

2025 CARO BOWL

INFORMATION MANUAL





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31 October - 28 November

**Watch some of New Zealand's
best talent in action and
support your club!**

**Next Generation • Karaka • Eden Epsom
Blockhouse Bay • Parnell • Remuera
Royal Oak • Bucklands Beach • Campbell Park
Papatoetoe • Pakuranga**

6.00pm Friday & 12.30pm Sunday

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History of the Caro Bowl



The Caro Bowl is a rose bowl that was donated to the Auckland Tennis Association by the family of the late Maurice S. Caro who was killed in action at the First Battle of Somme in 1916. Maurice Caro was an all-round sportsman and avid tennis player.

The Caro Bowl was first held in 1919 and is one of the oldest competitions in New Zealand. It is the top interclub trophy played for in the Tennis Auckland competition and has historically attracted the best players.

Caro Bowl teams originally consisted of four men and four women, but the competition was split into separate men's and women's sections in 1991. There are a maximum of eight teams in each section which compete each year for the Caro Bowl trophies. With over 50 clubs affiliated to Tennis Auckland the competition to field a team in Caro Bowl is fierce and winning clubs covet the prized trophy.

Until the mid-1990's Caro Bowl matches were played on a Saturday afternoon, and many will remember the days when Brian Fairlie, Chris Lewis and Russell Simpson turned out for their clubs to do battle on the grass courts at Stanley Street. Almost every top Auckland player and many other fine players from around New Zealand have played in the Caro Bowl competition at some point in their tennis careers.

Friday night play at clubs was trialled in the mid 1990's enabling regular interclub players to support their club's Caro Bowl team. This initiative has remained in place ever since and quite often you will find large crowds enjoying the Caro Bowl action at their home club during the summer season. In 2015, Sunday afternoon contests were added to attract a different audience.

Scarbro Construction came aboard as the main sponsor of the Caro Bowl competition many years ago and this gave Tennis Auckland the opportunity to promote the competition through the media and to pay for the rising costs of administration and court hire. Tennis Auckland is tremendously grateful for the support of Scarbro who have had an involvement with tennis in Auckland dating back to the early 1900's.

A review of the Caro Bowl competition was conducted at the end of the 2015 season. As a result, a new round robin format was introduced for the 2016 season together with the introduction of Saturday night contests and a later start for Sunday afternoon matches.

In 2018, the Men's Final was livestreamed on Tennis Auckland's Facebook page by The Stream Shop. In 2019, both the Men's and Women's Finals were livestreamed. The competition was not contested in 2021 due to Covid-19.

The format for the 2023 season reverted to a full round robin and sadly the sponsorship from Scarbro Construction came to an end. We would like to acknowledge the ongoing support of our tennis clubs. Some of our most established clubs, like Parnell and Remuera, have supported this competition since inception and are still going strong today.



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Key Information

Position	Name	Phone
Clubs & Schools Manager	Mark Lewis	027 449 8818
Interclub Administrator	Kayla Englehardt	021 675 989
Assistant Interclub Administrator	Jody Boulgaris	021 659 391

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Contest start times are:
 - Friday Nights – 6.00pm
 - Sunday Afternoons – 12.30pm
- All results to be entered into MatchPoint at the completion of the contest.
- For results and general news about all Tennis Auckland events, visit our website: www.tennisauckland.co.nz



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Men's Teams



Blockhouse Bay

Martin Colenbrander, Jason Pimenta,
Victor Romero, Ben Stephens



Eden Epsom

Francisco Mendieta, Dan Rowe,
Ben Muller, Charlie Hudson,
Michael Mantua, Patoia Teriipaia,
Ethan Ning



Karaka

Reece Falck, Dan Milburn, Matt Alexander,
Liam Youn, Alvin Na, Seb Lavie, Paxton Maling,
Noa Milburn, Neve Upston, Ernesto Pantau



Next Generation

James Watt, Alex Klintcharov, Isaac Becroft,
Anton Shepp, Dan Persson, Rob Reynolds



Pakuranga

Ajeet Rai, Jayden Court, Dan Brown
Kevin Li, Jack Hansen-Ratter, Luca Bland,
Max Flanagan



