

Guidelines for NBS Senior Interclub Competition 2017/18 season

There has to be a minimum of one adult in every senior team. Teenagers progressing from the junior interclub into the senior competition must spend one full season in the Mon B Grade Competition before progressing into the Senior A Grade competition. (Exceptions to be approved by NBTA). Guidelines for tennis etiquette final page.

NBTA recognise that the low player numbers in the Ladies A grade require different measures whilst we try to build player numbers and playing opportunities. This season we are fortunate enough to have a few intermediate girls that are keen to develop their tennis. Guidelines for these players joining senior interclub –

- **They are required to play with a minimum of 1 other playing adult, 1 playing adult & 3 playing juniors (Ladies A grade) 1 adult & 1 junior (Ladies B grade).**
- **They are to be rotated into the teams on a gradual basis, ie every second week or every third week initially**

INTERCLUB RULES 2017-2018 SEASON

1. Team orders. The swapping of team orders can only occur on player merit. Eg a number 1 and number 2 player are to play in that position all season unless order of merit changes. Players 3 & 4 can swap positions.
2. Order of play. Top two doubles pairs (1 & 2 combination) play their doubles games first. The other two (3 & 4 combination) play their singles first.
3. Players 3 and 4 in A Grade Men can play number 1 or 2 in B Grade.
4. If a non-registered team member fills in then this has to be noted, for the purpose of Configure Ranking points. New players fill ins or non-registered players need to be entered onto the Configure Ranking system by the Club Captain prior to the game or as soon as possible after the game. All interclub players are required to be members of an affiliated club.
5. Defaulting a team without fielding a full team. It is the captain's job to notify the opposing team re the default and give them a minimum of 2 hours notice.
6. If fill ins are used from other clubs this will count for top dog points but not team points. You can use fill ins from other teams from the same club. If fill ins are used then they have to play in the position that they would normally play in. Eg, a number 1 from another team cannot fill in as a number 3. Number 1's can fill in for another team only as a number 1.

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7. In championship rounds or final playoff rounds, a fill in must be of equivalent or a lesser standard. This is a matter of fair play, and fair play judgment needs to be exercised by all teams.
8. Deuce definitions are;
 - a. Long deuce – normal full tennis deuce and advantage
 - b. Short deuce – 1 normal deuce and advantage then sudden death
 - c. Sudden death – one point decider receiver chooses side
9. Long deuce applies to Men's & Ladies A Grade singles and Wednesday Competitive Ladies Doubles. Short deuce applies to all other leagues apart from A Men & A Ladies Doubles who play sudden death deuce.
10. Tie break definitions are;
 - a. Conventional tie break - played first to 7 with a margin of 2.
 - b. Match tie break – (super tie break) first to 10 with a margin of 2.
11. The first and second set will be a conventional tiebreak at 6 games all, with the third set as a match tiebreak.
12. Balls – each team to supply either 1, 2 or 3 balls depending on the competition.
13. Result to be entered by the winning team captain, as agreed by both team captains, within 48 hours of completion of matches. If not received within 48 hours it is up to the competition manager's discretion as to whether points will be allocated.
14. If it is a count back on matches and sets, then games will be counted. Tiebreaks are counted as 9-8, or 6-5 depending on the competition, (in the count back) not the tie break point score.
15. If matches played at a venue where no lights and it becomes too dark to play, then those matches are halved. Lights may be used at floodlit facilities when otherwise the match would be stopped for bad light. Lights can be used, under these circumstances, during the first and last 4 weeks of the interclub competitions. In the case of lights having to be used the association shall reimburse the cost of the lights at \$5 a tie (not a court). It is the clubs responsibility to notify the association each week as this occurs (not at the end of the season). Contact leigh@tennisnelson.co.nz Due to the new format for the complete A men's and women's Tuesday matches potentially extending the length of games there will be a lighting subsidy throughout the season if required by A grade teams. Notification on a weekly basis is required.
16. Those clubs entering interclub teams in excess of that which can be hosted by the club on a home and away basis will pay an additional "host" fee with the team entry fees. The fee will be calculated on an agreed basis of \$7.50/court/tie for hosted home matches. The fee will be paid to the NBTA who will then reconcile payments with the host clubs at the end of the season.



17. If a team cannot field a full team within **15 minutes** after commencement time of the competition then that team will have that match recorded as a default, and receive no team points, however Configure Ranking points will still apply. If players notify they're on their way, a common sense decision will prevail.
18. When a default occurs the procedure will be – Captains to enter the result as a default in the dropdown window at the base of the results table along with an explanation written into the notice box. At the end of the round the team that was available will receive the average points they received from the total of their games added to their final score. This can only be added by the administrator at the end of the round or league.
19. Ladies with a minimum standard of S4 are eligible to enter in the men's competition.
20. Draw and results will be published on www.tennisnelson.co.nz
21. Score sheets are available at www.tennisnelson.co.nz
22. Self-Umpired rules are available at www.tennisnelson.co.nz

Guidelines - Tennis Etiquette

Do

- Be honest with your calls. If unsure the ball must be called in.
- Make sure the ball bounces before calling it in or out.
- Make sure your opponent is ready before serving.
- Call the score so your opponent can hear before the start of the next point if you are the server.
- Leave your racquet on the court if you have to leave for any reason and explain to your opponent why you are leaving. Taking your racquet indicates you are abandoning the match.

Do not

- Hit back serves if serve is obviously out.
- Walk behind a court when a point is in progress.
- Throw your racquet or swear - this is not acceptable behavior on the tennis court.
- You have 20 seconds between the end of one point and the beginning of the next.
- You should be ready to serve or receive inside that time.
- You have a one minute break between the change of ends for a drink and rest

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