



EASTERN DISTRICTS TENNIS ASSOCIATION

EASTERN DISTRICTS TENNIS ASSOCIATION JUNIOR TENNIS

MATCH BY-LAWS

(REVISED AND ADOPTED ON THE 29th SEPTEMBER 2017)

1. GENERAL

All matches shall be played in accordance with the Rules of Tennis as adopted by TENNIS SA INC., and according to current TENNIS AUSTRALIA instructions on Etiquette and Code of Behaviour. Clubs and their Junior Coordinators are expected to apply these rules and to exercise control over their own players in all respects relating to match play, discipline, sportsmanship, etc.

2. POWERS

a) The Junior Co-ordinator shall determine all matters relating to match play. The Junior Co-ordinator may refer disciplinary action to the Management Committee for appropriate action.

3. ELIGIBILITY

- a) Clubs affiliated with the Association may nominate teams.
- b) The junior competition is open to players aged 17 years and under as at the first match of the summer or winter season.
- c) Juniors playing for this Association are not permitted to play for another Junior Association.
- d) After grading is completed by the Management Committee a player may not change clubs without receiving a clearance from their original nominated club and the Management Committee.
- e) Junior State League players who are listed as numbers 1 to 4 on their team application form are not eligible to play in this Association. Clubs must provide a copy of their nomination form to the Association. Should a Club believe that a player has exceptional circumstances, they may request permission to play in the Association competition in that season, which is required to be submitted and approved by the PERMIT COMMITTEE.

- f) Junior Association players are permitted to play in the Junior State League competition for a maximum of 5 matches. Should they play 6 or more matches, a written application, on each occasion outlining exceptional circumstances, requesting permission to play in the Association competition in that season, is required to be submitted and approved by the PERMIT COMMITTEE.
- g) State League and Metro League players who have played in the current calendar year cannot play in the EDTA Junior Competition.

4. TEAM FORMAT

Summer

- a) The 2017 / 2018 season will offer the following competitions-
 - Friday night yellow ball competition for boys or girls aged 17 and under at the highest competition standard
 - Saturday morning yellow ball mixed gender competition for 12 and under
 - Saturday morning yellow ball competition for boys or girls aged 13 and over
 - Saturday morning Green and Orange ball mixed gender competitions

The EDTA is fully committed to providing safe, fun and inclusive competition formats for everyone. We believe no rule should ever prevent anyone from playing our great sport. Rules are important to provide structure which benefits the majority of players, but flexibility and common sense will be applied when individual circumstances do not fit within these structures.

- b) Orange ball and the Saturday morning yellow ball mixed gender competition team shall consist of 2 or 3 players otherwise all other teams consist of 4 or 5 boys or 4 or 5 girls who are permitted to play in a match. Players aged 12 years and under of any sex or gender identity will be allowed to participate in any yellow ball competitions.
- c) All players are permitted to play one double or one single or both and shall play in strict order of merit.
- d) If a player is injured in the course of a set and cannot continue, the set must be forfeited. However, the third or fifth named player can replace the player for the remainder of the match except for sickness.
- e) Where a club has more than one team in a division, there shall be no interchange of players after the first four matches have been played, not including grading matches, unless approved by the Junior Co-ordinator.
- f) A player cannot play in a Friday night and a Saturday morning match during the same round of matches.
- g) The first singles player does not have to play in the first double.
- h) Names of players should be provided to Court Supervisors so that Score Sheets can be filled in completely prior to the start of a match. Names must be printed and be legible with both given and family name.

Winter

- i) A player cannot play in a Friday night and a Saturday morning match during the same round of matches.
- j) Where a club has more than one team in a division, there shall be no interchange of players after the first four matches have been played, not including grading matches, unless approved by the Junior Co-ordinator.
- k) The composition of all teams in all Divisions will be agreed by the Junior Co-ordinator in any given season. Teams may include the format of 2-3 players or 4-5 players.

- l) Teams consisting of 2 or 3 players
 - a. A team consisting of 2 or 3 boys or 2 or 3 girls, playing singles, doubles and reverse singles in separate competitions for boys and girls
 - b. If a player is injured in the course of a set and cannot continue, that set must be forfeited. The third named player, however, may replace the injured player in any subsequent unplayed sets, provided he/she has been listed on the team sheet.
 - c. If playing three players, the third player listed may play in the reverse singles providing that a player does not play against the same opposition player twice.
- i) Teams consisting of 4 or 5 players
 - d. A team consisting of 4 or 5 boys or 4 or 5 girls, playing singles and doubles in separate competitions for boys and girls
 - e. If a player is injured in the course of a set and cannot continue, that set must be forfeited. The fifth named player, however, may replace the injured player in any subsequent unplayed sets, provided he/she has been listed on the team sheet.

