

TENNIS AUCKLAND WINTER INTERCLUB 2018 GUIDELINES

COMPETITION 1

Singles

- 4 players per team (or 5 if using a specialist doubles player)
- separate competitions for men and women
- a fixture consists of 4 singles matches and 2 doubles matches
- start date **May 6th**, played fortnightly on Sundays
- final entry numbers will dictate competition length
- Sections of 8 teams (where possible)
- team composition will determine which section you will be in

Doubles

- 4 players per team
- Highest graded player must play at no 1
- separate competitions for men and women
- a fixture consists of 4 doubles matches – playing order 1 & 3, 2 & 4, 1 & 3, 2 & 4
- start date **May 6th**, played fortnightly on Sundays
- final entry numbers will dictate competition length
- Sections of 8 teams (where possible)
- team composition will determine which section you will be in

COMPETITION 2

Mixed Doubles

- 4 men and 4 women per team
- Highest graded Man must play no 1 doubles and mixed doubles in any contest
- Highest graded Woman must play number 1 doubles. Women can play in any order in the mixed
- a fixture consists of 4 doubles and 4 mixed doubles matches
- start date **May 13th**, played fortnightly on Sundays
- final entry numbers will dictate competition length
- Sections of 8 teams (where possible)
- team composition will determine which section you will be in

There is no play over Queens Birthday weekend (3 June 2018).

COMPETITION RULES

- Play starts at 10am, earlier if by mutual agreement. Default time 11am, except for home games at Riverside Sports Club (previously Mt Wellington Tennis Club), when play will start at 10:30am with the default time 11:30am.
- Each match 2 tie-break sets, 3rd set to be a Super tie-break.
- In the Doubles competition 1 & 2 and 3 & 4 play the first two doubles matches, 1 & 3 and 2 & 4 play the second two doubles matches. Players may play in any order from contest to contest.
- **Points**

Each team shall receive one point for every match won in the contest. The team winning the greater number of matches in the contest shall receive two additional points. If teams win an equal number of matches, then a count-back of sets won shall determine the winner of the contest. If on a count back the sets are equal, then a count-back of games shall determine the winner of the contest and allocation of the two additional points. If on a count back the games won are equal, then the additional two points shall be shared one each.
- **Super tie-break format**

A third set Super tie-break is counted as one set when a set count back is required. If sets are even and a count back of games is required, then the Super tie-break is counted as one game. Therefore, the Super tie-break can have two values in a count-back.
- **Playing Order**

In Singles grades a player from the highest grading band must play in the number 1 singles position. All other players may play in any order. The player who plays in the number 1 singles, must play in the number 1 doubles in any contest. (Refer Rule 10.1.1 of the Senior Interclub if specialist doubles player plays).

In Doubles grades, a player from the highest grading band must play in the number 1 doubles combination on any given day.

In Mixed doubles grades, the highest graded man must play in the number 1 doubles combination and number 1 mixed doubles combination on any given day. The highest graded woman must play in the number 1 doubles, while women can play in any order for the mixed doubles matches.

- **Grading List**
Players grading is as per the [official grading list](#) (dated 15th April 2018) and adjusted accordingly after the next grading list publication which comes out approx. 1st July 2018.
- **Substitutes**
If a player in a team is unable to play, a substitute (being a player qualified to play in that team according to the team list) may be played in a position in that team. A player who is not a nominated team member may reserve in a team/teams as long as their grading band (i.e. S2, D3 etc) is not higher than the top graded player on that team's submitted team list.
- **Results**
All results (including individual results) should be entered by the captain or nominated person from the winning team into Configure Rankings by 5pm of the Tuesday following the contest.

Correctly completed team sheets must be signed by both captains and include player codes. Team sheets should be kept for 4 weeks after the end of the competition and are to be made available to the Interclub Committee within 5 working days if requested.
- **Rain Outs**
Team captains to arrange alternative dates if no play is possible, or less than half the matches have been completed.
- **Incomplete Contests**
If half or more of the matches have been completed the remaining points will be shared. Half points will not be awarded.
- **General Rules and Requirements**
 - Host Club to provide refreshments
 - Clubs to provide Wilson Australian Open balls for each contest – 2 pairs per team for Singles and Doubles grades; 4 pairs per team for Mixed Doubles grades
 - All players must be financial members of the club they represent
 - Players can play in both Competition 1 and Competition 2 grades
 - All draws and results will be viewable on Configure Rankings.
 - All contact with Winter Interclub Controllers will be by email.