

TENNIS AUCKLAND WINTER INTERCLUB 2022 GUIDELINES



OVERVIEW

All grades will be played weekly on Sundays, **starting 12 June**, with no play the weekend of 26 June due to Matariki. Most grades start at 10am each week. Some doubles and mixed doubles contests have a 1pm start – please ask teams to check draws carefully for start times.

A majority of grades are a straight round robin with either 7 or 8 teams. The following grades have 6 teams so will play one team in the grade twice to ensure all teams get at least 6 contests:

- Mens Doubles; and
- Mixed Doubles section 1 and 3.

As there are **113** teams entered across all grades, court availability is very tight this year. We are using Club courts where possible, as well as Manukau Tennis Centre and Nicholson Park to fit in all contests. Courts at Nicholson Park and Manukau Tennis Centre are booked for Interclub, and we have priority to use these. Any members of the public must vacate the courts when Interclub players arrive.

We are sorry that some teams have very few home games and a lot of travel, but this is unavoidable with such a high number of teams.

GRADES

Mens & Womens Singles – 7 sections (Men), 3 Sections (Women)

- 4 players per team per contest (or 5 if using a specialist doubles player)
- A contest consists of 4 singles matches and 2 doubles matches

Mens & Womens Doubles – 1 Section (Men), 2 Sections (Women)

- 4 players per team per contest
- A contest consists of 4 doubles matches – playing order 1&2, 3&4, 1&3, 2&4

Mixed Doubles – 3 Sections

- 2 men and 2 women per team per contest
- A contest consists of 2 doubles and 2 mixed doubles matches – either doubles or mixed doubles can be played first. Team captains to agree on match playing order before play starts.

COMPETITION RULES

Format & Start Time

- Each match (including singles) will 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 10 points with a two-point advantage) will be played to decide the winner.
- Most contests start at 10am. Please make sure your players are aware that some doubles and mixed doubles contests start at 1pm. Please ensure any earlier contests start on time and players are mindful of finishing by 1pm for the next round of contests.

Playing Order

- **Singles** – a player from the highest singles grading band must play no. 1 singles for any contest. The no. 1 singles player must play in the no. 1 doubles in any contest. If a specialist doubles player is used, Senior Interclub rule 18(2)(b) will apply (if a specialist doubles player is used and that player has a higher singles grading band than the player playing no. 1 singles, the specialist doubles player must play no. 1 doubles).
- **Doubles** - a player from the highest doubles grading band must play in the number 1 position on any given day. Playing order for the four matches in a contest will be 1& 2, 3&4, then 1&3, 2&4.
- **Mixed Doubles** – the highest-graded man must play in the no. 1 mixed doubles. Women can play in any order in the mixed doubles matches.
- Playing order is determined by the grading list as at **31 May 2022**. These are on the website: <https://www.tennisauckland.co.nz/winter-outdoor/>

Substitutes

- Clubs have up to and including Round 1 (Sunday 12 June) to add any players to team lists. After that date, a player not listed on a team list may reserve in a team as long as his/her grading band is not higher than the highest-graded man on the team list in the case of a man, or the highest-graded woman on a team list in the case of a woman.
- A player listed on a team list may not play in a lower-graded team in the same Winter Interclub Competition.

Inclement Weather

- If the weather is wet, team captains should contact each other to decide if play is possible.
- Team Captains will be responsible for arranging alternative dates if play is not possible, or matches cannot be completed when rain stops play. **Tennis Auckland will not reschedule any contests.**
- Teams will have up to (and including) Sunday 14 August to complete unplayed or unfinished contests.

General Rules & Requirements

- All players must be financial members of the Club that they represent.
- Teams need to provide two pairs of new balls per contest. The Wilson US Open ball is the approved ball for this Competition.
- There are no age restrictions for doubles and mixed doubles grades.
- Host Clubs may wish to provide refreshments. If no food is being provided, please ensure your team captain lets the opposition know.
- All draws and results are on Match Hub. Results should be entered by the captain or nominated person from the winning team into Match Hub by 5pm of the Tuesday following the contest.
- Result sheets are in the 2021-2022 Tennis Auckland Handbooks. Please re-use any books from Senior Interclub where possible. If additional Handbooks are needed, these are available for pick up from the Scarbro Tennis Centre Pro Shop.
- Contact details for team captains and managers are listed at the bottom of each draw. If any details are incorrect or missing, please email us so we can update these.

Covid-19 Protection Framework – Orange Light Guidelines for play

- A My Vaccine Pass (MVP) is not required for any players participating in Winter Interclub.
- No Clubs involved in the Competition require a current MVP for entry to club courts. Most Clubs do not require an MVP for entry into Club rooms (see below point for exception).
- West Harbour does require an MVP for entry into the Club rooms only. This applies for any visiting players or spectators. Either the updated or original MVPs will be accepted as proof of vaccination.
- Mask use is encouraged when indoors, but not required when playing
- Host teams are welcome to provide refreshments for visiting teams
- Please remind all players and spectators to continue with healthy habits:
 - Sanitise and wash hands regularly
 - Stay home if you are sick (or required to isolate)
 - Cough or sneeze into your elbow
 - Be mindful of numbers and distancing when gathered indoors
 - Be safe, be kind and enjoy your tennis

Have a great winter season.

Kayla and Annette

Tennis Auckland Interclub