5. **MATCH FORMAT**

Summer

- a) All matches should commence with the 2 doubles sets followed by the 4 singles sets with the singles sets played in order of merit. Where 2 courts are allocated per match the Court Supervisor can change the order of play with a single being played before a doubles in the event of the non attendance of players, to allow 2 matches to commence. Forfeits cannot be claimed if a single can be played on an available court.
- b) For Friday night matches, one straight 6 game set with sudden death deuce will be played in both doubles and singles. If the score reaches 5 games all, a tiebreaker will be played. In the tiebreaker a player who first wins seven points shall win the game and the set, provided he/she leads by a margin of two points. If the score reaches six points all the game shall be extended until the two point margin has been achieved. Numerical scoring shall be used throughout the tiebreak game.
- c) In Green ball and Saturday morning matches one straight 6 game set will be played in both doubles and singles, with no tiebreak at 5 games all. That is, the game is finished when the score reaches 6 games to 5.
- d) Matches shall be decided by sets, and where sets are even, by games. Four premiership points shall be awarded for a win and two premiership points for a draw with both winning and losing teams being awarded one point for each set won.
- e) If no conclusive result has been reached by 10.30 pm on Friday nights or by 10.15 am or 12.15 pm on Saturday then points shall be awarded on the basis of sets and games won.
- f) A completed match is one in which every set of the match has been played to a finish. A match has been decided if either team has won more than half of the total number of sets to be played in the match or if a team has won exactly half but has a sufficient number of games in hand that it could not be beaten if the match was completed. Where a match has not been completed, points shall be awarded as per 4(e).

- g) In the event of any sets having to be forfeited, those forfeits shall commence from the bottom.
 - a. If a team forfeits, the team receiving the forfeit shall be credited with 6 sets 36 games and the team forfeiting shall receive 0 sets 0 games.
 - b. During a match if a set needs to be forfeited the player to receive the forfeit must be present
 - c. Forfeits given to a team by their opposition prior to their Friday/ Saturday match will not count if the matches in that round are cancelled on the programmed day by the Association.
- h) If a bye exists in a division, the average points per match, accrued to date for the season by the team with the bye, will be awarded in an incomplete programmed round.
- i) In Orange Ball a four game set for singles and a four game set for the doubles, with no tie-break to be played. No premiership points shall be awarded with one point awarded for each set won. The premiership will be awarded to the team with the highest points and if then equal, the highest number of games.
- j) The season shall be divided into both a minor and major round for all divisions except Orange Ball. The four teams in each division having the highest Match Ratio shall play off in the major round.

If two or more teams are equal on Match Ratio then their position on the premiership table shall be determined by the descending order of team matches won and in the further event of a tie then their positions will be decided by the descending order of games won. In the event of a further tie the PERMIT COMMITTEE has the power to take any necessary action to separate the teams involved, eg. a match may be scheduled for play, possibly under lights, to be completed before the following Saturday when Semi-Finals would commence.

Winter

- k) Four premiership points shall be awarded to a winning team. In the case of a draw, 2 points shall be awarded to each team. Teams will also be awarded one point for each set won.
- l) In Orange Ball a four game set for singles and a four game set for the doubles, with no tie-break to be played. No premiership points shall be awarded with one point awarded for each set won. The premiership will be awarded to the team with the highest points and if then equal, the highest number of games.
- m) The composition of all teams in all Divisions will be agreed by the Junior Co-ordinator in any given season. Teams may include the format of 2-3 players or 4-5 players.
- n) **Boys or Girls Divisions 2-3 players**
 - a) Six game set for singles and doubles, with a tie-break to be played at 5 games all.
 - b) All matches should commence with singles matches first, followed by doubles, then reverse singles (where appropriate)
- o) **Boys or Girls Divisions 4-5 players**
 - a) Six game set for singles and doubles, with no tie-break to be played
 - b) All matches should commence with doubles matches first, followed by single matches

P) **Orange Ball**

- a) Four game set for singles and a four game set for the doubles, with no tie-break to be played.

