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1. Competitions: All competitions and activities conducted by this Association shall be under the general control of the Committee of Management which shall exercise the powers of a Referee. Authority to conduct Competitions is delegated from the Committee of Management to each individual Competition Secretary.

2. Correspondence: All general correspondence from teams, registered members or other persons shall be addressed to the Secretary of the Association and/or the relevant Competition Secretary. In the case of teams and players, the correspondence should be forwarded through or by the nominated Captain of the team concerned whenever possible. Correspondence from HKDTA to players/members will be through the relevant Competition Secretary, the Secretary of the Association, or the HKDTA Office.

3. Entries & Competition Fees: Entries for all Competitions shall be made on the forms provided for that purpose and forwarded to the Secretary of the Association. Each entry form shall be filled out by the Captain and all particulars required must be supplied. The closing dates for entries and commencement dates for all Competitions shall be decided by the appropriate Competition Secretary and approved by the Committee of Management. Notifications of such dates shall be given to all team Captains and players via the Toss & Goss (our Association newsletter) and the HKDTA website.

Competition fees are to be paid as directed by the Association.

Team Competition Fees – At the completion of 1/3 of the scheduled matches for the competition (excluding finals), if teams have not paid competition fees in full, no more points will be awarded to the team in question. Points can only be awarded once fees have been paid and only for matches from that date onwards.

Player Registration – Apart from Late Registrations, if players in a team are not financial members of HKDTA at the completion of 1/3 of the scheduled matches for the competition (excluding finals), then teams will not receive any further points for sets in which that player participates until registration has been paid. Points can only be awarded once fees have been paid and only for matches from that date onwards.

4. Grades and Grading: All Competitions shall be conducted in grades/divisions as decided by the appropriate Competition Secretary. All players of the Association may be individually graded or re-graded where necessary by the Competition Secretary. Competition entries shall state the grade in which it is desired that teams or players participate. The final decision in this regard shall be made by the appropriate Competition Secretary. Appeals against grading will be heard by the Committee of Management. Any team entered may only be withdrawn by approval of the appropriate Competition Secretary without becoming liable to individual and/or collective penalty. Refund of Competition fees or the transfer of such fees from one player to another will not be considered after the grading of teams is complete, unless with the approval of the appropriate Competition Secretary.

5. Eligibility of Players: All players shall be financial members of this Association. Registration of players in any Competitions conducted by this Association shall be governed by the Memorandum and Articles of Association of Tennis N.S.W. and their By-Laws.

No person shall participate in Competitions of this Association without the permission of the relevant Competition Secretary of the relevant Competition. Such permission may be granted retrospectively.

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6. Match Play: The format of each Competition shall be recommended by the appropriate Competition Secretary for approval by the Committee of Management prior to the calling of entries for each Competition and published in the draw book for each Competition.

7. Teams: The number of players constituting a team will be recommended by the appropriate Competition Secretary to the Committee of Management prior to the calling of entries for each Competition. Details of the Competition format to be included in each draw book.

8. Late Registration of Players: Late Registration of players as additional team members or Pool Players is available up until the point where 75% of matches in the competition (excluding finals) have been played. All applications must be in writing on the form provided and must be accompanied by the appropriate fee. Applications will be accepted retrospectively if included on the bottom section of the result card immediately following the players first match.

All details must be filled in on the result card and the onus is on the team to play the player in the correct grade. Failure to do this will result in the new player's sets being forfeited. Any player applying for registration must play the stipulated number of matches to be eligible for participation in qualification, semi-final and final matches.

9. Pool Players: Applications will be taken from individual players wishing to join the Pool List of an individual Competition. Applications should include name, address, phone number, email address, Association membership fee and Division requested to play. The relevant Competition Secretary shall have the final decision regarding Division played, and a player shall not play below this Division in the current Competition. A list of Pool Players shall be made available to all team captains throughout the Competition. Requests for a pool player to play should be made directly to the player.

A fee per day of play, as determined by the relevant Competition Secretary, is payable by a Pool Player to the Competition Secretary or Team Captain on the day of play. A Pool Player must remain in the Pool (with no limit on matches with any one team) unless they apply to join a team in writing, on the result card signed by the Captain of the team.

Reserves may also be drawn from teams in the same or lower divisions by applying through the Team Captain, but Pool Players of the same division should be approached before using other team's players.

