

## **TENNIS AUCKLAND WINTER INTERCLUB 2023 GUIDELINES**



All grades will be played weekly on Sundays, starting 11 June for approx. 7 weeks. Four person teams in all grades.

### **COMPETITIONS**

#### **Singles**

- 4 players per team per contest (or 5 if using a specialist doubles player)
- Separate competitions for men and women
- A contest consists of 4 singles matches and 2 doubles matches
- 10am start

#### **Doubles**

- 4 players per team per contest
- Separate competitions for men and women
- A contest consists of 4 doubles matches – playing order 1 & 2, 3 & 4, 1 & 3, 2 & 4
- 10am start - however if court availability is tight there may be some 1pm starts

#### **Mixed Doubles**

- 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
- 10am start- however if court availability is tight there may be some 1pm starts

### **COMPETITION RULES**

#### **Start time & Format**

- Play starts at 10am, earlier if by mutual agreement
- If court availability is tight the mixed doubles and doubles grades may be split across 10am and 1pm starts. Start times will be shown on the draw.
- 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.

### **Playing Order**

- **Singles** – a player from the highest-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 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 will be determined by the grading list as at **31 May 2023**. This will be published on the Tennis Auckland website before the competition starts.

### **Substitutes**

- 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**

- 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 13 August to complete un-played or unfinished contests.

### **General Rules & Requirements**

- All players must be financial members of the Club that they represent
- Each contest will be allocated two courts
- Teams need to provide two pairs of new balls per contest
- There are no age restrictions for doubles and mixed doubles grades
- All draws and results will be on Match Hub