6. MATCH PROCEDURE

Summer

(1) STARTING AND FINISHING TIMES

- (a) All teams will report to the allocated Court Supervisor before 8.15am (Saturday morning EARLY split time) or 10:15am (Saturday morning LATE split time) or 6 pm (Friday night) for allocation of courts.
- (b) On Saturday mornings all EARLY matches shall commence at 8.15am. Any team not prepared to start 2 doubles (or one double and 1 single in matches allocated 2 courts per match or one double in matches allocated one court), shall be liable to forfeit those programmed sets. If further the team is not prepared to start the next programmed set(s) by 8.45 am that set and subsequent sets if appropriate shall also be forfeited. All early matches are to be concluded by 10.15 am and scores at that time will be final.
- (c) On Saturday mornings all LATE matches shall commence at 10.15 or 10.20 am. (Allowing a changeover period if required by the Supervisor). Any team not prepared to start 2 doubles (or one double and 1 single in matches allocated 2 courts per match or one double in matches allocated one court), shall be liable to forfeit those programmed sets. If further the team is not prepared to start the next programmed set(s) by 10.45 am that set and subsequent sets if appropriate shall also be forfeited. All late matches are to be concluded by no later than 12.15 or 12.20 pm, depending on the commencement time, and scores at that time will be final.
- (d) On Friday evenings, all matches shall commence at 6.00 pm. commencing with doubles. Forfeit time for first doubles match to be 6.10 pm. If all players are not present by 6.30 pm the team shall forfeit all relevant remaining sets. All matches are to conclude by 10.30 pm and scores at that time will be final.
- (e) Supervisors are required to rotate the singles order of play (where possible) on a weekly basis in fairness to all players in a team.
- (f) Whilst a match is in progress, no player(s) may leave the court without the approval of the Court Supervisor. Failure to do so may result in forfeiting the set(s) in progress at the discretion of the Court Supervisor.
- (g) No match shall be abandoned by the Court Supervisor before 9.00 am on Saturday mornings or 7 pm Friday evenings, except in the event of cancellation due to excessive heat (see Section 6. (3))
- (h) The Junior Co-ordinator should be advised immediately by sms should a venue decide to cancel matches not previously cancelled by the Association per Section 6. (3).

(2) ATTIRE

- (a) All players are required to wear the approved Club shirt, accompanied by either white, black or navy blue shorts / skirts as appropriate – unless a different colour is part of the approved club uniform. Football shorts or socks are not considered suitable attire. Clubs will be required to provide examples of their approved Club shirt to the Junior Co-ordinator which will be forwarded to Court Supervisors to adjudicate on compliance. Penalties can range from warnings, points loss or Club fines.

(3) INCLEMENT WEATHER

- (a) If Saturday's forecast maximum temperature is 37 degrees Celsius or more, as advertised by broadcast media between 6:00pm and 7:00pm on the preceding Friday night, all matches are automatically cancelled. It is the Club's Junior Contacts responsibility to monitor the forecasts.
- (b) On Friday evenings if the current temperature at 5.00 pm. as shown on the BOM website is 38° or higher all matches are automatically cancelled. If the current temperature is 37° or less players must attend their venue. The Supervisor will monitor the temperature and matches may commence, no later than 6.30 pm. if the temperature is below 37°. Matches will not proceed if the temperature is above 37° and the match will be abandoned after 6.30 pm.
- (d) All venues must also have equipment available for wet weather to dry courts. If there has been no cancellation made by the Court Supervisor, matches shall proceed as scheduled. The Junior Co-ordinator should be advised immediately by sms should a venue decide to cancel matches.
- (e) In the event of a WET Friday night or Saturday morning where a decision has been reached in any match (but not actually completed) that match shall be classed as completed. All other matches in which a decision has not been reached, points shall be awarded on the basis of sets and games won.

(4) BALLS AND SCORE SHEETS

- (a) On Friday nights: two new approved balls per team per match will be provided to the venue by clubs prior to the commencement of the first round. Score sheets will be provided by the Court Supervisor at the venue allocated. The completed Score Sheet will be left at the venue with the Court Supervisor and a copy provided to the recording service. Match results will be available from the EDTA website.
- (b) On Saturday mornings: Each team will provide to their allocated venue a tin of 4 new approved balls for all Saturday morning matches – Green ball and Orange ball Divisions are excluded. Court Supervisors will have Score Sheets at the venue allocated. As the balls deteriorate the Supervisor will, at his or her discretion, request a further can of approved balls to be supplied.