A registered team member, from the same Competition, may play as a substitute player in any team of the same or higher division but may only play twice for any one team.

Registered team members of the appropriate standard from other Competitions may play under the same conditions as Pool Players. Pool Players or reserve players from other teams may not play in a team unless all non-participating registered team members are unavailable for play.

10. Transfers: A player, once entered and graded with a registered team, shall not:

- (i) transfer to another team in the same Division of the same Competition;
- (ii) play in another team in a lower Division; or
- (iii) register as a Pool Player in a higher division

without prior sanction of the relevant Competition Secretary.

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To avoid a forfeit in a qualification, semi-final, or final match, a player may be promoted from lower division teams, on approval from the Competition Secretary, provided that he/she has qualified in the lower division and that his/her own team is not, or has not been, involved in any semi-final or final matches. Bottom division teams may borrow from their own division or a Pool Player from their own Division, when ratified by the Competition Secretary.

A player shall not in any circumstances participate in any two matches in the same Competition on the same day.

11. Incapacitation: In the event of a player becoming incapacitated through injury or unforeseen illness during the course of any Competition round match, a non-participating but registered player from the same team may be substituted from the start of the next set.

Either a Pool Player or registered team member from the same or a lower division may also substitute for the incapacitated player if no registered team members are available.

The substitute player must continue to participate for the remainder of the match.

In the event of a player becoming incapacitated in an qualification, semi-final or final match, a player from the same team may be used as a substitute.

Any protest regarding substitution of a player because of incapacitation should be forwarded to the Secretary of the relevant Competition within 48 hours of the match.

Any set unfinished because of incapacitation shall have all unfinished and unplayed games forfeited.

12. Balls: Each Competition Secretary to advise the minimum number of balls to be provided for each match and of a brand approved by Tennis Australia.

13. Rules of Play: The rules of play, except as otherwise herein provided, or as provided in current draw book, shall be those adopted by the International Tennis Federation (ITF) from time to time.

14. Courts: All courts shall conform to the standard required by the Committee of Management and shall be subject to inspection by appointed Committee members.

Home Team Captains shall be responsible for the proper maintenance of privately owned courts.

It is implicit in the entry of teams that access to relevant courts is available during any official match to participating players and their supporters. Any variation to this provision may be sought from the Committee of Management in writing, setting out in full the reasons for such request. The decision of the Committee of Management shall be final.

Neutral courts may be selected by the relevant Competition Secretary for any match. They shall have the right to use any court twice for this purpose in any one Competition.

The Association Courts, wherever situated, shall be considered neutral courts to all teams and individual players.

Where a court is unplayable during round matches because of stress of weather or for any

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other reason, opposing Captains may mutually agree to transfer the match to any other court within the HKDTA area, provided the relevant Competition Secretary is notified either before or immediately following the match.

15. Starting Time: The starting time of any match in any Competition shall be determined by the relevant Competition Secretary.

Play in Competitions may be started at an earlier (or later) time by mutual consent of opposing Captains.

16. Finishing Time: A finishing time for relevant Competitions may be determined by the relevant Competition Secretary. Where no such time is determined, opposing team captains may mutually agree on cessation of play because of the state of the weather or light or lateness. Lack of mutual agreement will be the subject of adjudication by the relevant Competition Secretary.

17. Rest Periods: A maximum of five minutes ONLY shall be allowed from the completion of one set to the commencement of the next set.

18. Match Cards: All player's names are to be entered on the Match Card, as provided by the Association, before the commencement of each match. Players names need to be entered in seeding orders where relevant (see Specific Rules for individual competitions).

19. Results: Results of all matches played or partly played must be recorded on the Match Cards provided. Cards shall be signed by opposing Captains and forwarded to the relevant Competition Secretary immediately following completion of the match. Unsigned cards or cards endorsed "signed under protest" shall indicate that a protest or dispute is pending under Clause 32 of these General Competition Rules.

20. Point Scores: Point scoring procedures for each Competition, having been determined by the Competition Secretary, and approved by the Committee of Management, will be published in the Specific Rules for each competition.

For awarding Bonus Points in round matches, "most games" is defined as winning a minimum of 50% plus 1 of the games scheduled to be played in that match. "Most sets" is defined as winning more than 50% of the sets scheduled to be played in that match. If either games or sets are equal, then any relevant bonus points are evenly divided.

