

TDTA RULES FOR JUNIOR COMPETITION -2018

1.0 Method of Play:

1.1 Match play Order- Saturday Juniors

The match play order is to be as determined by the Junior Branch of the TDTA.

Players are to be allocated a position within a team prior to each match played.

1.2 Court and Ball Allocation:

(a) Saturday Juniors

The home club will provide a minimum (2) two Courts per home team playing on the day and Provide (2) sound balls approved by TNSW per court.

(b) Tweed District Competition- Friday Night

To be conducted at Tweed Heads Tennis Centre.

(2) Two sound balls approved by TNSW are to be provided per court.

1.3 Match Fees:

(a) Saturday Juniors:

The match fees are set by the **TDTA** & must be paid on the day, prior to the player being able to commence any matches. The home team will collect the match fees.

(b) Tweed District Competition-Friday Night

The match fees are set by the **TDTA** & must be paid on the day prior to the player being able to commence any matches. The Competition Organiser will collect the fees.

1.4 Umpires:

(a) Saturday Juniors:

Umpires for all single matches played on the day will be provided by arrangement between both teams.

All doubles matches are to be self- umpired by the players, however under circumstances of dispute a team supervisor may take control over the game & umpire to ensure equity is maintained within the match.

To assist the lower divisions (**Divisions 5 & 6**) the use of adult umpires is encouraged to facilitate fair play & assist those players with developing their knowledge & understanding of the game.

Preference is given to team supervisors to perform these duties in lieu of parents, helping maintain equity within the match.

(b) Tweed District Competition-Friday Night

All matches are to be self-umpired by the players however under the circumstances of dispute an event organiser/supervisor may take control over the game & umpire to ensure equity is maintained within the match.

1.5 Starting Time:

(a) Saturday Juniors:

Saturday Junior Competition will commence at **8am** & run for a period of **(2) two hours**. It is requested that players be available at the courts 15mins prior to commencement, to assist in matches getting under way in a timely manner.

NOTE: Matches may run over time **only** in circumstances whereby the courts are available & not booked for other competitions.

(b)Tweed District Competition-Friday Night

Competition will commence **6pm** & run for a period of **two (2) hours**. It is requested that players be available at the courts 15mins prior to commencement to assist in matches getting underway in a timely manner.

NOTE: Matches may run overtime **only** in circumstances whereby the courts are available & not booked for other competitions.

1.6 Match Play Order:

(a) Order of play is to be conducted as per match play sheets. Both supervisors are to complete their respective forms on the day with the score sheet remaining at the club to be sent into the recorder by the club coach, (*as per section 6.8 Match Results*)

(b) Tweed District Competition: Friday Night

Order of play to be conducted as per match play sheets Organisers/Supervisors are to complete the respective forms on the day and to forward the results to the recorder (*as per section 6.8 Match Results*)

1.7 Rain Effectuated Play (Wash outs)

(a) Saturday Juniors:

Where conditions are unsuitable for play to commence, the **home** team supervisor shall contact the opposing team supervisor, where practicable, prior to them arriving at the courts. The competition is deemed to be incomplete & will see both teams receive **(4) four points** respectively.

Confirmation of washout to be sent to the Recorder by the **home team supervisor** together with the clubs & teams names and date

(b) Where conditions are unsuitable for play & both teams are present at the courts prior to commencement of play, matches may be terminated by either team, taking into consideration safety of the players & potential damage to the courts. The competition for that day is deemed to be incomplete & will see both teams receive **(4) four points** respectively.

Mutual agreement between the team supervisors is preferred under these circumstances.

(c) In the event that match play commences and is subsequently terminated due to wet weather, taking into consideration the safety of the players & potential damage to the courts, the competition for that day is deemed to be incomplete & will see both teams receive **(4) four points** respectively. Mutual agreement between the team supervisors is preferred under these circumstances.

NOTE: In the event that no matches have commenced due to cancellation, **no match fees** will be required to be paid.

Tweed District Competition: Friday Night

Where conditions are unsuitable for play to commence, the organiser/supervisor may terminate the event, taking into consideration the safety of the players & potential damage to courts.

In the event that the Organiser /Supervisor claims **a wet weather** at the venue both teams will receive **(4) four points**.

NOTE: In the event that **no** matches have commenced due to cancellation, **no match fees** will be required to be paid

1.9 Points Allocation:

(a) Points will be awarded as follows: **(1) one** point for each set won; **(2) two** points to the match winner, drawn & wet matches **equal** points; **Bye no** points

2.0 Result Procedures:

Match Results- Saturday Juniors

(a) Results Procedure

Match results forms are to be completed in full on game day & signed by the relevant team supervisors. Results are to be kept at the home club and sent in by the club coach before the next Tuesday

All results received by the recorder after this time will see those teams obtain **zero** points unless prior arrangement has been made with the recorder. This is to ensure accurate & timely recording of results.