All teams represented in all FINALS must provide 2 NEW balls per match.

- (c) Each Court Supervisor shall forward Score Sheets for the venue to the Recording Service by 6.30 pm on the Monday following the match.
- (d) The green and orange ball competitions must use the appropriate ball which may be provided by the Association or a direction will be given regarding the requirement for those Divisions by the Junior Co-ordinator.

Winter

(5) STARTING AND FINISHING TIMES

- (a) All teams will report to the allocated Court Supervisor before 8.15 am (Saturday morning) or 5.45 pm (Friday night) for allocation of courts.
- (b) On Saturday mornings, matches shall commence at 8.30 am. Any team not prepared to start the first programmed set by 8.45 am shall forfeit that set. All players must be present by 9.15 am, otherwise a forfeit will be awarded. All matches are to be concluded by 12.30 pm and scores at that time will be final.

- (c) On Friday evenings, all matches shall commence at 6.00 pm. Any team not prepared to start the first programmed set(s) by 6.10 pm shall forfeit that set. If all players are not present by 6.30 pm, the team shall forfeit all relevant remaining sets. All matches are to conclude by 10.30 pm and scores at that time will be final.
- (d) Doubles are to be played first. However if 2 courts are allocated for a match, a double and a single can be played.

(6) ATTIRE

- (a) Commencing with the 2016 Winter Season all players are required to wear the approved Club shirt, accompanied by either white, black or navy blue shorts / skirts as appropriate – unless a different colour is part of the approved club uniform. Football shorts or socks are not considered suitable attire. Penalties can range from warnings to Club fines.

(7) INCLEMENT WEATHER

Friday night

- (a) The Junior Coordinator will make a decision regarding cancellations due to inclement weather by 4.30 pm on Friday, clubs to contact Junior Coordinator and Clubs to advise players accordingly.
- (b) Matches can be cancelled due to wet conditions after consultation with the Junior Co-Ordinator or if unavailable a member of the EDTA Management Committee and cannot be cancelled before 6.30 pm unless previously cancelled with the permission of the Junior Co-ordinator / Management Committee.

Saturday morning

- (c) The Junior Coordinator will make a decision regarding cancellations due to inclement weather by 8 am on Saturday, clubs to contact Junior Coordinator.
- (d) Matches can be cancelled due to wet conditions after consultation with the Junior Co-Ordinator or if unavailable a member of the EDTA Management Committee and cannot be cancelled before 9.30 am unless previously cancelled with the permission of the Junior Co-ordinator / Management Committee.
- (e) All venues must have equipment available for wet weather to dry courts. Every effort should be made to sweep or squeegee the courts before considering cancellation. If there has been no cancellation made by the Court Supervisor, matches shall proceed as scheduled. The Junior Co-ordinator to be advised immediately of any cancellation by sms.

(8) BALLS AND SCORE SHEETS

- (a) On Friday nights: two new approved balls per team per match will be provided to the venue by clubs prior to the commencement of the first round. Score sheets will be provided by the Court Supervisor at the venue allocated. The completed Score Sheet will be left at the venue with the Court Supervisor and a copy provided to the recording service. Match results will be available via a link on the EDTA website to Match Centre.

- (b) On Saturday mornings: Each team will provide to their allocated venue a tin of 4 new approved balls for all Saturday morning matches – Green ball and Orange ball Divisions are excluded. (see (d) Court Supervisors will have Score Sheets at the venue allocated. As the balls deteriorate the Supervisor will, at his or her discretion, request a further can of approved balls to be supplied.

All teams represented in all FINALS must provide 2 NEW balls per match.

- (c) Each Court Supervisor shall forward Score Sheets for the venue to the Recording Service by 6.30 pm on the Monday following the match.
- (d) The green and orange ball competitions must use the appropriate ball which may be provided by the Association or a direction will be given regarding the requirement for those Divisions by the Junior Co-ordinator.