Parnell

Rubin Statham, Macsen Sisam, Rhett Purcell,
Finley Hall, Kyle Butters, Ben Cawston,
Alistair Hunt, Andrew Turner, Jacob Warren



Remuera

Matthew Browning, Max Stephens,
Luke Gibbons, Adrian Lagman, Jack Heslin,
Sion Wiggan, Andrew Birse



Royal Oak

Oliver Statham, Felix Littlejohn,
Andrew Allan, Bryce Hayr, James Shortall



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Women's Teams



Bucklands Beach

Emily Dunn, Anabel Chapman,
Emma Roberts, Amber Dano, Aliyah Daly,
Ayla Giesen, Lara Power



Campbell Park

Aishi Das, Renee Zhang,
Yashwitha Reddy, Lucy Zhou,
Jessica Wang, Boidehi Ukil



Blockhouse Bay

Charlie Byers, Mia Chang, Jane Ioaba,
Glynnis Carolissen



Royal Oak

Emma Duvnjac, Genevieve Dickey, Jane
Carter, Issy Coman, Angela Swinkels



Next Generation

Jade Lewis, Leilany Ipunesso, Elys Ventura
Laura Isbey, Jung Yoon Shi, Dorea Morina,
Tabitha Porter, Carlota Casasampere,
Julianne Gillespie



Papatoetoe

Silema Toutai, Sasha Warren, Rebecca
Dellaway, Jacynta Rakete, Baylee Hill-Wihapi
Jade Edwards-Bell, Kairangi Vano, Gina
Ruahe, Regsyne Ruahe, Sylvie Ruahe



Parnell

Natalie Espinal, Emily Fanning, Sarah
Wardenburg, Taylor Brown, Jo Carswell
Una Mistic, Audrey Tran, Pavlina Nola,
Sadheera Weerapperuma, Jasmine Tran,
Hillary Woodham, Eliza Clamor



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Men's Draw

Date **Contest** **Venue** **Back Up Venue**

Round 1 Friday 31 October 6pm	Pakuranga v Karaka Eden Epsom v Parnell Next Gen v Remuera Blockhouse Bay v Royal Oak	Pakuranga Parnell Remuera Blockhouse Bay	TotalCoach TotalCoach Next Gen Blockhouse Bay
Round 2 Sunday 2 November 12.30pm	Parnell v Karaka Pakuranga v Remuera Eden Epsom v Royal Oak Next Gen v Blockhouse Bay	Karaka Pakuranga Royal Oak Blockhouse Bay	TotalCoach Manurewa TotalCoach Blockhouse Bay
Round 3 Friday 7 November 6pm	Eden Epsom v Karaka Next Gen v Pakuranga Blockhouse Bay v Parnell Royal Oak v Remuera	Eden Epsom Next Gen Blockhouse Bay Remuera	TotalCoach Next Gen Blockhouse Bay Total Coach
Round 4 Sunday 9 November 12.30pm	Next Gen v Karaka Blockhouse Bay v Eden Epsom Royal Oak v Pakuranga Remuera v Parnell	Next Gen Blockhouse Bay Pakuranga Parnell	Next Gen Blockhouse Bay TotalCoach Manurewa
Round 5 Friday 14 November 6pm	Royal Oak v Karaka Remuera v Blockhouse Bay Parnell v Next Gen Pakuranga v Eden Epsom	Royal Oak Remuera Parnell Eden Epsom	Albany Blockhouse Bay Total Coach TotalCoach
Round 6 Sunday 16 November 12.30pm	Blockhouse Bay v Karaka Royal Oak v Next Gen Remuera v Eden Epsom Parnell v Pakuranga	Karaka Royal Oak Eden Epsom Parnell	Blockhouse Bay Blockhouse Bay Albany TotalCoach
Round 7 Friday 21 November 6pm	Remuera v Karaka Parnell v Royal Oak Pakuranga v Blockhouse Bay Eden Epsom v Next Gen	Karaka Royal Oak Pakuranga Next Gen	TotalCoach TotalCoach Blockhouse Bay Next Gen
Final Friday 28 November 6pm	First v Second	TBC	TBC