(b) Incorrect Result Sheets

In cases where result forms are received by the recorder that are not correctly completed the offending team shall be notified of the errors in an attempt to rectify these issues. If the problem continues the recorder is to report the matter to the Junior Branch Committee which may result in points being deducted from the offending team.

2.1 Nominations Grading & Eligibility:

(a) On or before the closing date, clubs/coaches will submit to the sub-committee Secretary a completed team entry form together with a list of all reserves.

Teams of **(4) four** players are limited to **(6) six** nominated players.

Changes to team nominations & team members may be accepted at the discretion of the relevant grading committee on or before the grading committee meeting sits.

(b) Team Grading: Saturday Juniors

Grading will be carried out at the relevant grading meeting.

Minor Premiers from the previous played season competition shall be considered based upon their final position in the competition, ability of each individual player, scores achieved during the competition for a higher division (*as per section 2.1b*) If the player is nominated to play again in the following competition & shall comply with all

relevant sections of the TDTA By Laws & Rules for the conduct of competition.

Grand Final Winners from the previously played season in division **2 through to 6** shall be placed in a higher division. Grading of these players is to be dealt with on an individual basis taking into consideration the ability of each player & scores achieved by the individual during the competition.

Grand Final Winners from the previously played season in **division 1** must **not** be placed in a lower division team for the following season unless agreed by the grading committee

2.2 Team Members

(a) The Team grade designates the player's grade for the relevant competition.

(b) Once graded a player cannot play in a lower division.

(c) Once graded, a team member may play **(3) three** times in total for other club teams in their division & **three (3)** times in total in a higher division.

Upon playing **(3) three** matches in total in other club teams or a higher a player cannot play in their original team or division during the competition.

2.3 Non Graded Players

(a) if a player not graded plays in a team, competition points will not be awarded for sets played until the competition sub-committee or the TDTA monthly meeting has given approval. If approval is refused, points for sets played by the defaulting player will be awarded to the opposing team.

2.4 Injury:

Once play has commenced, no substitute will be allowed due to injury in the match.

TEAM WITHDRAWAL

(a) Once a team has been graded in a competition and withdraws, members **of that team** are **ineligible** to take further part in that competition unless approved by the Junior Branch Committee of the TDTA.

3.0 FINALS:

(a) The **(4)** leading teams will play off at the conclusion of the scheduled round as follows- semi-final: **(a) 1v4**, semi-final:**(b) 2v3**

(b) Grand Finals: winner of **(a) v** winner of **(b)**
Please note Maximum of (6) Trophies will be provided to Grand Finals Winners

(c) The recorder shall supply a list of eligible players to all coaches/supervisors on or before the Wednesday prior to the Finals Series start.

3.2 Court Location

(a) Semi-finals & preliminary finals will be played on the home court of the team finishing higher at the end of the scheduled rounds. Teams may mutually agree to play at another venue with approval from the Junior Branch Committee

(b) Grand Finals in all divisions will be played at the Tweed Heads Tennis Centre,

3.3 End of Season Drawn Result:

(a) If teams are equal on points, the order of play in the semi-finals will be determined by a count-back of games.

3.4 Player Eligibility:

(a) A nominated team member or reserve must play a minimum of **(3) three** matches for the team in the scheduled rounds to be eligible to play in the finals.

(b) If players eligible under **rule 3.4(a)** are not available, lower grade players from the **same** club may be used as a replacement in the finals, subject to the approval of the competition sub-committee. Team members from **other** clubs are **ineligible**.

(c) In the **lowest** division, unqualified players of the same standard & from the **same** club may be used subject to the approval of the competition sub-committee.

(d) A player graded in Division 1 of the Saturday AM Competition may play in a higher level Friday Night Competition. Players in the Friday night competition who are not graded to play Division Saturday AM Competition may not play in that competition. There is **no limitation** on the number of times a Division 1 graded player from

the Saturday AM Competition may play in the Friday Night Competition.

NB All other conditions of the rules **must** be met.

3.5 Order of Play

(a) In finals, team supervisors will nominate their order of play confidentially to be entered on the score sheet before the match begins

(b) If there is a draw, a tiebreak will be played by the players on the court playing the last set.

3.6 Washouts: FINALS

(a) Semi Finals: In the case of a **complete** washout the highest ranking team as defined at the end of the scheduled will be declared the winner.

(b) Saturday Juniors: In the case of a **partial** washout a winner is declared only if **one (1)** team has completed and won **Four (4) sets**

(c) Friday Night: In the case of a **partial** washout A winner can be declared only if **one (1) team** has completed and won three **(3) sets**

Grand Finals: The highest ranking team will be declared the winner.

***Example:** If the fourth team is the winner of 1v4 and is playing against the winner of match 2v3 The winner of 2v3 will be declared the winner As they finished on the ladder in the scheduled rounds.*

3.7 PROTESTS: See By Law 11

NOTE Written protests must be lodged with the Secretary of the Junior Branch of the TDTA and the Competition Recorder must be notified **before** the start of the start of the next scheduled round.