three days before the date set down for the playing of such contest or contests; and clubs must notify the opposing team of a default in any team position where a substitute cannot

be obtained for the contest at least 45 minutes before the start of the contest; failure to advise the Committee and/or the opposing team of such defaults may result in a fine of \$25 per team on each occasion; where a team withdraws from a competition after the draw has been made it will be liable for a fine not exceeding \$50.

- 14.9 If NO member of a team is present at the venue of a contest by 10 minutes after the scheduled start time, the FIRST singles will be defaulted.
- 14.10 Any team who does not have sufficient players (50% of the team) 30 minutes after the start time may be liable to default.
- 14.11 Clubs must make a minimum of two courts available for each contest on each playing day.
- 14.12 The Committee will control all playoffs and finals and where required these contests will be played at neutral venues.
- 14.13 Clubs are required to provide tennis balls for each contest as follows: in all grades, one pair of new or used balls per team. In the case of used balls, the manufacturer's name must be clearly shown. Balls used for all grades, except Open 10U and Beginner Grades, should be those currently approved by the Association. Only Green Dot Balls are to be used for the Open 10U and all Beginner Grades.
- 14.14 Length of Matches:
  - 14.14.1 All open grade matches will be decided by the best of 17 games, the Tie-break to be played at eight games all, except as provided by Junior Rule 9.4. (refer page 81 for Tie-break rules).
  - 14.14.2 All Beginner Grades will play first to six games (no Tie-break)
- 14.15 All matches should be adjudicated; adjudicators will be arranged by agreement between the captains; and any player dissatisfied with the adjudicating of a match in which the player is taking part may appeal to the captain or manager of his or her team who will confer with the captain or manager of the opposing team with a view to changing the adjudicator, provided that they are satisfied that it is desirable and necessary; all points scored to the time of any change will stand. The adjudicator should not be a parent of a team member.
- 14.16 All clubs must supply score pads for each contest.
- 14.17 The maximum knock-up period is five minutes.
- 14.18 The captain or nominated person from the winning team will enter the results into the Match Point electronic system by 5pm of the Tuesday following the contest. The correctly completed team sheets must be signed by both captains. Such team sheets are to be kept for four weeks after the end of the competition and to be made available to the Committee at the Association Office within five days if requested to do so by the Committee. (Except as provided for in Junior Rules 14.4 and 14.5).

## **15. Returns**

- 15.1 If requested, all team lists, team result sheets, appeals and other returns required by these rules to be forwarded by clubs and teams, are the responsibility of the club junior representative, and must be sent or delivered in writing to the interclub chairman.
- 15.2 No competition points will be awarded in any contests until such time as the results of the contest has been entered on Match Point.

## **16. Supervision**

- 16.1 All clubs must appoint adult representatives (that is, persons over 18 years of



age) to be responsible as supervisors at home courts, association courts, school courts or other interclub venues as required from time to time by notice from the Committee.

- 16.2 All supervisors appointed under Junior Rule 16 .1 are required by the Committee to:
  - 16.2.1 Be familiar with these rules;
  - 16.2.2 Enforce the New Zealand Code of Conduct;
  - 16.2.3 Note any instructions notified by the Committee;
  - 16.2.4 Control all contests and matches and as far as possible be responsible for nets and equipment at any interclub venue;
  - 16.2.5 Arrive at the interclub venue before the starting time for play (Junior Rule 14) and remain at the venue until the completion of all matches in the contests;
  - 16.2.6 Be responsible for the cancellation of any contests or matches in accordance with Junior Rule 14;
  - 16.2.7 Be responsible for keeping the courts occupied, keeping to the order of play and keeping the matches going;
  - 16.2.8 Stop any arguing and time wasting; prevent any trouble or bad behaviour, and encourage good court manners and sportsmanship; and
  - 16.2.9 Report on any matter in accordance with this rule.
- 16.3 All clubs are required to appoint adult representatives (that is, persons over 18 years of age) to remain with and supervise teams that consist of boy or girl players 14 years and under.
- 16.4 All club representatives appointed under Junior Rule 16.3 are required to assist at interclub venues in accordance with Junior Rule 16.2.

## 17. Tennis New Zealand Code of Conduct

The Tennis New Zealand Code of Conduct must be read as part of these rules and all those involved with junior interclub must abide by this code. (See TNZ website).