All games completed in any match determined as above shall be recorded for and against the team concerned and shall be taken into account, if necessary, in the determination of which teams qualify for semi-finals (or finals only if no semi-finals to be played). In the event of point scores being equal, an average of games won as compared with games lost by each team involved shall decide the respective places in the final point scores.

21a. Wet Weather or Court Unplayable: The Competition Secretary and/or Mills Park Centre Manager (Pro Shop) reserves the right to Abandon or Postpone any matches should the court surface be deemed unplayable due to rain for any other reason considered to be appropriate. This decision will be relayed by the Pro Shop/Competition Secretary via text message or phone call to the Team Captains as soon as it is evident that the courts are unplayable. Captains should then advise their team members. The Pro Shop will also update the "Wet Weather Information" tab on the HKDTA website to indicate that the matches have been cancelled.

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If rain has occurred earlier but the courts are still deemed playable at the scheduled commencement of the match, then team members are required to be at the court at the scheduled starting time, ready to play.

If rain occurs after a match has commenced, then the Competition Secretary and/or the Centre Manager will determine if the match is to be Abandoned, Postponed, or, if rain ceases within 30 minutes, recommenced.

Only semi-final, final or qualification matches shall be Postponed.

21b. Extreme Heat: In the event of extreme heat (36°C and over), the matches in progress may be continued by mutual agreement of teams concerned, or may be abandoned by a team player electing not to continue. In this case subsequent sets and points will be split. Refer to Rule 11 in General Competition Rules regarding incapacity where replacement by another team member may take place if it is deemed necessary by mutual agreement of teams concerned.

22. Abandoned or Postponed Matches: Matches declared Postponed by the relevant Competition Secretary and/or Centre Manager may be played at any mutually convenient date during the same Competition series provided prior notice of intention is given to the relevant Competition Secretary by both team captains. Matches recommence with the score precisely at the point where the match was previously Postponed.

If wet matches that have been Abandoned are to be replayed, notice must be given to all team Captains prior to the commencement of the Competition series.

Wet matches Abandoned with less than 50% of the scheduled sets completed will be replayed. If 50% of the scheduled sets have been completed the match will stand, with the points for sets remaining to be played shared between both teams. If a team has won a minimum of 50% plus 1 of the scheduled sets to be played they will be awarded any relevant Bonus Point(s), otherwise the Bonus Point(s) will be shared between both teams.

Players having started in a Postponed match of a semi-final, final or qualification match must participate in the completion of the match. A player unable to continue in the resumed semi-final, final or elimination match may apply to the Competition Secretary (in writing) to substitute a qualified player.

23. Forfeit of Sets: Should any team play a match with less than the number of players the team requires, such team shall forfeit all sets in which each absent player would have participated.

Each forfeited set provides 1 point and the maximum number of games to the opposing team.

If a team does not have a pair on court ready to play within 5 minutes from the end of the preceding set, the next set shall be forfeited, unless stated otherwise in the Competition draw book. This rule shall apply to all successive sets.

Any team without a pair on the court ready to commence play within 15 minutes of the advertised (or agreed) starting time shall forfeit the first set. Any team not able to commence play within 30 minutes shall forfeit the first 2 sets.

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24. Forfeit of Match: Any team not able or refusing to commence the match within 45 minutes of the scheduled starting time shall be deemed to have lost the full match.

Where a complete match is forfeited, the opposing team shall score 1 point for each set forfeited and any bonus points specified for an outright win.

Any team forfeiting a complete match is automatically liable to a penalty to be determined by the relevant Competition Secretary, at the start of each Competition. This penalty may be waived and/or remitted in the event of an excuse considered by the relevant Competition Secretary to be reasonable and written attestation that every attempt had been made to field a team, being lodged with the relevant Competition Secretary within 7 days of the date of the granting of such forfeit.

Forfeiture of three (3) full matches may render a team liable to be withdrawn from the Competition series. Members of that team, in the absence of a reasonable explanation shall be guilty of a breach of these Rules.

25. Withdrawal of Team: Should any team withdraw during a Competition series during the first half of the draw, all points for and against, including sets and games, will be deleted. Should any team withdraw during the second half of the draw, points and games of the first half shall remain and those of the second half only will be deleted.

