

# RULES FOR LADIES MIDWEEK INTERCLUB

## 1 Ladies Midweek Doubles Competitions

Pre-Christmas Competition	Lead-In
Post-Christmas Competition	Summer Interclub

Where no special rule applies, the general rules of interclub tennis apply. (Refer Senior Interclub Rules 2018/2019).

## 2 Interclub Committee

The Interclub Committee shall be those persons appointed by the Board of Tennis Auckland to administer Interclub.

## 3 Player Eligibility

- 3.1 These competitions are open to any lady who is a full playing or restricted playing member of an affiliated club.
- 3.2 A player must play Lead-In and Summer Interclub for the same club (unless permission has been granted as per Rule 4.2.1) but may play for another club in weekend interclub provided that a declaration of this intent is made to her member clubs and to Tennis Auckland no later than 1st October 2018 for Lead-In and 3rd December 2018 for Summer Interclub. Such notification shall be on the Midweek Transfer form provided and must be renewed annually. Ladies playing for a club under this rule must be listed with reference to the club through which they are affiliated.
- 3.3 Where Promotion/Relegation is applicable in the Summer Interclub Competition, no player may be a member of a team taking part in any Promotion/Relegation playoff unless that player has already played in at least two contests in this competition.
- 3.4 No player 18 years and under as at 30th April of any given season may play in the Lead-In or Summer Midweek interclub competitions.

## 4 Team Eligibility

- 4.1 Entries shall be restricted to one team for each six lady players available for ladies' interclub. For the purpose of establishing the total qualification for the present season, a declaration from each club stating the number of ladies available for ladies' interclub in the present season must be provided.
- 4.2 For the Lead-In Competition and the Summer Interclub Competition Open Monday 2 and Tuesday 2 and below, the following exception will apply:
  - 4.2.1 Clubs with insufficient numbers to make a complete team may apply in writing to join with players from another club who are in a similar situation.
  - 4.2.2 This application should be sent to: Tennis Auckland PO Box 2905, Auckland 1140 by 17<sup>th</sup> September 2018 for the Lead-In Competition and 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2018 for the Summer Interclub Competition.
  - 4.2.3 This written application must contain the names and grading system details of the players concerned, details of court availability should a combined team be approved.
  - 4.2.4 Both clubs must submit this documentation for approval by the Tennis Auckland Interclub Committee and their decision will be final.

## LEAD-IN COMPETITION

### 5 Competition Format

- 5.1 Teams may play Monday or Tuesday.
- 5.2 Teams shall be graded into sections of a maximum of EIGHT teams based on the total of the four regular playing member's doubles grading points off the Configure Ranking Grading List (as at the notified entry closing date).
- These sections shall be called Monday Open 1, Tuesday Open 1, Monday Open 2, Tuesday Open 2 etc.
- 5.3 Teams in each section will play a round robin. The team with the highest number of points in each section will be the winner of that section. In the event of a tie, there shall be a count back of sets and games for and against for the contest involving only the tied teams. In the event of two teams still being equal, a tie shall be declared.
- 5.3.1 In all grades where a default has a bearing on 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 jeopardized by this default will also be credited with the maximum points from the contest when they played the defaulting team. A team that defaults from a contest on the date scheduled by the Committee shall be fined \$50.
- 5.4 Team entries shall specify a preference of day i.e. Monday or Tuesday and these are deemed to be two separate competitions. Players may both days if they wish.
- 5.5 IN ALL GRADES the top graded player (by grading band i.e. D3, D4, D5) from the submitted team list must play in the number one position on any given day and the remaining three players can play in any order on any given day.
- Team playing lists must be completed prior to the start of play and with the number one named player playing in the number one position for that day. The pairings and order of play shall be 1 & 2, 3 & 4, 1 & 3, 2 & 4.