## 18. Breaches and Penalties

- 18.1.1 Fails to supply a team list as provided by Junior Rule 10.
- 18.1.2 Fails to supply a correct team list as provided by Junior Rule 10.
- 18.1.3 Permits an ineligible player to take part in an interclub contest in contravention of Junior Rules 6, 7, 8 and 11.
- 18.1.4 Permits a player who has already represented another club in an interclub contest to represent it in an interclub contest in contravention of Junior Rule 11.3.
- 18.1.5 Permits a substitute to play in an interclub contest in an incorrect position as provided by Junior Rule 12.
- 18.1.6 Fails to notify the Committee of any team that must default a contest at least three days before the date set down for the contest or fails to advise the opposing team of a default in any position at least 45 minutes before the start of the contest as provided by Junior Rule 14.8.
- 18.1.7 Fails to enter the contest results into Match Point within the time specified in Junior Rules 14.4, 14.5 & 14.18.
- 18.1.8 Permits a player to take part in a contest using other than his or her correct name.
- 18.1.9 Fails to supply correct balls as provided by Junior Rule 14.13.



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- 18.1.10 Fails to supply score pads as provided by Junior Rule 14.16.
- 18.1.11 Fails to appoint supervisors in contravention of Junior Rule 16. 18.1.12 Commits an offence against the Tennis New Zealand Code of Conduct.
- 18.2 Any player commits a breach of these rules who:
  - 18.2.1 Having already represented a club in a contest represents another club in contest in the same season .
  - 18.2.2 Takes part in a contest using other than his or her own name .
  - 18.2.3 Commits an offence against the Tennis New Zealand Code of Conduct.
- 18.3 Any club that in the opinion of the Committee commits a breach of these rules will be liable at the discretion of the Committee to any number of the following penalties:
  - 18.3.1 A fine of \$25 and where the breach is a continuing one, to a fine of \$25 on every occasion on which the breach is committed.
  - 18.3.2 To suspension of a team or teams from contests for whatever period the Committee decides.
  - 18.3.3 To the loss of points gained in the contest involving a breach of these rules and the awarding of these points to the opposing team.
- 18.4 Any player who in the opinion of the Committee commits a breach of these Junior Rules will at the discretion of the Committee be liable to either or both of the following penalties:
  - 18.4.1 Suspension from contests for whatever period the Committee decides.
  - 18.4.2 Suspension from all or any events conducted by the Association for whatever period the Committee decides.
- 18.5 The penalties provided in these rules will be in addition to any other penalties herein provided.
- 18.6 Any club or any person charged with a breach of these rules will be given seven days' notice of a date of hearing by the Committee and be entitled to submit a case to the Committee either in writing or in person or through a representative.
- 18.7 Any club that fails to pay a fine within one month of the imposition thereof or in the case of an appeal within one month of the final determination of the appeal will automatically be suspended from taking part in all contests until the fine has been paid.

## 19. Appeal

Any club shall have the right of appeal against any decision of the Interclub Committee as follows:

- 19.1 Within 10 working days of the receipt in writing of the Interclub Committee decision, the club can request a mediation meeting with the Interclub Committee, representatives from the club/s and an independent mediator. In the absence of an agreement the next stage will occur.
- 19.2 If the club wishes to appeal the decision from point (1) this must be done within seven days of receipt in writing of the mediation decision that is made. This appeal should be submitted to the Centre Judiciary Committee of Tennis Auckland.
- 19.3 A further right of appeal can be made against the decision of the Centre Judiciary Committee of Tennis Auckland to the Tennis New Zealand Judiciary Committee: such an appeal to be made in writing and within seven days of the receipt in writing of the Centre Judiciary Committee.