26. Semi-finals and Finals: Semi-final and final matches may be included and played at the discretion of the relevant Competition Secretary. Notice will be given by the relevant Competition Secretary to Team Captains before the commencement of each Competition.

Unless otherwise determined by the relevant Competition Secretary, divisions with 8 teams will play semi-finals and a final. In divisions with 6 teams only a final will be played.

Where a forfeit of a match has been awarded which materially affects the prospects of any team or teams (other than a team granting the forfeit), the relevant Competition Secretary shall have the right to order qualification matches between any teams so affected.

A registered team member must participate in at least three (3) preliminary round matches with his/her own team (not as a Pool Player), to be eligible to play in a qualification, semi-final or final match, regardless of the length of the Competition or the occurrence of byes.

If sufficient registered team members are not available, a player from a team not reaching the semi-finals or the final may be borrowed to play in a semi-final or final provided:-

- (i) They are not of a higher standard
- (ii) Permission is obtained from the Competition Secretary

Pool Players are not eligible to play in any semi-final or final matches.

In semi-finals and finals, when the match is drawn, a 10 point match tiebreak is to be played by any 2 players from each team (a mixed pair in mixed Competitions). The names of these two players from each team to be named:

- (i) simultaneously, so as not to give either team the advantage of the 'put on', and
- (ii) immediately so that play can be continuous.

Opposing pairs shall toss for the choice of serve/receive or choice of end.

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Tossing: In all elimination, semi-final or final matches opposing Captains shall toss for the choice of being “Home” Captain.

27. Promotion and Relegation: In competitions with more than one division, at the end of each competition the team with the most points on the competition table (Division Winner), or if a Final is played, then the winner of the Final, will be promoted to the next highest division for the following competition, and the team with the least points on the competition table will be relegated to the next lowest division.

Whilst this is the preferred practice, it is recognised that in some circumstances this practice may not be appropriate. Those circumstances are limited to:

- a) different competition structures within different divisions
- b) changes to team personnel that in the opinion of the Competition Secretary will significantly strengthen or weaken a particular team
- c) an exceptional disparity between the standard of the two divisions in the opinion of the Competition Secretary.

In situations such as “b” and “c” above, the Competition Secretary can organise a “play-off” match between the top team of the lower division, and the bottom team of the higher division for the right to play in the higher division.

Should two teams be equal at the top of the table at the end of the competition, then those two teams will be scheduled to play against each other for the right to be promoted. Should those two teams meet in the “Final” of the competition, that will count as the match to decide which team is to be promoted.

Should two teams be equal at the bottom of the table at the end of the competition, then those two teams will be scheduled to play against each other for the right not to be relegated.

28. Umpires: Players are expected to “self-umpire” during matches. An official umpire may be appointed by the relevant Competition Secretary to control any match if considered necessary.

29. Custody of Association Trophies: Each Team Captain shall be responsible for any Association trophies held by their Team. They shall personally arrange for such trophies to be returned to the Secretary of the Association upon request by him/her before the commencement of the next Competition.

30. Tennis Attire: Clothing and foot wear must be suitable for use on a tennis court and must not display offensive or inappropriate material.

31. Notices: Where not otherwise provided for in the Rules of the Incorporated Association or these Rules, publication of information in the Association Newsletter (Toss & Goss), on our website, or on the club notice boards shall be deemed sufficient.

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32. Protests/complaints: A protest or complaint must be lodged with the Secretary of the relevant Competition, and/or the Secretary of the Association, in writing within 48 hours of the occurrence concerned. Complaints or Protests on matters relating to the conduct of competitions can be lodged only by Team Captains. Any party to a protest or dispute may apply for the right of audience at any hearing thereof. Complaints or Protests will be heard by a Sub-Committee consisting of at least 1 HKDTA Executive member (excluding the President), and two other Committee Members.

33. Conduct: Any member who, in the opinion of the relevant Sub-Committee and/or Competition Secretary is guilty of using obscene, indecent or offensive language during any match and/or adjudged guilty of conduct prejudicial to such match, shall be guilty of a breach of these Rules and is liable to a penalty in the form of a fine and/or disqualification or suspension of any amount or for any period as considered appropriate by the relevant Sub-Committee.

Disciplinary action will be taken by the Management Committee, which could result in suspension for a period of time, if any player is reported to the Committee for any of the reasons listed below:

Unsporting Conduct: Engaging in conduct regarded as prejudicial to the image and integrity of tennis.