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Women's Draw

Date	Contest	Venue	Back Up Venue
Round 1 Friday 31 October 6pm	Bucklands Beach v Papatoetoe Next Gen v Royal Oak Campbell Park - Bye Parnell v Blockhouse	Bucklands Royal Oak Bye Parnell	TotalCoach Albany Bye Blockhouse
Round 2 Sunday 2 November 12.30pm	Blockhouse v Papatoetoe Campbell Park v Parnell Royal Oak - Bye Bucklands Beach v Next Gen	Blockhouse Campbell P Bye Next Gen	Blockhouse TotalCoach Bye Next Gen
Round 3 Friday 7 November 6pm	Next Gen v Papatoetoe Bucklands Beach - Bye Parnell v Royal Oak Blockhouse v Campbell Park	TotalCoach Bye Parnell Blockhouse	Total Coach Bye Albany Blockhouse
Round 4 Sunday 9 November 12.30pm	Parnell v Papatoetoe Blockhouse Bay - Bye Campbell Park v Next Gen Royal Oak v Bucklands Beach	Parnell Bye Campbell P Bucklands B	TotalCoach Bye Blockhouse TotalCoach
Round 5 Friday 14 November 6pm	Papatoetoe - Bye Parnell v Next Gen Blockhouse v Bucklands Beach Campbell Park v Royal Oak	Bye Next Gen Blockhouse Royal Oak	Bye Next Gen Blockhouse Total Coach
Round 6 Sunday 16 November 12.30pm	Royal Oak v Papatoetoe Bucklands Beach v Campbell Park Next Gen v Blockhouse Parnell - Bye	Royal Oak Bucklands Next Gen Bye	TotalCoach TotalCoach Next Gen Bye
Round 7 Friday 21 November 6pm	Campbell Park v Papatoetoe Royal Oak v Blockhouse Bucklands Beach v Parnell Next Gen - Bye	Campbell Pk Blockhouse Parnell Bye	Albany Blockhouse TotalCoach Bye
Final Friday 28 November 6pm	First v Second	TBC	TBC



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Guidelines

NOTICE TO ALL:

CARO BOWL CLUB MANAGERS | TEAM CAPTAINS | PLAYERS

Please ensure you are all aware of the following:

1 INCLEMENT WEATHER RULES – ALL CONTESTS

- 1.1 Tennis Auckland has arranged back up indoor courts for all matches. When courts are being used as wet weather backup the start time will be 7.00pm on Friday and 1.30pm on Sunday.
- 1.2 The Interclub Committee will not make a blanket transfer to indoors given the extremely variable nature of Auckland's weather. In the event of wet weather on the day of a scheduled contest, the following will apply:
 - 1.3.1 Teams will go to the scheduled club venue (unless captains contact each other prior and agree otherwise); and
 - 1.3.2 Will attempt to play at the club venue.
 - 1.3.3 If there has been no play within one hour of the scheduled start time the contest will move indoors to the assigned wet weather venue.
 - 1.3.4 If the fixture has started and is interrupted by inclement weather teams may wait a reasonable period of time for conditions to become playable. This period should NOT exceed 30 minutes. Should the break in play exceed 30 minutes the contest will move indoors to the assigned wet weather venue.
 - 1.3.5 At any stage by mutual agreement a contest may be moved indoors.

2 INCLEMENT WEATHER – PROCESS FOR MOVING INDOORS

- 2.1 Back-up venues for each contest are noted on the draw. These are:
 - TotalCoach Tennis Centre, Merton Road, Glen Innes. Ph 09 528 9782
 - Blockhouse Bay Tennis Club, Rathlin Street, Blockhouse Bay. Ph 09 627 8735
 - Manuka Doctor Tennis Centre, Tennis Lane, Stanley Street
 - Albany Tennis Park, Oteha Valley Extension, Albany
 - Manurewa Tennis Club, 31 Russell Road, Manurewa Ph 027 2987935