## Self-Umpiring Tennis Rules - FAQs

- All calls on your side of the net are your responsibility (i.e. you cannot ask an opponent for a let because you do not agree with their call). If you have any doubt as to whether a ball is in or out, you must give your opponent the benefit of the doubt and play the ball as good. You should not play a let.
- Any 'out' call must be made instantaneously (i.e. made before either an opponent has hit the return or the return has gone out of play); otherwise the ball continues in play. The call should be made both verbally and by using a hand signal.
- Do not enlist the aid of spectators, including parents, in making calls.
- If a player incorrectly calls a ball 'out' and then realises the ball was good, the player who called the ball 'out' loses the point.
- To avoid controversy over the score, the server should announce the set score (e.g. 5-4) before starting a game and the game score (e.g. 30-40) prior to serving each point. Game scores must also be recorded on each end change and at the end of each set. • Always use score boards when available.
- You cannot call 'foot fault'. A player could courteously inform their opponent if they appear to be foot faulting repeatedly at change of ends.
- If there is a score dispute, both players should restart play on a previous score they both agree on.
- If a ball hits a permanent fixture (i.e. net post, umpire chair, light post) after the ball has hit the correct court, then the player who hit the shot wins the point. If a ball hits a permanent fixture before the ball has hit the correct court, then the player who hit the shot loses the point.
- If a player hits a shot that lands in the opponent's court but then spins back into their own court or into the net, the player who hits the shot wins the point.
- A player's racquet may pass over the net after hitting the ball on their own side of the net.
- A player instantly loses the point if any part of their racquet, body or clothing touches the net.
- If a ball or external object (i.e. drink bottle, score sheet, bird) interrupts play at whatever stage in a point, each player has the right to call a let. The point will then begin with the server having a first serve.
- Underarm serving is legal and the server does not need to inform their opponent they are going to serve underarm.
- If play is disrupted for any reason (e.g. rain), the match will resume from the exact score as to when the disruption occurred.
- If a server throws up a ball toss, swings, and fails to contact the ball, the serve is deemed as a fault.

# Guidelines For Captains, Supporters And Spectators

Some important reminders for Junior Interclub Captains:

## **Starting Time**

Saturday Interclub – Open Grades start at 8.30am – please make sure your players arrive at the assigned venue by 8.15am. Beginner Grades start at 12.30pm – please make sure your players arrive at the assigned venue by 12.15pm.

Sunday Interclub – Open and Beginner Grades start at 9am – please make sure your players are at the assigned venue by 8.45am.

## **Balls**

Each Open Grade team should provide two Wilson US Open balls in new or near new condition. The test for used balls is that the writing on these should still be legible. Beginner Grades and 10 years and under grades use Green Dot Balls.

## **Scoring**

All Open Grade matches play first to nine games with a tie-break at eight games all (standard tie-break, first to seven points with a two-point winning margin). Normal deuce scoring ie no sudden death.

All Beginner Grades are first to six games. No tie-break is played. Normal deuce scoring.

## **Contests & Playing Order**

All Open and Beginner Grade contests will consist of two doubles matches and four singles matches. Doubles are played first followed by singles (as players become available).

Players can play in any grading band order in the singles, but it is within the spirit of the competition to have the strongest players at no. 1 and no. 2. The highest listed singles player on the day, who also plays doubles, must play in the no. 1 doubles. Please make sure that players stick to the playing order written on the team sheet, which should be filled out before play starts.

## **Wet Weather**

There are no blanket cancellations. If the weather is showery report to the venue and aim to finish the contest if possible. In the case of bad weather, contact the opposition captain or manager to avoid any unnecessary travel. Teams have 14 days from the original scheduled date to play a contest.

Any contests that have at least three matches finished, when play stops due to bad weather, need to be completed by the following Wednesday.

Tennis Auckland will only reschedule contests if teams are unable to mutually agree on a new date. Refer to rule 14 for more information.

## **Playing at Manuka Doctor Arena**

Some teams may be assigned to play at Manuka Doctor Arena on courts 2-5. Teams playing at the Arena will be sent parking passes for the Wilson Car Park across the road from Tennis Lane, before the Saturday or Sunday the contest is scheduled. Please report to reception upon arrival.

When playing against Next Gen teams, please contact the opposition captain who will confirm parking and access arrangements.

### **SOME “DO’S” AND “DON’TS” FOR SUPPORTERS DO**

- Applaud good play and winning shots by both players.
- Keep outside the court area (behind fences and off the court surface) .
- Accept the decisions of officials and line calls of players.

### **DON’T**

- Communicate with players verbally or by signal during a match (including end changes).
- Call the lines from outside the court – the players call their own lines.

### **BEGINNER GRADES**

- One parent may accompany the umpire to help with SCORING ONLY. They must not call the lines or in any way interfere with the players line calling.
- Parents may adjudicate ONLY when an extra court is available and by mutual agreement of both teams, they follow the adjudication rules outlined.

### **ADJUDICATING – JUNIOR INTERCLUB**

When another player is umpiring the adjudicator is responsible for:

- Calling and keeping the score.
- Calling all lets.
- Adjudicating when players cannot agree on a call. Each player is responsible for:
- Calling the ball on their side of the net.
- Making their call quickly and audibly so the opponent can hear.
- Correcting themselves if they make a mistake.
- If a player is unsure of his/her call, the ball is to be called good.
- No call also means that the ball has been called good.

