

WELCOME

Welcome to Tennis Sydney's Mid-Week Comp Summer 2017 edition. The Tennis Sydney Committee would like to thank you for entering. We hope you have fun and enjoy your time on court. 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 costs \$50 a year and entitles you to the insurance cover which is required at all the Tennis Centres that we play at as well as discounts for Sunday Social, newsletters, discounts from our sponsors and the ability to enter all Tennis Sydney competitions and tournaments for the calendar year.

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

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 and to ensure adherence to the rules of the competition. 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 Committee via for a final decision. Please refer to the Complaints Policy in the About Us tab of the Tennis Sydney website.

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ETIQUETTE

It is important for each and every one of us to play in a sportsperson like manner and to treat your opponents and partners with respect.

In the event that there is a conflict, please advise your Division Captain immediately who will attempt to resolve the issue. If the issue is still unresolved you can contact the Competition Coordinator who may then refer the issue to the Tennis Sydney Committee. For major complaints, please refer to our complaints policy located in the About Us tab of the Tennis Sydney website.

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.

GRADINGS

The Tennis Sydney 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 Committee.

The winning player/s in the competition in all Divisions MAY be upgraded 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.

START & FINISH TIMES

Div 1: Camperdown from 7:30pm to 10:30pm
Div 2: Moore Park from 8:05 pm to 11:00pm
Div 3: Parklands from 7:00pm to 10:00pm
Div 4: Sydney Boys High from 8:00pm to 11:00pm

(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.

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.

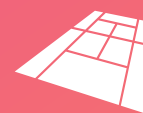
FORMAT

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 SECOND deuce in any particular game will result in a sudden death point being played. This means, whenever a game reaches deuce for the 2nd 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.

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 calmly discuss the concern with them. 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 Competition Coordinator and then the Tennis Sydney Committee.

Please remember that if the ball is 99% out it's 100% in.

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO PLAY - SUBSTITUTE

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 leads 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, your team will score the lowest overall team score and the lowest doubles score that was obtained in your division for that night. Your team members individual player results will only contribute to their singles score board.

IF YOU CANNOT PLAY OR FINISH THE ENTIRE COMPETITION - REPLACEMENTS

Replacements - Long absence due to unforeseen circumstances

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, then 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

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 a game score of whichever is higher of either 3 games or the points actually 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 no limit on the number of times a semi-final or final needs to be re-scheduled due to washouts.

SEMI-FINALS & GRAND FINAL

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.

Should a team be unavailable for the semi finals or the finals, then they will forfeit their position to the team with the next highest score that are available to play. A substitute player may only play in the semi-finals or final if they have filled in or played at least 3 times for a specific team during the round robin matches.

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 EVERYONE.
GOOD LUCK & ENJOY YOURSELF!