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- 2.2 Blockhouse Bay Tennis Club: For clubs with scheduled indoor back-up matches at Blockhouse Bay please contact the club directly on (09 627 8735) to advise you will be moving indoors to either play or complete the contest.
- 2.3 Albany Tennis Park: For clubs with scheduled indoor back-up matches at Albany, please contact Harry Taylor (021 133 5367) to confirm if you will transfer. Courts are only available from 7:00pm on Fridays. If the weather looks uncertain, please alert Harry before 7:00pm and keep him updated on the night.
- 2.4 TotalCoach Tennis Centre: For contests scheduled to transfer to TotalCoach Tennis Centre, please contact the Pro Shop (09 5289782) before 6pm or the Tennis Auckland Duty Manager on (027 3300459) after 6pm but before 9:30pm on Friday nights. Please contact the Pro Shop (09 5289782) by 5:30pm on Sunday afternoons if you plan to move indoors. Should you have any issues please contact Jody Boulgaris (021 659391).
- 2.5 Manurewa Tennis Club: For contests scheduled to transfer to Manurewa, please phone (027 2987935) before 5:30pm on Sunday to confirm if the venue will be required. If the weather looks uncertain throughout the afternoon, please call the number above to keep them updated.
- 2.6 Please do not take BYO alcohol to back-up venues.
- 2.7 Tennis Auckland will not be liaising with the back-up venues

3 CONTESTS

- 3.1 Captains or Managers will name the playing order for the first matches to be played **15 minutes** before a contest commences. At the conclusion of these matches the teams shall have a maximum of **10 minutes** to name their team for the remainder of the contest.
- 3.2 **When four courts are used** the contest will start with the two doubles matches, followed by the four singles matches.
- 3.3 **When two courts are used** the contest will start with the two doubles matches. The two teams will then alternate in deciding the order of the singles matches with the Home Team deciding the first singles match to be played.
- 3.4 The official warm-up time at the start of each match is 5 minutes.

4 DEFAULTS

Contests must start at 6pm on Friday or 12.30pm on Sundays. Unless both captains agree otherwise the following default process shall apply:



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Any doubles combination not on court within 20 minutes of the designated start time will be defaulted.

Any singles player not present to play his or her singles match within 45 minutes of the designated start time will be defaulted. The players present in that team must then play in the highest position possible in any remaining match or matches and the team sheet shall be altered accordingly.

Where a Club defaults a contest or defaults more than half the matches in a contest that Club shall be deemed to have committed an offence against these Rules and the Committee may if it sees fit take action against that Club under Rule 25.

5 MATCH FORMAT

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 the first to seven points with a two-point advantage.

Doubles matches to be two Tie-break sets with no-ad deuces (ie. at deuce one deciding point is played with the receiver choosing the side which they wish to receive from). Tie-break to apply at six games all in either set. Tie-break to be the 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.

International Rules will apply i.e. at the first change of ends in each set, players should go straight to the other end and play is to continue without a break. The first break is after the third game of each set. At the end of each set a two-minute break is allowed.

6 COACHING

Coaching by either the Team Coach or a designated person is permitted during a match. Coaching shall only take place during the change of ends and must not disrupt progress of the match. Each team is allowed no more than one person at the side of each court.

7 BALLS USED IN ALL CONTESTS

Teams shall use the adopted ball specified each season by the Committee. Each team shall provide 3 x three ball cans of new first grade tennis balls for each contest. The adopted ball for this season is the Wilson US Open ball.



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8 HOST VENUES

All participating clubs to ensure their lights are of the best possible quality. As a courtesy to players, if your club has a choice of surfaces, please notify your opposition which surface will be used a week prior to the match.

9 UMPIRES

Players shall umpire their own matches. During the finals, officials will be present to either adjudicate or fully call matches depending on the level of staffing available.

10 PLAYING ORDER – RULE 13

(1) Singles

The approved playing order from the Team List is to be followed for Singles matches.

Where a player is required to play up from another team that player must play below the players on the Team List regardless of his or her WTN Ranking. If two players are required to play up on any given day then these two players must both play below the players on the Team List, but the player with the higher grading band must play ahead of the other player. If both players playing up have the same grading band they can play in any order.

(2) Doubles

The No.1 singles player in a contest on any given day must play in the top doubles if playing doubles in that contest. The only exception is where a specialist doubles player is used and is either ranked higher on the approved playing order from the Team List, or has a higher singles grading band, than the player playing the No.1 singles. In that case, the specialist doubles player must play in the No.1 doubles and the No.1 singles player can then play in either doubles pairing.