### **QUERYING CALLS**

- The adjudicator ONLY gets involved when there is a disputed call.
- When asked, the adjudicator will immediately make a decision either confirming the call or overruling it.
- If overruling, the point is awarded against the player who makes the call.
- If the adjudicator is unsure or unsighted (blocked from viewing) the original call stands.
- The adjudicator’s decision is final. All must accept the decision made.

### **UMPIRING**

Teams may by mutual agreement have players fully adjudicate Junior Interclub Matches. Should there not be mutual agreement the Rules and Guidelines apply.

## **TIPS FOR JUNIOR INTERCLUB TEAM MANAGERS**

- Check out if the players are available for all matches – good idea to do before making a roster! Request they let you know asap if they become unavailable for interclub matches.

- Once you know the match draw create a roster of players/matches in advance and email out to parents.
- If you are struggling to field a team, contact the other team managers to see if another player can cover. Ring your Junior Interclub Controller to see if they can help find a reserve player.
- If you still cannot field a full team, ring the opposing team manager to let them know how many you are bringing as early as possible in the week.
- Encourage your team to introduce themselves to the opposition players.
- Talk to the team about sporting behaviour, line calls on their side, calling out the score after each point and shaking hands at the end of the match.
- Write an identifying mark on your team tennis balls and encourage your players to keep an eye on them and try not to lose them.
- Possibly create a parent roster of transport from the club to away matches if some parents are unavailable.
- If it is a home game, aim to arrive about 30 minutes early. Set out mugs, coffee and tea, sugar and milk and mention to opposing team managers and parents to help themselves. If there is an away game, encourage team members to arrive early to warm up. Ensure your team know where bathroom facilities are located at the venue and which courts they are playing on.
- Encourage players to bring water and a snack such as a banana for energy and to wear a hat and sunscreen if it is sunny.
- Encourage your team captain to take the lead in completing the score book and getting signatures at the end. Check the results match before signing off.
- If your team wins YOU are responsible for putting the score into Match Point within 5 days.
- Encourage your team members to attend inter-club practices to improve their match play.
- Role model positive sporting behaviour and try not to call out bad decisions! Praise the kids for their efforts and match play.
- Thanks for all YOUR work and efforts to support junior tennis at your club.

## TENNIS AUCKLAND COMPLAINTS PROCEDURES

Any complaint concerning misconduct should be made to Tennis Auckland within 48 hours of the occurrence of the incident. Please refer to the Complaints Procedure on the Tennis Auckland website at [www.tennisauckland.co.nz](http://www.tennisauckland.co.nz) for further information or contact the Tennis Auckland Interclub Administrator.

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IT'S UP TO ALL OF US TO MAKE OUR CLUB A SAFE &  
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YOUNG & VULNERABLE PEOPLE.

## DO'S

- DO report any behaviour you feel is inappropriate
- DO provide an example you would wish young people to follow
- DO be alert to the issue of bullying and deal with it promptly and sympathetically
- DO listen too and report any issues raised by children or vulnerable people
- DO remember that caution is required in sensitive moments, such as when dealing with bereavement, bullying or abuse
- DO remember that another person can misinterpret your actions, no matter how well intentioned

## DON'TS

- DO NOT use physical discipline at any time
- DO NOT engage in any inappropriate physical contact
- DO NOT let youngsters involve you in excessive attention seeking, crushes or inappropriate language or behaviour
- DO NOT show favouritism
- DO NOT use social media or texting to communicate with children about topics unrelated to tennis

**PLEASE CONTACT THE FOLLOWING SAFEGUARDING OFFICER IF YOU  
HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS:**

Tracey O'Connor - [safeguarding@tennisauckland.co.nz](mailto:safeguarding@tennisauckland.co.nz)

[tennis.kiwi/clubs/safe](https://tennis.kiwi/clubs/safe)



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# INTERCLUB TEAM – CONTACT DETAILS

Please read all interclub rules before your first match of the season. Answers to frequently asked interclub questions are available in the interclub handbook and on the Tennis Auckland website.

One of the most common reasons that senior teams are docked points is for playing their team in the wrong order (Senior Rules 18(2) and 19(2)). To make sure you don't play 'out of order', please copy your team list from the Tennis Auckland website into the contact table below. In Junior Interclub, players may play in any order, but where possible should play in order of ability to ensure all matches are as even as possible. The contact sheet below is for your reference only.

<b>Club</b>		<b>Match Point Login</b>	
<b>Grade</b>		<b>Password</b>	

	<b>Male Players</b>	<b>Tel / Mob /Email</b>
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JANUARY

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FEBRUARY

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