



WELCOME

Welcome to Tennis Sydney's 'weighted' Mid-Week Spring Competition for 2016. The Committee would like to thank you for entering. The aim of this format is to make the competition as close as possible. We hope that you have fun and get lots of great tennis during the comp.

We ask you to keep in mind that, while this is a competition, it is also a social occasion for our Members to renew friendships and make new friends as well as an opportunity to enjoy organised tennis in a safe and relaxed environment.

PARTICIPANTS MUST BE MEMBERS OF TENNIS SYDNEY

All competitors must be current Members of Tennis Sydney. Membership cost is \$50 per annum but is prorated at this point in time to \$35. All players are bound by the Rules and Regulations as laid down by the Committee of Tennis Sydney Inc.

PLAYERS RESPONSIBILITY

Each player must familiarise themselves with their rights and responsibilities by reading the:

1. Competition Draw
2. Competition Rules
3. Tennis Sydney Player Code of Conduct on the Tennis Sydney website / About Us

GRADINGS

As with all Mid-Week Competitions, the Tennis Sydney Committee has attempted to grade players as fairly as possible, based on recent results and also taking into consideration the skills of the new players (where known).

If you have concerns with the division into which you have been put, or if you have concerns that someone else within your division would be better placed in a different division, please feel free to discuss this discreetly with your Division Captain.

While it is most likely that a change will not be made for this particular competition, your views will be taken into account for future competitions, along with the competition results. Re-grading occurs at the start of every Mid-Week Competition so no one is perpetually assigned to a particular division.

ETIQUETTE

There are some new players who will be competing with us for the first time. Please make them feel welcome and let's make their entry into mid-week competition a great experience

It is important for each and every one of us to play in a sportsmanlike manner and to treat our Captains, opponents and partners with respect.

DIVISION CAPTAINS

Captains shall be responsible for running their division throughout the competition. Any disputes will be dealt with by the Division Captain. If the dispute cannot be resolved, it shall be referred to the Tennis Sydney Disputes Committee, which for the purposes of this competition, will consist of the relevant Division Captain, the competition coordinator and the Tennis Sydney President.

Division 1 – Andrew Soo / 0415 977 183
Division 2 – Evan Knowles / 0412 693 236
Division 3 – TBC
Division 4 – Josef Garrington / 0423 501 904

LOCATION / START & FINISH TIMES

Division 1 – Sydney Boys High School
Each Thursday night from 8:00pm to 10:30pm
Division 2 – Parklands
Each Thursday night from 7:30pm to 10:00pm
Division 3 – Moore Park
Each Thursday night from 8:05pm to 10:35pm
Division 4 – Camperdown
Each Thursday from 7:30pm to 10:00pm

(NB In order to finish on time, all players are asked to turn up at least 10 minutes prior to their start time to ensure that teams and courts are allocated and play can commence on time)

PLAY MUST BE FINISHED BY THE ALLOCATED TIME

This is not negotiable and has been advised by the management of the venues. If we wish to remain in favour with the venues for future competitions we need to abide strictly to this rule.

FORMAT

There are 9 teams in each division, with 1 team receiving a bye each week.

4 courts are allocated for each division. Your Division Captain is responsible for allocating teams to their court each week. Each week's play will include 2x singles sets & 2x doubles sets. Each Team will comprise of a No.1 and a No.2 player. The No.1's will play each other in singles, as will the No. 2's. Please note that the player listed first on the draw is the No.1 player and the player listed second is the No.2 player. Teams are not permitted to change this.

Teams can decide to play the sets in any order. However, failing agreement between all 4 players, the first match will be a doubles match, followed by the No. 1's singles, followed by the No. 2's singles, and finishing with the second doubles.

SCORING

The SHORT DEUCE RULE will be played from the beginning of the night's play for all sets. SUDDEN DEATH POINT will be played on the 2nd deuce. This is necessary to help ensure that all sets are completed on the night.

Each set shall be first to 6 with a tie-break at 5-5.

Teams will receive a point for every game that they win. The leaderboard will be based on the number of games won. If games are even at the completion of the round robin, the rankings will then be based on the percentage of games won/lost across both singles and doubles play.



WARM UP / HIT UP

You will only be allowed to hit up once at the start of the night. Once you have played a set you are NOT allowed to have another hit up. This must be adhered to as otherwise there will not be enough time to finish the 4 sets within the 2.5 hour time limit. Your initial hit up must be a maximum of 5 minutes.

NB if any set is unfinished at the end of the night the team will receive the number of games won for that set only.