### 6 Substitutes

- 6.1 If a team or a player plays in both a Monday and Tuesday competition these are two separate competitions and a player or team due to its team composition may for example be in Monday Open 1 and Tuesday Open 3.
- 6.2 Any player may at any time play in a higher grade provided that if that player plays more than twice in a higher grade they must automatically assume a position on the higher team list.
- 6.2.1 The four nominated regular team members named that place a team in its appropriate grade (i.e. total team points of these four regular players) may only reserve for a team in a higher grade. If they play in a team in a higher grade more than twice they must automatically assume a position in that team.
- 6.2.2 A player who is not a nominated team member may reserve in a team/teams as long as their doubles grading band (i.e. D2, D3 etc) is not higher than the top graded player on that teams submitted team list. They may reserve for more than one team provided the above applies but if they reserve for the same team more than twice they may not then play for a team in a lower section than that team.
- HOWEVER, to cut down the amount of administrative paper work involved, all players registered to play on a Monday are eligible to play Tuesday and vice versa.
- 6.2.3 Any club may add a player to their team lists and reserves list/s by contacting the Tennis Auckland Interclub Administrator on (021) 675 012 prior to that player playing.
- It is recommended that clubs place all reserves on the RESERVE SHEET

provided.

## **7 Match Conditions**

- 7.1 All matches shall be the best of two Tie-break sets (first to seven points with a two-point advantage); the Tie-break shall apply at six games all in any set and a SUPER TIE-BREAK (first to 10 points with a two-point advantage) will decide the winner of a match if the score is one set all.
- 7.2 There will be no drawn contests – if teams are tied two-all at the end of the contest then a count back of sets will be required. The team that has the most numbers of sets will be awarded the two bonus points.
- A THIRD SET SUPER TIE-BREAK in the first instance is counted as a set. If sets are tied and a game count back is required then the Super Tie-break is counted as a game. (Therefore, the Super Tie-break potentially has two values). If the games are equal then both teams will be awarded one bonus point each.
- 7.3 Each team shall supply two pairs of new first grade balls for each contest.
- 7.4 No matches shall be umpired unless mutually agreed by team captains.

## **8 Inclement Weather**

- 8.1 In the event of inclement weather no contest shall be postponed before 10.30am. Teams cancelling before 10.30am may at the discretion of the Interclub Committee, forfeit the points for that match.
- 8.2 If in any contest two or more matches have been completed before play ceases for the day then the contest must be completed within two weeks. Where fewer than two matches have been played, contests shall be cancelled and replayed before the end of the round by mutual agreement.

## **9 Captains and Team Sheets**

- 9.1 The nominated team captain/club representative (of winning team/s) is to electronically enter the result/s within 48 hours of the date of playing the contest.
- 9.2 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 at the Association Office within five working days if requested to do so by the Committee.

## **10 Offences**

If a club or player commits an offence against these rules or the club or player commits a breach of these rules then the provision of Rule 17 (Senior Interclub Rule book) of Interclub shall apply.

- \* Home Team Hosting: (See Rule 17)

# **SUMMER INTERCLUB**

## **11 Competition Format for Championship Grades and Open Monday 1 and Open Tuesday 1 Grades**

- 11.1 This Championship Competition (Monday and Tuesday) shall consist of Promotion/Relegation grades named: Championship 1 and Championship 2.
- These grades shall be restricted to eight teams per grade with no club being represented by more than two teams in any grade.
- 11.2 Entries in Monday and Tuesday Championship 1 and 2 shall be determined from the previous season's results with due regard to promotion and relegation as per Rule 12. If a team does not take up its entitlement thus creating a vacancy, this vacancy may be filled at the discretion of the Interclub Committee.
- 11.3 These four Championship grades (played on a Monday and Tuesday are Promotion/Relegation) and Open Monday 1 and Open Tuesday 1 are promotion grades.
- 11.4 Teams in each of these grades will play a round robin. The team with the highest number of points in each grade will be the winner of that grade. In the event of a tie,

there shall be a count back for all contests of sets for and against and if sets are tied then a games count back for and against. In the event of two teams still being equal, a tie shall be declared.

- 11.5 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 jeopardized by this default will also be credited with the maximum points from the contest when they played the defaulting team. A team that defaults from a contest on the date scheduled by the Committee shall be fined \$50.

- 11.6 Open Monday 2 and Open Tuesday 2 and below

Teams may play on Monday or Tuesday.

Team composition (from the submitted team list) shall decide which section a team plays in based on the total of the four regular playing member's doubles grading points off the Configure Ranking Grading List as at entry closing date.

These grades shall be called Monday Open 2, Tuesday Open 2, Monday Open 3, Tuesday Open 3 etc. (the number of teams entered shall dictate the number of grades required with seven or eight teams per grade).

Teams in each of these grades will play a round robin. The team with the highest number of points in each grade will be the winner of that grade. In the event of a tie, there shall be a count back for all contests of sets for and against and if sets are tied then a games count back for and against. In the event of two teams still being equal, a tie shall be declared.