7. Procedure and Eligibility for Finals

Summer

- a) Teams participating in major round matches, shall in the first week, submit a list of players in order of merit to the Junior Co-ordinator by 12.00 noon on the Sunday preceding the first final. This order of merit, if accepted, will be the relative playing order for that team for all finals. Any team fielding players not approved by the Junior Co-ordinator or playing out of order will be disqualified.
- b) No player shall be eligible to play in a major round match with a club in the Association unless such player has played in four minor round matches in the current season with that club.
- c) In addition to part 7 (b) above:
- i. Any player who has not played in 2 matches of a division in the current season must not then play in a major round match of the division or lower division, and
 - ii. any player having played their last 3 minor round matches in a higher division in the current season may not then play in a major round match of a lower division, and
 - iii. no player having played in a major round match of one division in the current season may play in a major round match of a lower division
- without a permit from the Junior Co-ordinator
- d) The structure of the finals series will be determined when the program is set each year by the Junior Coordinator based on the number of weeks available.
- e) Any major round match which is drawn, must be played until a result is determined as follows:-
- Both doubles are replayed.
 - If the total of the replayed games are equal at the end of the completion of both sets, the first doubles shall be replayed again for a final decision.
 - Whilst a final is in progress no players(s) may leave the venue. Failure to do so will result in a forfeit should the outcome of the match be a draw.
- (f) All major round matches are extended matches and must be played to completion.

Winter

- (i) In semi-finals, the 1st ranked team plays the 4th ranked team, and the 2nd ranked team plays the 3rd ranked team. The winners of these two matches play off in the grand final.
- (j) Players must play 4 matches for a division or lower to be eligible to play in the major round.
- (k) All teams participating in the major round shall submit a list of players in order of merit to the Junior Co-ordinator by 12.00 noon on the Sunday preceding the first final. This order of merit, if accepted, will be the relative playing order for that team for all finals. Any team fielding players not approved by the Junior Co-ordinator or playing out of order will be disqualified.
- (l) Any major round match which is drawn, must be played until a result is determined as follows:-
 - Both doubles are replayed.
 - If the total of the replayed games are equal at the end of the completion of both sets, the first doubles shall be replayed again for a final decision.
 - Whilst a final is in progress no players(s) may leave the venue. Failure to do so will result in a forfeit should the outcome of the match be a draw.
- (k) All major round matches are extended matches and must be played to completion

8: Duties of Court Supervisor

- a) All Clubs entering teams will supply at least one person for court supervision for each Saturday morning and Friday night competition.
- b) Court Supervisors shall:
 - i. ensure courts are prepared for match play and be in attendance during the times allocated.
 - ii. for Friday Night games receive from each Club two new approved balls per match for the season prior to the commencement of the season. Provide Score Sheets. For Saturday morning matches, Court Supervisors will provide Score Sheets and at the commencement of a season receive 4 new approved balls. A request for a replacement balls may be made during the season from teams if required.
 - iii. administer the filling out of Score Sheets and will verify and sign Score Sheets at the completion of a match ensuring all details are correct and readable.
 - iv. forward all Score Sheets for the venue to the Recording Service by 6:30pm on the Monday following the match.
- c) In the event of inclement weather or any other event impacting play the Court Supervisor shall determine if matches at their location shall commence or continue. In any event (except for automatic cancellation from excessive heat, or rain) teams must report to the location to obtain such a decision.

The Junior Co-ordinator must be advised immediately by sms should a decision to cancel be taken.

- d) Clubs must provide a copy of the EDTA Code of Conduct to Court Supervisors.

9: Misconduct

- a) The court supervisor may in the event of observed bad sportsmanship or line calling, in the first instance, warn the offending player(s). He/she will then monitor the match and may over-rule blatant bad calls.
- b) A player may be disqualified (removed from the court) if persistent bad sportsmanship occurs, i.e. swearing, racquet throwing, ball abuse takes place.

In all such incidents the Supervisor will automatically report to the Junior Co-ordinator directly (not on the back of a score sheet), who may take further action if deemed appropriate.

- c) Tactical coaching is not permitted during play, but can be pointed out at the finish of the set.
- d) Queries on the rules and match procedure are to be referred to the Court Supervisor by the team captain or team manager as soon as possible after any incident has occurred.

10: General

Should a matter not be covered within these by-laws, in the event of any discrepancy the senior by-laws shall take precedence.

11: EDTA Closed Tournament

The EDTA closed tournament is open to all EDTA players within the ages prescribed on the tournament entry form. In the first instance the tournament will be used for selection in the events that the EDTA participates in (e.g. Les Tapp OAM Inter Association and the Compass Draw event).