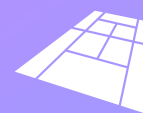


TENNIS SYDNEY MID-WEEK SUMMER COMP 2015



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WELCOME

Welcome to Tennis Sydney's Mid-Week Comp Summer 2015 edition.

The Tennis Sydney Committee would like to thank you for entering. We hope you have fun and enjoy your time on court. Please keep in mind this is a competition but it is also a social occasion. Many people come along to make new friends in a safe and relaxed environment while enjoying competitive tennis. We have quite a few players for this comp who have never played with us before so play make them feel welcome.

PARTICIPANTS MUST BE MEMBERS OF TENNIS SYDNEY

All competitors must be current members of Tennis Sydney. Membership costs \$50 a year and entitles you to a number of things including the regular Tennis Sydney newsletters which will keep you informed of the activities of the club, tennis tournaments etc. Please see your team captain if you have not paid your Membership.

All players shall be bound by the Rules and Regulations as laid down by the Committee of Tennis Sydney Inc.

ETIQUETTE

It is important for each and every one of us to play in a sportsmanlike manner and to treat your opponents and partners with respect. Any issues should be referred to your Captain or the Tennis Sydney Disputes Committee.

The Committee will not tolerate poor behaviour and reserves the right to remove a player from the competition. Should this occur the player in question will not be eligible for a refund.

START & FINISH TIMES

Division 1 (Parklands) will commence each Thursday night at 7:00pm and finish at 10:00pm.

Division 2 (Camperdown) will commence each Thursday night at 7:30pm and finish at 10:30pm.

Division 3 (Moore Park) will commence each Thursday night at 8:05pm and finish at 11:05pm.

Division 4 (Snape Park Tennis Centre) will commence each Thursday night at 7pm and finish at 10pm.

Division 5 (Sydney Boys High) will commence each Thursday night at 8:00pm and finish at 11:00pm.

DIVISION CAPTAINS

Captains shall be responsible for running their division throughout the competition and collecting the scores at the end of each night's play for referral to the Competition Coordinator who will update the Leader Board for each division. Any disputes shall be dealt with by the Division Captain. If the dispute cannot be resolved to the satisfaction of the complainant, it shall be referred to the Tennis Sydney Disputes Committee for a final decision.

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GRADINGS

The Tennis Sydney Grading Committee has attempted to place pairings in the most appropriate Division, based on recent results and also taking into consideration the skills of the respective partners. Please respect the decision of the Grading Committee. The Committee re-grades throughout the year so don't freak out about your placement in a particular division.

The winning player/s in the competition in all Divisions MAY be up-graded to the next Division depending on the numbers and standard of players entering the next competition. Likewise, the player/s that finish on the bottom of the ladder MAY be re-graded. This is totally at the discretion of the Tennis Sydney Committee.

FORMAT

The competition will comprise of singles and doubles play.

One court is allocated for each match between 2 teams. Each match will comprise of 4 x singles sets and 1 x doubles set, 5 sets in total.

Each team comprises 2 players.

The doubles set will be played first. This is followed by the first named player in each team playing a set of singles. The second named player in each team then play their singles set. The winner of the first singles set will then play their next set of singles against the second named opponent. Lastly, the loser of the first singles set plays their remaining opponent.

The sets may be played in any order IF all four players agree.

Failing agreement between all 4 players, the order of play will be as indicated above.

SUDDEN DEATH POINT & UNFINISHED MATCHES

As a comp-wide standard (unless as decided by your respective Division Captains), the FIRST deuce in any particular game will result in a sudden death point being played. This means, whenever a game reaches deuce for the 1st TIME, the winner of the next point wins the game. The receiver has the choice as to which side they wish to receive the service.

This is necessary to ensure that all sets can be played on the night. If any set is incomplete at the end of the night, teams will be awarded the games that they have won for that set. There will be no 'deeming up' of games. If the score is 4-1 when the lights go out, the teams will be awarded 4 points and 1 point respectively. If any set has not started before the end of the night, no points will be awarded for that set.

SCORING

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

The Leader Board will be based on the total number of games won in both singles and doubles play. Maximum points are 30 per night. If any two teams are equal in games won at the finish of the round robin matches, the rankings will then be based on the total number of sets won, with the team with the higher number of sets won finishing above the team with the lower number of sets. If any two teams are equal in games and sets won, the rankings will then be based on the percentage of games won, with the team with the higher percentage finishing above the team with the lower percentage.

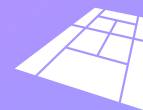
The top 4 teams at the finish of the round robin will play off in the Semi Finals. 1 v 4 and 2 v 3. The winners will then play in the Final. The winner of the Semis and the Final will also be determined by total games won, followed by sets won on the night should games be equal.