CALLING BALLS OUT

It is the responsibility of the player playing the ball to make the call on whether it is in or out. If in doubt about a call, please do NOT call out – but play on. You should only call out if you can clearly see it as out.

Please remember that if the ball is 99% out it is 100% in!

In the event of ongoing disputes, then any one of the players has the option of calling for an umpire – someone from within their division who is not on court at that particular time.

Escalated disputes will be referred to the Division Captain, and failing resolution of the issue, to the Tennis Sydney Disputes Committee.

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO PLAY: SUBSTITUTION

If you are unable to play you must notify your Division Captain as soon as possible as it can be difficult to organise a substitute at short notice. The Division Captain is responsible to find a substitute and the replacement should not be of a higher standard than the person they are substituting for as this lead to an unfair advantage. If a substitute cannot be found, the person who cannot play will not receive any points for that night. The opponents will receive maximum points (6-0) for the sets not played.

If you use a substitute for 2 occasions you will receive the score they obtain on the night. If you use a substitute on a 3rd or more occasion you will score the minimum score that was obtained in your division on the night. The minimum score rule applies to both your singles and your and your partner's doubles score for the night. Division Captains are responsible for recording and checking correct scores are reported. This ensures that players who are frequently unable to play are not unfairly advantaged by having substitutes play for them.

IF YOU CANNOT PLAY OR FINISH THE ENTIRE COMP: REPLACEMENTS

On rare occasions, either due to serious injury or unforeseen circumstances, a player may not be able to complete the competition. In these exceptional cases a replacement player will be found by the competition coordinator to take over for the remainder of the competition without incurring the substitution penalty. Players unable to commence or finish the competition after registrations have been accepted and closed, are to discuss finding a suitable replacement with their respective Captain.

INJURIES AFTER PLAY HAS COMMENCED

In the unfortunate situation when a player is injured and is unable to complete the night's play, that team will forfeit the remaining sets/games and receive no points other than those already won. The opposing team will be deemed to have won any remaining sets 6-0, e.g. if the score is 2-2 when the injury occurs, than the opposing team will be deemed to have won that set 6-2 and any remaining sets 6-0. The same rule applies whether the person who is injured is entered in the competition or is a replacement on the night.

IF A PLAYER IS LATE FOR PLAY

If a player is late and holds up play, and sets are unable to be completed by the end of the night as a result, then the opposition will receive the unfinished games, e.g. if the final set is 3-2, then the opposition gets to add the final 3 games to their total. This is only applicable if play cannot commence. If one player from the team is present a singles set can be played first, but only if the opposition agrees.

WHAT IF IT RAINS

In the event of rain, you will be notified by your Division Captain if play has been cancelled for the evening. The Division Captain will attempt to notify all players as early as possible during the evening if a decision has been made to cancel the night's play. If you do not hear from your Division Captain you are to assume that play will proceed.

If play is possible you must make every endeavour to turn up or risk forfeiting games. If you do not attend because you thought play was going to be cancelled, but play is possible, you will not receive any points for the night.

If it rains after play has commenced then the Captain or Competition Co-ordinator will make a decision on play as necessitates. This includes deciding whether:

a) the round will be rescheduled for a later date (at end of the round robin, time permitting) in which case ALL four sets will be replayed.

b) the round will NOT be replayed. If any sets have been completed prior to a night's play being cancelled due to rain, then the teams will receive the games for those completed sets. For any set in progress, the teams will receive the games already won for that set. For any completely unplayed sets, the teams will receive 3 games for each set. In the event of an entire night's play being washed out then that round shall be played at the end of the round robin (time permitting).

If there are a high number of washouts, it may be that some washout rounds are not played. You will be advised if this occurs.

SEMI-FINALS & GRAND FINAL

The top four teams (from the round robin) will qualify for the semi-finals where the match ups will be 1 v 4 and 2 v 3. The winning team from each semi-final will play-off in the grand final.

The winner of the semi-finals and the grand final will be determined by games won, followed by sets won. If a winner cannot be determined at the end of the night's play, e.g. a draw, then both teams must determine a mutually agreeable time to replay all 4 sets (preferably before the following Thursday night in the case of semi-finals so that the grand final can be completed as scheduled).

That is unless either team was in an unbeatable position when play ended. If a team was in an unbeatable position, they will be deemed to be the winner on the night. For example, a team that has won 2 sets 6-0 and has won a game in the 3rd set cannot be beaten on games and would therefore be deemed the winner.

**HAVE A GREAT COMP EVERYONE.
GOOD LUCK & ENJOY YOURSELF!**