



NORTHERN SUBURBS TENNIS ASSOCIATION Inc.

NIGHT COMPETITION

--- R U L E S ---

(These rules are to be read in conjunction with the NSTA Competition Rules)

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FORMATS

MONDAY PAIRS

1. **Format:** Teams play 3 x 8 games sets. Short deuce (3 point) – Second deuce serve to same gender if appropriate pairings, and if not, then it is receiver's choice. Service rotation will be continuous throughout all 3 sets
2. **Allocation of Points:** The match winner will be decided by games. The team with the most games wins the match. If no winning team based on games then the team who won the most sets will receive the bonus winning points. In the event of a forfeit the team receiving the forfeit will be awarded all points.
3. **Starting/Finishing Times:** The match is to begin at the time specified for the Home Team as indicated on the draw sheet. Match time is 1.5hrs. Subsequent matches drawn for the court must be allowed to proceed on time.

TUESDAY MIXED

1. **Format:** 6 sets to be played, first to 6 games each set. Tie-breaks 5-5, 3 point [short] deuce (2nd deuce, serve to same gender in mixed sets). 2 mixed and 1 same gender sets to be played. Order of play is to be agreed on by both captains. All played simultaneously on 2 courts. 2hr match time limit.
2. **Allocation of Points:** Matches will be decided by sets, if sets are equal then by games. If sets and games are equal, points will be shared. One point will be awarded for each set won, half a point for each set unplayed or unfinished and 2 points for the winning team. If no winning team, bonus winning points will be split. Equal points each will be awarded for any unplayed matches, and maximum points awarded for teams receiving forfeited matches.
3. **Home teams** are to provide supper if both teams wish to stay after the match.

TUESDAY SINGLES

1. **Format** – Best of 2 sets + Match Tie Break (MTB). The MTB is only played in the event it is 1 set all. First to 6 games, normal deuce, tie-break at 5-5. MTB is 1st to 10points winning by 2 points
2. **Starting/Finishing Times** are as indicated on xpoint, dependent upon home court playing times. Match time is 1.5 hours.

WEDNESDAY TRIPLES

1. **Format:** – Six sets are player side by side on 2 courts
 - No 3 v No 3 singles; Nos 1 & 2 v Nos 1 & 2 doubles
 - No 2 v No 2 singles; Nos 1 & 3 v Nos 1 & 3 doubles
 - No 1 v No 1 singles: Nos 2 & 3 v Nos 2 & 3 doubles

** All sets are 1st to 6 games, tiebreak at 5-5, short deuce.

2. **Allocation of Points:** Matches will be decided by sets. If sets are equal then by games. If sets and games are equal, points will be shared. One point will be awarded for each set won, half a point for each set unplayed or unfinished and 2 points for the winning team. If no winning team, bonus winning points will be split. Equal points each will be awarded for any unplayed matches, and maximum points awarded for teams receiving forfeited matches.
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3. **Starting/Finishing Times** are as indicated on the draw, dependent upon home court playing times. 2hr match time limit on 2 courts.

RULES

1. **Determination of qualifying teams:** When 2 or more players/ teams finish the competition on equal points, then the player/team which qualifies shall be decided as per XPoint placings.
2. **Finals series** – All play. Semi-finals will be decided by xpoint and match-ups will be displayed once all results have been entered by participating teams. Finals series matches will be decided by xpoint. Matches will be played at times and venues as decided by the NSTA Administrator giving home court advantage where possible to the higher placed teams. In the case of a washout during semi finals, xpoint will calculate the finals series. Any team/player that has outstanding fees will be ineligible to play in the semi and/or finals.
3. **Finals series ties:** When games and sets are equal at end of play in semis and/or finals, pairs/teams playing the last set are to play a 10 point tie-break (first to 10, with a two point advantage). The winner of the tie-break is declared the winner of the match.
4. **Fixture Changes:** If teams agree to change the day of a match, the NSTA Administrator must be notified at least 48hrs prior to the scheduled date and the match must be completed prior to 1 week before semi-finals date otherwise points will be split. The cost of booking a court due to change of match day is at the player's expense. If the re-scheduled match is not able to be played due to court unavailability or players schedules the player that originally requested the change of match day and/or will have to forfeit that match. The NSTA Administrator reserves the right to refuse any such change. Fixture changes do NOT apply to semi and/or Finals.
5. **Forfeits:** If players are not ready to play at the stipulated starting time, play may commence up to 15 minutes late without incurring a forfeit. However, if all games or sets are not completed by the stipulated finishing time, then the team/player who was late or not ready to play will forfeit the unfinished games of any set already commenced or any unplayed set(s). If players are not ready to play 15 minutes after the stipulated starting time, the whole match shall be forfeited.