## **12 Promotion/Relegation**

At the end of the competition the top team from Monday and Tuesday Championship 2 shall be promoted to the grade above and the bottom placed team from Monday and Tuesday Championship 1 and 2 shall be relegated to the grade below. For promotional purposes, the winner of Monday Open 1 and the winner of Tuesday Open 1 will be promoted to Championship 2 for the following season.

## **13 Grading Lists – Playing Order**

- 13.1 Entries and Team Lists shall be entered on Configure Rankings by Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2018.

- 13.2 In the Promotion/Relegation Grades 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 must be graded above the players in the number two team and for the purposes of these rules the number one team shall be deemed to be a higher grade than the number two team.

- 13.3 IN ALL GRADES (Championship and Open Grades) the top graded player (by grading band i.e. D3, D4, D5) from the submitted team list must play in the number one position on any given day and the remaining three players can play in any order on any given day. The team list shall be the list accepted by the Committee as at the entry closing date which will be notified each year.

Team playing lists must be completed prior to the start of play and with the number one named player playing in the number one position for that day. The pairings and order of play shall be 1 & 2, 3 & 4, 1 & 3, 2 & 4. Teams shall consist of four players.

- 13.4 Team entries shall specify a preference of day i.e. Monday or Tuesday. Player and teams can play on both days if they wish as they are deemed to be two separate competitions.

## **14 Substitutes**

- 14.1 No player may play in a lower grade in the same competition. If a team or a player plays in both a Monday and Tuesday competition these are two separate competitions and a player or team due to its team composition may for example be in Monday Open 1 and Tuesday Open 3.

14.2 Any player may at any time play in a higher grade provided that if that player plays more than twice in a higher grade they must automatically assume a position on the higher team list and may not play for a lower graded team hereafter.

14.2.1 A player who is not a nominated team member may reserve in a team/teams as long as their doubles grading band (i.e. D2, D3 etc) is not higher than the top graded player on that teams submitted team list. They may reserve for more than one team provided the above applies but if they reserve for the same team more than twice they may not then play for a team in a lower section than that team.

HOWEVER, to cut down the amount of administrative paper work involved, all players registered to play on a Monday are eligible to play Tuesday and vice versa.

14.2.2 Any club may add a player to their team lists and reserves list/s by contacting Tennis Auckland Interclub Administrator on 021 675 012 prior to that player playing. However, in Promotion/Relegation grades no player may be added to these team lists and reserve lists after 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019.

It is recommended that clubs place all reserves on a RESERVES LIST on Configure Ranking.

## **15 Match Conditions**

15.1 All Championship (Promotion/Relegation) and Open Grade matches shall be the best of two Tie-break sets and a Super Tie-break will decide the winner of a match if the score is one set all.

(Tie-break – first to seven points with a two-point advantage).

(Super Tie-break – first to 10 points with a two-point advantage).

(See Notes for further description)

15.2 There will be no drawn contests – if teams are tied two-all at the end of the contest then a count back of sets will be required. If the sets are tied then a count back of games is required and the team that has the most number of games will be awarded the two bonus points. If the games are equal then both teams will be awarded one bonus point each.

15.3 Each team shall supply two pairs of new first grade balls for each contest.

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

## **16 Inclement Weather**

16.1 In the event of inclement weather no contest shall be postponed before 10.30am. Teams cancelling before 10.30am may at the discretion of the Interclub Committee, forfeit the points for that match.

16.2 If in any contest two or more matches have been completed before play ceases for the day then the contest must be completed within two weeks. Where fewer than two matches have been played, contests shall be cancelled and replayed before the end of the round by mutual agreement.

16.3 If any contest as per Rule 16.2 is unable to be completed within two weeks of the scheduled date then this contest must be completed on the Monday/Tuesday up to two weeks following the last scheduled round of play.

## **17 Home Team Hosting**

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

Unless by mutual consent the commencement time shall be 9.30am.

## **18 Captains and Team Sheets**

18.1 The nominated team captain/club representative (of winning team/s) is to electronically enter the result/s within 48 hours of the date of playing the contest.

18.2 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 at the Association Office within five working days if requested to do so by the Committee.

## **19 Offences**

If a club or player commits an offence against these rules or the club or player commits a breach of these rules then the provision of Rule 17 (Senior Interclub Rule book) of Interclub shall apply.