Physical Abuse: Physically abusing any official, opponent, spectator or person within the precincts of the court/courts.

Verbal Abuse: Verbally abusing any official, opponent, spectator or other person. Verbal abuse is defined as a statement directed at an official, opponent, spectator or other person that implies dishonesty or is derogatory, insulting or otherwise abusive.

Audible Obscenity: Using offensive or obscene language. Audible obscenity is defined as the clear use of words commonly known and understood to be profane.

Visible Obscenity: Making offensive or obscene gestures at any official, opponent, spectator or other person.

Abuse of Equipment/Balls: Hitting, kicking or throwing a tennis ball, racquet or other equipment or in any way unreasonably interfering with any court fixtures or equipment.

34. Penalty: Teams and/or individual players who are judged by the relevant Sub-Committee/and or Competition Secretary to be guilty of a breach of these rules may be subject to a penalty in the form of a fine and/or suspension or disqualification for any amount or for any period as the relevant Sub-Committee/and or Competition Secretary considers appropriate, unless a specific penalty is otherwise provided. Loss of points to a team may also be ordered where considered appropriate.

35. Appeals: Any party to such protest, dispute, breach of rules and/or penalty if dissatisfied with the decision of the relevant Sub-Committee/and or Competition Secretary may appeal to the Committee of Management upon Notice of Appeal being lodged in writing with the Secretary of the Association within three, (3) days of the promulgation of the decision concerned.

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36. Interpretation: The interpretation of these Rules is the responsibility of the Committee of Management.

Recommendation of any amendment may be made by the relevant Competition Secretary to the Committee of Management and such amendments may be made to operate from a date considered appropriate by the Committee of Management.

The Committee of Management shall have the power to adjudicate upon any matter not specifically covered by these Rules. Any adjudication so made shall operate as a decision on the Rules.

Proviso 1 - Where anything in these Rules conflict with the provision of the Memorandum and Articles of Association and By-Laws of Tennis N.S.W. Limited the latter shall prevail.

37. Acceptance: Upon payment of the prescribed fees and/or participation in the Competitions conducted by this Association, a Team Captain or player shall be deemed to have accepted all Rules of this Association.

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MONDAY & THURSDAY NIGHT MIXED COMPETITIONS

Start/finish time

1. Play is to commence at 7.00pm SHARP.

Format of play

1. Four players per team, two Ladies and two Men.
2. All sets shall consist of 8 games, including semi-finals and final matches.
3. In Mixed Doubles, Ladies to play one set with each male partner.

Order of play

1. There will be 8 sets played. The order of sets shall be as follows:
Mixed doubles (2); Ladies doubles (1); Men's doubles (1)
Ladies doubles (1), Men's doubles (1); Mixed doubles (2)
2. Order of sets may be altered by mutual agreement.
3. Prior to the commencement of any match, teams shall toss for the choice of service or end in the 1st set. Service for the next three sets are automatically rotating, but then the order will be reversed from set 5.
4. Home team nominates its pair first for first set. Away team nominates its pair first for 7th set. All other sets are automatic.
5. Teams may double up once on a spare court, subject to availability, but may not continue doubling up throughout the night, as this excludes the use of available courts for other teams. If all other teams have had the chance to double up on a spare court, teams may double up again if courts are available.

Provision of balls

1. A can of balls will be provided by the club and can be picked up by the home team from the Pro Shop at the start of play.

Match results

1. Results of all matches played or partly played must be recorded on the result cards provided. Cards shall be signed by opposing Captains and forwarded to the relevant Competition Secretary immediately following completion of the match. Unsigned cards or cards endorsed "signed under protest" shall indicate that a protest or dispute is pending under Clause 32 of the HKDTA General Competition Rules.
2. The winner of a completed competition match is the team with the most games won and if games are equal, the winner is the team with the most sets won. If sets and games are equal it is a tie.
3. Point Scores – competition tables shall be decided on points, which will be allocated as follows: Each set won in a match = 1 point. Each set unplayed or drawn = ½ point to each team. The team which has won most games = 1 point (shared if equal). The team that has won most sets = 1 point (shared if equal).

Finals Series

1. The winner of a qualification, semi-final or final match is the team with the most games won and if games are equal, the winner is the team with the most sets won. If sets and games are equal it is a draw and a 10-point match tiebreak game will be played in accordance with General Rule 26 to determine the winner.

