

**EASTERN DISTRICTS TENNIS ASSOCIATION
JUNIOR TENNIS**

MATCH BY-LAWS

(REVISED AND ADOPTED ON THE 10 OCTOBER 2007)

1. GENERAL

All matches shall be played in accordance with the Rules of Tennis as adopted by Tennis SA and according to current Tennis Australia Instructions on Etiquette and Code of Conduct.

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 31st December of the current season.
- c) Juniors playing for this Association are not permitted to play for another Junior Association.

4. MATCH PROCEDURE

(1) SATURDAY MORNING COMPETITION

- (a) All teams will report to the allocated Court Supervisor before 8.15am (EARLY split time) or 10:15am (LATE split time) for allocation of courts.
- (b) All matches shall commence with the 2 doubles sets followed by the 4 singles sets with the singles sets played in order of merit. The Court Supervisors can change the order of play with singles being played before the doubles in the lower divisions.
- (c) All EARLY matches shall commence at 8.15am. Any team not prepared to start the first programmed doubles set by 8.30am shall forfeit that set or sets. If further the team is not prepared to start the programmed singles set by 9.00am that set and subsequent sets if appropriate shall be forfeited too.

- (d) All LATE matches shall commence at 10:15am. If any team is not prepared to start the first programmed doubles set by 10:30am shall forfeit that set or sets. If further the team is not prepared to start the programmed singles set by 11.00 am, that set and subsequent sets if appropriate shall be forfeited too.
- (e) The first singles player does not have to play in the first double.
- (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 9.00am except in the event of cancellation due to excessive heat (see below).
- (h) 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 Delegate's responsibility to monitor the forecasts.
- (i) All EARLY matches to conclude by 10:15am and all LATE matches by 12.15pm, with scores at these times final.

(2) NIGHT COMPETITION

- (a) All teams to report to the allocated Court Supervisor before 6.00pm for allocation of courts.
- (b) All matches, except Premier Boys, shall commence with the 2 doubles sets followed by the 4 singles sets with the singles sets played in order of merit. Premier Boys will commence with 1 doubles set followed by the 2 singles sets and the 2 reverse singles sets.
- (c) Doubles set(s) to start at 6.00pm. Forfeit time for first match to be 6.10pm. If all players are not present by 6.30pm the team shall forfeit all remaining sets.
- (d) 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.
- (e) No match shall be abandoned due to inclement weather before 7 pm. If the temperature is 35 degrees or above at 7 pm then matches will be cancelled.
- (f) A player cannot play in a Friday night and a Saturday morning match during the same round of matches.
- (g) All matches to conclude by 10.30pm, with scores at that time being final.

5. RULES GOVERNING FRIDAY EVENING AND SATURDAY MORNING COMPETITION

- a) All teams, except Premier Boys, can consist of 4 or 5 players who are permitted to play in a match. Premier Boys can consist of 2 or 3 players.
- b) Each match, except Premier Boys, will consist of 2 doubles sets and 4 singles sets. Premier Boys will play 1 doubles set and 2 singles sets and 2 reverse singles sets.
- c) All players, except Premier Boys, are permitted to play one double or one single or both and shall play in strict order of merit. Premier Boys are permitted to play the double or one or both of the singles or all three matches.

- d) If a player is injured in the course of a set and cannot continue, the set must be forfeited. However the fifth named (or for Premier Boys, third named) player can replace the player for the remainder of the match.
- e) If playing three players in Premier Boys, no player can play the same opposition player twice in the singles and reverse singles matches,
- f) 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 and shall not be altered except as provided in paragraph (5d) hereof. Court Supervisors will have Score Sheets at the Venue allocated.
- g) In the event of any sets having to be forfeited, those forfeits shall commence from the bottom.
- h) If a team forfeits, the team receiving the forfeit shall be credited with 6 sets 36 games, except Premier Boys which shall be credited with 5 sets 30 games, and the team forfeiting shall receive 0 sets 0 games.
- i) 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.
- j) Each Court Supervisor shall forward Score Sheets for the venue to the Recording Service by 6.30pm on the Monday following the match. If results are not received at that time points will be not be awarded
- k) In Divisions Premier Boys, 1 & 2, one straight 6 game set 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.
- l) In Division 3 and below 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.
- m) Two new SLAZENGER balls (as directed by the Management Committee of the Association) per match must be used for all Friday night matches. Failure to comply will result in a \$10 fine per offence. Each Saturday morning team will supply two good quality SLAZENGER or DUNLOP balls, and the condition of these shall be to the satisfaction of the Court Supervisor. All teams represented in all FINALS must provide NEW balls.
- n) 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.
- o) If no conclusive result has been by 10.30 m on Friday nights or by 10:15 am (EARLY matches) and 12.15 pm (LATE matches) on Saturdays then points shall be awarded on the basis of sets and games won only.
- p) 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.

When a team has a bye, the club may submit a scoresheet so that the names of the players can be recorded for qualification purposes.

6. Procedure and Eligibility for Finals

- 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 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 (6b) 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) Scholarship Exams - if the scholarship exam coincides with a major round match that match must be played prior to next major round match. If no agreement can be reached by both teams by 4.00pm on the Sunday following the exam the Junior Co-ordinator shall decide when and where the match will be played. Their decision will be final.

7: Undecided Matches

- a) 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 5(i).
- b) Any major round match which is drawn, must be played until a result is determined as under:

Both Doubles are to be 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 for a final decision.

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 provide two new Slazenger balls per team and Score Sheets. For Saturday morning matches, Court Supervisors will provide Score Sheets only.
 - 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.
 - 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.

9: Misconduct

- a) In the event of misconduct, the court supervisor may report the offending player to the Junior Coordinator by 6.00pm on the Tuesday following the match (not on the back of the scoresheet) for appropriate action.
- b) Tactical coaching is not permitted during play, but can be pointed out at the finish of the set.
- c) Queries on the rules and match procedure are to be referred to the Court Supervisor by the team captain or team supervisor as soon as possible after any incident has occurred.

10: Additional Courts

- a) Clubs with more teams than their courts can accommodate are expected to make necessary arrangements ensuring the additional courts are available for such teams.