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 5 sets within the 3 hour time limit.

Your initial hit up must be a maximum of 5 minutes. Captains will enforce this rule.



CALLING BALLS OUT

It is the responsibility of the player playing the ball to make the immediate call on whether it is in or out. Taking too long to call a ball out means you may not be sure and puts doubt in the mind of your opponent.

If in doubt about a call do NOT call out play on. You should not call out unless you can clearly see it as out. Give the benefit of the doubt to your opponent.

If the opposition disputes a call then do not get embroiled in an argument. The call will stand as made unless all players agree to replay the point. However replaying the point is not the desirable option. The desirable option is that the call stands as originally made and play continues.

If disputes are ongoing 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 in the first instance. If the matter cannot be resolved it will be referred to the Tennis Sydney Disputes Committee. The Division Captain's decision will hold sway until a decision is made by the Disputes Committee.

Please remember that if the ball is 99% out its 100% in.

WHAT IF IT RAINS?

Expect a text message from your respective Captains, confirming whether play has been cancelled. In the absence of such a message players are expected to play and will forfeit sets if they don't play. Announcements may also be made via the Tennis Sydney Facebook page and Facebook group.

If play is possible you must make every endeavour to turn up or risk forfeiting games.

If there is any uncertainty as to whether play is going to go ahead, the Captain will make a decision as early as possible during the evening.

If it rains after play has commenced then the captain will make a decision on play as necessitates. Completed sets WILL NOT COUNT if it is decided that the round will be replayed at a later time. Completed sets MAY count if it is decided that the round will not be replayed at a later time.

The following applies if a round will not be replayed. If any sets have been completed the teams will receive as points the games won during those sets. For any set in progress, the teams will receive whichever is higher between 3 points versus games already won. For any completely unplayed sets the teams will receive 3 points each.

A maximum of three (3) total washouts will be re-scheduled for play as part of the round robin matches. This rule has been introduced to ensure the comp does not extend too far beyond its scheduled completion date. There is not limit on the number of times a semi-final or final needs to be re-scheduled due to washouts.

IF YOU CANNOT PLAY THE WHOLE COMPETITION

Players unable to commence or finish the Competition after registrations have been closed, are to discuss finding a suitable replacement with their respective Captain. If a suitable replacement cannot be found competition fees will be forfeited. The committee of Tennis Sydney has the right to overturn this regulation in special circumstances. The decision of the Tennis Sydney Committee is not negotiable.

NB For a substitute, replacement player or any member of a team of three, that player may only play in the semifinals or final if they have filled in or played at least 3 times for a specific team during the round robin matches.

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO PLAY

On those nights you are unable to play you will need to notify your Division Captain as soon as possible so that a suitable replacement can be organised. It is possible, though not for certain, that the person from the team that has a bye in your division will be the fill in. However please note that the overriding general rule to be followed when a substitute is needed is that the player substituting should not be of a higher standard than they player that they are substituting for. In addition you must not arrange a substitute yourself. You can suggest a substitute to your Division Captain but it will be their decision whether to accept your suggestion or not. Please discuss the matter with your Division Captain as early as possible in the week as it can be difficult to organise a reserve at short notice.

In the unlikely event that the match is completely forfeited because a replacement cannot be found, the forfeiting team will receive nil points and their opponents will receive the maximum points possible for the night, which is a games score of 30-0 and a sets score of 5-0. However no points will be awarded to any of the players for their individual stats.

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. Eg. 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 (which they are expected to do).

SEMIS & FINALS

The semis shall be 1 v 4 and 2 v 3 with the winners competing in the final the following week. The winner of the semis and the 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, then both teams must agree to a mutually agreeable time to replay all 5 sets. 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, if a team could not possibly equal the number of games won that the opposing team has already won when play ceases, the opposing team will be deemed the winner.

Any rematch due to a draw or the inability to determine a winner at the end of the night should occur at a mutually agreeable time, preferably before the following Thursday night in the case of semis so that the final can be completed as scheduled. However, if neither team can agree on a time, then the match shall be completed the following Thursday night and the final postponed until the next Thursday night.

PLAYERS RESPONSIBILITY

It is each player's responsibility to read the Competition Rules and the Competition Draw to ensure that they are at the correct courts each night.

NOMINATING FOR FUTURE COMPETITIONS

The Competition Committee has the right to refuse registration applications to the competition.

PROBLEMS

If you have any problems relating to the competition, please see your Captain in the first instance. Any unresolved complaints should be referred to the Tennis Sydney Disputes Committee. All players are advised to abide by the Tennis Sydney Player Code of Conduct as outlined on the website under "About Us". Any formal complaints will be dealt with under the Tennis Sydney Complaints Procedure which is also located on the website under Complaints procedure.

Have a great comp, good luck and enjoy yourself!