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MONDAY NIGHT SHORT COMPETITION

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TUESDAY NIGHT COMPETITION

Start/finish time

1. Matches start at 7.00pm.

Format of play

1. Number of players per match: *Wimbledon & lower:* 3 players per team
Super Comp & Elite: 2 players per team
2. Sets played: *Wimbledon & lower:* 6 sets of 9 games – 3 x singles & 3 x doubles
Super Comp & Elite: 5 tie-break sets – 4 x singles & 1 x doubles
3. Team Captains are responsible for ranking players in their team on the team sheet when registering their team, and ensuring that players are seeded correctly for each match. Ranking of players can be altered by the Competition Secretary at any time throughout the Competition.

Order of play

1. The names of players who will be playing in each match should be entered on to the scorecard for the match before the commencement of the first set.
2. Order of sets
Wimbledon & lower:

1. Doubles 1&3 v 1&3	4*. Singles 3 v 3
2. Doubles 2&3 v 2&3	5. Singles 2 v 2
3. Doubles 1&2 v 1&2	6. Singles 1 v 1

Super Comp & Elite:

1. Doubles	4*. Singles 1 v 1
2. Singles 1 v 2	5. Singles 2 v 2
3. Singles 2 v 1	

*After the completion of sets 1-3, the home team decides if the remaining sets are played in the order above, or if they will be played in reverse order.
3. Order of play can be altered for any match with the agreement of both team Captains.
4. Players toss for choice of serve or end at the start of the first match. Choice then alternates in subsequent sets.

Provision of balls

1. Balls provided by the Pro-shop, to be collected by the home team before each match.

Match results

1. Points awarded for Round matches:
Wimbledon & lower: 1 point for each set won; ½ point for any set unplayed;
1 bonus point for winning the most games;
1 bonus point for winning the most sets
Super Comp & Elite: 1 point for each set won; ½ point for any set unplayed;
1 point for winning the most games;
2. The winner is determined by the number of sets won for Wimbledon Division and lower (if equal then the number of games won), and the number of sets won for Super Comp & Elite. Bonus points are not awarded for finals matches.
3. In semi-final, final or play-off matches, if two teams are equal on both the number of sets and the number of games won then a Match Tie-Break (doubles) will be played to determine the winner.

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Substitution of players/reserve players – FOR SUPER & ELITE COMPS ONLY

1. In addition to the General Competition Rules regarding player substitution due to injury, any individual player can be replaced by another individual player registered in that team at the commencement of any set, provided that player has not taken part in any other match in that competition on that date. The player who is replaced can be recalled to play in a subsequent set, with the only restrictions being that no player can play more than 2 sets of singles, or can play against the same opponent twice.

Use of “Singles Sticks” – FOR SUPER COMP ONLY

1. For all singles matches the home team Captain needs to ensure that singles sticks have been utilised to raise the net to the correct height. Singles sticks should be collected from the clubhouse when collecting the balls at the start of the evening, and returned with the scorecard at the end.

Umpiring of matches (*Trial rule for 2018 Winter competition in addition to rule 28*)

1. Players are expected to “self-umpire” during matches.
2. Either player or team can request at any time that an umpire be used to make line calls and keep score. In the event that only one team or player requests this then the opposing team will be given the first opportunity to umpire. If the opposing team decline to umpire then the requesting team have the opportunity to choose an umpire from any available player or non-player.

WEDNESDAY LADIES’ COMPETITION

Start/finish time

1. Arrival Time is 9.15am. Starting time for the match is 9.30am. The match can be started earlier by mutual agreement. Teams must have a pair on the court ready to commence play at 9.30am. Any team without a pair on the court ready to commence play at 9.30am, shall forfeit the first set.
2. All matches are to be completed at 2.00pm. However, the set in progress may be continued beyond 2.00pm provided mutual consent from all players involved. ***The priority is for all matches to be completed***, so players are requested not to delay the commencement of the match nor subsequent sets during the day. You are allowed to double up ONLY sets 5 + 6 if courts are available.