If after a match has commenced and a team does not have the required pair to play the next set within 5 minutes, that team must forfeit that set and further sets each five minutes thereafter, unless mutual agreement has been reached to change the order of play.

6. **Hit-Ups:** Players are entitled to a five (5) minute hit-up before their first set ONLY.
7. **Home teams** are to supply 3 NEW Tennis Australia approved balls per court.
8. **Team Captains** are solely responsible to ensure appropriate fees are paid and the team complies with Rules and Conditions applicable to the Competition. They are also responsible to ensure results are entered into Xpoint prior to the following week's match.
9. **Reserves:** reserves must be of a similar UTR (within 0.7) or lower grade to the player being replaced according to UTR rating. If a player does not have a UTR refer to IPR. **Players are responsible for finding their own reserves.** The NSTA Administrator reserves the right to deduct points from teams considered to have used incorrectly graded reserves. Use of ineligible reserve will result in loss of sets played by that reserve and/or the match.
10. **Results:** Team Captains are solely responsible to ensure results are entered within 48hrs into Xpoint otherwise points will be spilt. The only exception is washed out that that are being re-scheduled or if **both players have agreed** to re-scheduled due to commitments. In both instances an email must be sent to explain the delay in scores being recorded.
 - The **winning** team is responsible for entering scores
 - The **home** team is responsible for entering the score in the event of drawn matches, washouts or unplayed matches.
 - Points may be deducted from any team who repeatedly enter results with incorrect players listed.
11. **Wet weather:** In cases of inclement weather HOME team captain must check on court conditions by checking with the venue staff. Following an inspection of the court by staff at the venue a decision will be made on court conditions. Points will be split for any washout matches. **No refund will be given by the NSTA for washed out matches.** Players may arrange between themselves to re-schedule a washed-out match (not including semi and/or finals). Matches suspended for 30 minutes shall be called off unless both teams agree to wait longer.
12. **Rescheduled Matches due to Wash out:** If a match is washed out you will be able to reschedule your match at no expense to the players/teams outside of Competition matches, Tournaments, coaching hours and public bookings at Talus St only. There are at times courts available Friday evenings after 6pm or Saturday/Sunday afternoons.
 - The washout must have been at the decision of venue staff not players.
 - You must contact NSTA admin to book courts a minimum of 48hr prior to match.
 - Matches must be rescheduled a minimum of 7 days week prior to the semi-finals.
 - This ruling does not apply to forfeited matches or change of match time/day due to a player's availability (including sickness or injury).
13. **Washouts finals series:** If semi or finals are washed out the declared winner will be awarded to the player/team finishing higher on the competition table. If the match has commenced then washed out please enter the results and Xpoint will calculate the win based on the score while still taking into the consideration the placings of the teams on the ladder. There are NO rescheduled semi and/or finals matches.
14. **Unfinished finals matches:** In the event of a match not being completed the winner will be decided by xpoint after all scores have been entered, including any unfinished sets.

15. **Reserves for finals series:** Any player who has played at least two (2) matches in the same grade or below or was entered on the original team registration form is eligible for the semi and finals series. Consideration may be given to using reserves in extenuating circumstances ie sickness or injury. A request must be made to the NSTA Competition Administrator and approval must be given prior to using the reserve.