There is no limit to the number of specialist doubles players that can be used in any one contest.

11 ADDITIONS TO TEAM LISTS – RULE 8

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 – **Wednesday 29th October**. The Committee must approve the placement of the new team member within the team's approved playing order. No player additions can be made after this date.



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12 PLAYER ELIGIBILITY – RULE 10

- (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 Caro Bowl Team List for that Club; or
 - 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.
- (4) No player may play up from the Auckland Senior Interclub Competition on more than three occasions in any season.

13 POOL PLAY FORMAT

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.

14 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.

15 HOST VENUES FOR FINALS

The Final to be hosted by the team that won the round robin.

16 TIED CONTESTS IN THE FINAL

If 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 10 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.



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17 PLAYER BEHAVIOUR

The players playing Caro Bowl are to set an example for all tennis players and therefore standards of dress, discipline, language and behaviour must be maintained at the highest level. **Team Managers** must ensure their players comply with these standards.

18 LOCAL PROMOTION OF CARO BOWL

- a) Draws, results and points table will be promoted on the Tennis Auckland Facebook page and website weekly during the competition. Clubs are encouraged to share the posts on their own social media. Graphics can be supplied on request.
- b) Clubs are encouraged to promote the competition and the team within your own club. Encourage club members to come and support your team, and make these supporters feel welcome.
- c) If you have any imagery from matches, please share them with Tennis Auckland, either by sending them through to interclub@tennisauckland.co.nz or tagging @tennisauckland on your Facebook posts.
- d) Please advise Tennis Auckland if you plan to host any events for your Caro Bowl matches so we can promote them on our Facebook and website pages.

Good Luck

Tennis Auckland Interclub Administration Team



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Venue Locations

Club Venue Locations

Blockhouse Bay	36 Rathlin Street, Blockhouse Bay	627 8735
Bucklands Beach	Rogers Park, Jern Place, Eastern Beach	535 4897
Campbell Park	197 Greenlane West, Epsom	520 2191
Eden Epsom	1 Penrhyn Road, Mt Eden	630 0397
Karaka	372 Blackbridge Road, Karaka	292 7588
Next Gen	1 Tennis Lane, Parnell	345 5600
Parnell	Cnr Titoki & Maunsell Roads	373 2733
Pakuranga	101 Pigeon Mountain Rd, Pakuranga	534 1038
Papatoetoe	20 Sutton Crescent, Papatoetoe	02108669289
Remuera	17 Dilworth Ave, Remuera	524 8857
Royal Oak	116 Symonds Street, Royal Oak	625 7191

Regional and Back Up Venue Locations

Manuka Doctor Tennis Arena	1 Tennis Lane, Auckland	373 3623
TotalCoach Tennis Centre	69 Merton Road, St Johns	528 9782
Albany Tennis Park	321 Oteha Valley Rd, Albany	414 5530
Manurewa Tennis Club	31 Russell Rd, Manurewa	266 4693



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Past Winners

Men's	Year	Women's
Next Gen	2024	Parnell
Next Gen	2023	Next Gen
Next Gen	2022	Next Gen
No Contest	2021	No Contest
Next Gen	2020	Bucklands Beach
Cockle Bay	2019	Sunnyhills
Karaka	2018	Royal Oak
Next Gen	2017	Parnell
Next Gen	2016	Royal Oak
Blockhouse Bay	2015	Sunnyhills
Blockhouse Bay	2014	Sunnyhills
Parnell	2013	Sunnyhills
Parnell	2012	Royal Oak
Remuera	2011	Kohimarama
Parnell	2010	Parnell
West End	2009	Parnell
Parnell	2008	Parnell
Parnell	2007	Mangere Combined
Parnell	2006	Parnell
Parnell	2005	Parnell
West End	2004	Mangere Combined
Remuera	2003	Parnell
Parnell	2002	Parnell
Parnell	2001	Parnell
Parnell	2000	Parnell
Parnell	1999	Parnell
Parnell	1998	Parnell
Remuera	1997	Remuera
Parnell	1996	Parnell
Parnell	1995	Parnell
Parnell	1994	Remuera
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