Format of play

6. Each team will consist of four players per match.
7. Each player shall participate in 3 sets of doubles, one set with each of the other team members.
8. The match will consist of 6 sets of doubles. Tiebreak sets shall be played in all matches, the tiebreak commencing at 6 games all.
9. A fee of \$5 per day of play is payable by any Pool player to the Team captain.
10. **PUT - ONS:** Away Team to firstly nominate all players numbers on the Result Card prior to commencement of each match, followed by the Home Team nominating all their players’ numbers. Players are not graded, only numbered for order of sets and can be varied from week to week.
11. **TOSSING:** Prior to the commencement of any match, opposing captains shall toss for the choice of serving, receiving or choosing the end. The serve shall then alternate with each set.
12. **UMPIRES:** Round matches :- Umpires must be provided on an alternating sets basis with home team commencing, unless mutually agreed to the contrary by both team

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captains. Should any altercation arise between teams during the course of play, umpires may be introduced as stated above, if either team captain requests same.

Order of play

1. The order of sets which MAY BE ALTERED by mutual agreement of captains, shall be as follows:-

<u>Set</u>	<u>Home team</u>		<u>Away team</u>
1	1 & 2	v	1 & 2
2	3 & 4	v	3 & 4
3	1 & 3	v	1 & 3
4	2 & 4	v	2 & 4
5	2 & 3	v	2 & 3
6	1 & 4	v	1 & 4

Players participate in the following sets: -

<u>Home team</u>	<u>Sets</u>	<u>Away team</u>	<u>Sets</u>
Player No. 1	1,3,6	Player No. 1	1,3,6
Player No. 2	1,4,5	Player No. 2	1,4,5
Player No. 3	2,3,5	Player No. 3	2,3,5
Player No. 4	2,4,6	Player No. 4	2,4,6

2. **REST PERIODS:** Play is to be continuous between sets, except between sets 2 and 3 and 4 and 5 where up to 10 minutes will be allowed.

Provision of balls

1. Minimum of 2 new balls of a brand approved by Tennis Australia to be provided by the home team in all round matches. Balls will be provided by the Association for semi finals and finals.

Match results

1. **POINT SCORE:** Points will be allocated as follows : -
One (1) point for each set won. Any set unplayed or incomplete will provide 1/2 point to each team.
One (1) point to the team winning most games in the completed match, or shared if games are drawn, PLUS
One (1) point to the team winning most sets in the completed match, or shared if sets are drawn.

Where the match is stopped prior to completion, and not declared a “wet match”, the points already decided will be awarded, and those still undecided will be shared by both teams, unless one team is in an unbeatable position, eg: if one set is not played and a team is ahead by 7 or more games, they would be awarded the one point for winning the most games and if a team is ahead with at least 4 sets they will be awarded the one point for winning the most sets. Otherwise you share the bonus points.
The team with the higher number of points will be declared the winner.

2. **RESULT CARDS:** At the completion of play, Result Cards MUST be placed in the result card boxes at Mills Park courts by **8.00pm** - BY THE HOME TEAM. Teams playing on private courts ring through scores to Beate Seiler on 9482 5583.
3. Cards must be signed by both team captains, unless there is a protest.

Substitution of players

1. In accordance with Rule 11 of the General Competition Rules regarding player

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substitution due to injury. This rule does not allow substitution for tiredness, cramp, heat exhaustion, pre-existing injury or pre-existing illness.

Wet or Heat affected matches:

1. If play has not commenced by 10.15am due to wet conditions, the match will be called off.
2. A “Wet Match” is defined as a match postponed as a result of 60% of matches not starting. **ONE (1) match** which has been declared “wet match” will be played at the end of the round matches. The decision to declare a “wet match” will be made by the Competition Secretary and will be final. The decision will be published in Toss & Goss.
3. Mutual agreement between team captains must be arrived at in order to begin play on a wet court or to abandon a match due to wet weather.
If there is no mutual agreement re start/continuation of play within 45 minutes then the match will be declared abandoned. Players must wait at the court during this time. A card must be submitted by the home team with brief explanation of reason for abandonment.
4. One point played constitutes a started match and a result **MUST** be submitted.
5. If rain delays play for an accumulated time of 45 minutes, or more, then the match must be declared finished at 2.00pm.
6. For all matches a result must be submitted whether play has started or not.
7. **HOT WEATHER:** If the temperature measured in the shade rises to 35°C or more (thermometer is located on the wall outside the Pro shop) then play will be suspended on every court at the completion of the game in progress. The points for any unplayed games and sets will be shared. The match bonus points will be shared unless there is an outright winner at the time of abandonment. Play may also be suspended at a lower temperature provided mutual agreement by both captains and at the discretion of the Centre Manager and Competition Co-ordinator. The key to a successful hot weather day is good sportsmanship.

Final Series matches:

1. **Semi-finals and Finals are played for 6 team Divisions if they only play one wet match.** If a semi final match is washed out before there is a result, teams that finished 1st and 2nd in the Division will contest the final. If a final is washed out before there is a result the Committee reserves the right to declare “first past the post” the Divisional Winner.
2. Association courts will be used for Semi-final and Final matches but all teams participating in these matches must ensure that their court is available if required and are responsible for the payment of their court if used in these matches.
3. Umpires for Semi-final and Final matches are not compulsory unless requested by either team. In this case, umpires to be appointed from losing Semi-finalist teams on approval from the Ladies Sub-Committee.
4. Tossing: In all semi-final and final matches, opposing captains, on arrival, shall toss for the choice of being home or away team. Players will then nominate their players’ numbers simultaneously, then toss for choice of serve, receive or end, for the first set. Thereafter the serve will alternate with each set.
5. If semi-final and final matches are tied on games and sets, a tiebreak game is to be played by any two (2) players from each team. The names of these two players from each team to be named:
 - (i) simultaneously, so as not to give either team the advantage in the “put-on” and
 - (ii) immediately so that play can be continuous.
 - (iii) Opposing pairs shall toss for the choice of serve, receive or end.
 - (iv) The winner of this game is deemed to be the winner of the match.

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6. In the event of a player becoming incapacitated in an elimination, semi-final or final match, a qualified registered player from the same team may be used as a substitute. Any set unfinished because of incapacitation shall have the unfinished and unplayed games of that set forfeited. This rule does not allow substitution for tiredness, cramp, heat exhaustion, pre-existing injury or pre-existing illness. Any protest regarding substitution of a player because of incapacitation should be forwarded to the Competition Secretary (in writing) within 24 hours of the match.

Trophies:

1. The Association will provide up to 6 trophies and/or vouchers to winning teams and runners-up of each Division. These will only be provided for players who have qualified in their division. Additional trophies can be obtained if notice of requirement and payment given to the Competition Secretary within 2 weeks of the completion of the final.

FRIDAY NIGHT JUNIORS

TEAMS: Two players play each week, following graded order.

RESERVES: On the rare occasion that players are unable to play, you are expected to find your own reserve and to inform another member of your team so that he/she knows who will be playing in your place. Call Lindy Enge on 9482 3822 if unable to find a reserve.

MATCH PLAY: Divisions 1-3 shall play two doubles and two singles.

SHORT DEUCE: (Divisions 1-3 only) The winner of the next point after 'deuce' wins the game.

ALL DIVISIONS: Hit-ups - a two minute hit-up is allowed prior to the first two sets only.

Team winning toss to choose who serves or receives then alternate team serving first for each set following.

POINT SCORE: Points will be allocated as follows:-

- One (1) point for each set won. Any tied set will provide ½ point to each team.
- One (1) bonus point to the team winning the most sets
- One (1) bonus point to the team winning the most games
- Tied set and/or games, teams will share the bonus points.
- First to 6 games – no tiebreaker.

Players must attend unless courts are unplayable. It is necessary to ring.

TIME: TRY TO BE PUNCTUAL FOR YOUR MATCH – 5 TO 10 MINUTES PRIOR TO SET TIME. IF DELAYED PLEASE LET YOUR PARTNER KNOW OR CONTACT 94821370 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

FORFEITS: THE FORFEIT RULE APPLIES TO THE FIRST SET IF NEITHER PLAYER IS AVAILABLE TO PLAY 15 MINUTES AFTER THE PRESCRIBED STARTING TIME.

BALL CALLING: CALL THE BALL ON YOUR SIDE OF THE NET ONLY AT THE END OF THE POINT.

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WET WEATHER: A decision regarding the playability and safety of the courts will be made 1 hour before commencement of each competition ie 4pm for the 5 -7pm session and 6pm for the 7 – 9pm session.

The decision will be made by the courts manager and will be either playable or not playable.

If the courts are playable then the players need to turn up to the courts. Any future decisions will be made as necessary.

A player can phone the centre on 9482 1370 or check the website

www.tennis.com.au/hkdtta/