



# FIRSTS TENNIS REGULATIONS

## GENERAL

- The Coach of the home team must approach and greet the visiting staff and players.
  - Schools may use different players in singles and doubles matches.
  - Coaches are to ensure that all players in their team are wearing correctly soled tennis shoes. This is particularly important in the case of en-tout-cas surfaces.
  - Gamesmanship on the part of the receiver when the server is about to commence play is unacceptable. Whilst the laws of tennis may not be transgressed, on such occasions a coach should feel free to draw the attention of the opposing coach to unsporting behaviour.
- (a) Apart from observing the rules of Tennis, players should at all times refrain from reverting to any acts of gamesmanship which threaten the true spirit of the sport, in particular on the part of the receiver when the server is about to commence play. Coaches should feel free to draw to the attention of the opposing coach any such unsporting behaviour.
- (b) Matches will be played wherever possible, on Saturdays, failing that on Friday afternoons after school. Matches should commence at 8:30 a.m. except by mutual agreement between the Sports Coordinators of the opposing schools. In the event of rain preventing initial play both teams are required to remain for a minimum of one hour after the scheduled starting time before abandoning the game. The Home school should make its playing facilities available to the visiting team at least 25 minutes before the scheduled starting time. Where a player has not arrived 20 minutes after the scheduled start of play, the rubber will be forfeited.
- (c) Play will cease no later than 4 hours after the scheduled starting time, where only two courts are available, no later than 4 ½ hours. If the allocated courts are unfit or unavailable for play, the match may be transferred to other courts, with the approval of the Heads of Schools concerned. However, there will be no change in venue after play commences, and a match scheduled for Friday may not be transferred to Saturday because of weather. The Executive Officer should be notified of any change.
- (d) Matches will be decided by eight rubbers of doubles followed by eight rubbers of singles, each to consist of one first-to-8 game set. The 12-point tie-breaker will be used at 7-all.
- (e) Singles players will be arranged in order of merit and will play in reverse order. When determining team order, players may only move one position up or down, relative to other established players, from the last round they played, except where players ranked higher are unavailable for selection. Where a player becomes incapacitated during a warm-up or scheduled match, any rubber interrupted will be forfeited and a replacement player may be substituted for subsequent rubbers. If a substitute is made, the team must still play in the original order of merit as specified on the team sheet.

In forming doubles combinations, schools may pair any players, regardless of the singles rankings. However, the four combinations chosen must then be ranked in order of merit.

There will be two rounds of doubles. 1v2; 2v1; 3v4; 4v3 then 1v1, 2v2, 3v3, 4v4. Team lists showing the order of merit, including doubles pairings, will be exchanged before the match commences and adhered to regardless of circumstances.

The players in the singles matches need not necessarily be those of the doubles and vice-versa.

(f) In the event of an on-court injury during a game / set, all points won by the injured player up until the injury occurred will count in the overall score. Points from this and the remaining games / sets will however, be forfeited to the opposing team's advantage.

(g) Premiership Ladder

i. Premiership points will be awarded on the basis of 2 for a win, 1 for a tie or washout and 0 for a loss. If, at the end of allotted time or if bad weather intervenes and all rubbers have not been completed, a team in an unbeatable position will be awarded the premiership points.

ii. GRAND FINAL (Round 10):

On the week following the ninth (final) round of the Home & Away season, the top two teams will play in the Grand Final to decide the Premiership. Percentage of 'sets for' over 'sets played' (Sets Index) will differentiate and separate teams equal on premiership points (sets and games won in a washout will count for percentage). The Final will be scheduled for a Saturday morning. The venue and start time is at the discretion of the host school (team finishing top of the ladder). This will generally follow the start time allocated to matches by this school as per Home & Away rounds, unless an alternative mutual agreement is reached by the participating schools.

In the event of a draw (including washout) or tie in the final, the final will not be replayed. The team finishing top of the ladder at the end of the Home and Away season will be declared the winner. If both teams are equal on premiership points *and* Set Index, the teams will be separated by the result of their home and away match to decide the Premiership.

(h) When the coaches agree that a player is foot faulting, the player should be warned immediately. A further infringement will necessitate the player's coach acting as foot fault umpire for the remainder of that set.

(i) Matches will be umpired and scored by the contesting players.

Coaching is not permitted during the course of play. Advice may only be offered before and after sets. Coaches should not enter the court enclosure during play, except when dealing with the foot fault rule or where they are requested to score a tiebreaker.

(j) The home team will provide sixteen new balls for each tennis match. The best eight doubles balls should be used for singles 8, 7, 6 and 5, with new balls being provided for singles 4, 3, 2 and 1.

(k) All Firsts players must wear the nominated school tennis uniform, including polo shirt and shorts. Both coaches must confer before the start of play to check that the correct uniform is being worn. Rubbers involving incorrectly dressed players will be forfeited. All tennis players must wear correctly soled tennis shoes. This is particularly important in the case of *en-tout-cas* surfaces.

(l) All schools should be familiar with and where appropriate, follow the contents of the Adverse Weather Policy.

### Results

It is the responsibility of the coach of the [HOME team](#) to telephone / SMS the Firsts Tennis results to Troy Rowe, on 0431 812 470 or 9001 6300, by 3:00 p.m. on Saturday



# TENNIS REGULATIONS FOR ALL MATCHES OTHER THAN FIRSTS

## GENERAL

- The Coach of the home team must approach and greet the visiting staff and players.
  - Schools may use different players in singles and doubles matches.
  - Coaches are to ensure that all players in their team are wearing correctly soled tennis shoes. This is particularly important in the case of *en-tout-cas* surfaces.
  - Gamesmanship on the part of the receiver when the server was about to commence play is unacceptable. Whilst the laws of tennis may not be transgressed, on these occasions coaches should feel free to draw to the attention of the opposing coach any such unsporting behaviour.
- (a) Eight singles and four doubles sets will be played. Each set will be first to six games advantage (tie breaker at 6 all) regardless of the number of courts available.  
Where only 3 courts are available, at 'deuce', there is a sudden death point with the receiver choosing which side to receive.
- (b) Early matches are to start at 8:30 a.m. except by prior arrangement. These matches must finish at 10:45 a.m. regardless of the scores, and those starting at 10:45 a.m. must cease no later than 1:00 p.m. Courts are to be opened and available for the visiting team at least 25 minutes prior to scheduled starting time of the first morning matches.
- (c) If a match is incomplete at the end of the designated playing time, the result will be determined by sets won, then games.
- (d) A school will forfeit a rubber(s) after play in a round has been in progress for 20 minutes and the player(s) have not arrived.
- (e) One pair of new balls per court will be made available by the home school for each age group.
- (f) Dress (including footwear) will be 'predominantly white', or designed as a uniform for all team members. Rubbers involving incorrectly dressed players will be forfeited.
- (g) A player may be warned once for foot faulting. A further infringement will necessitate the player's coach acting as foot fault umpire for the remainder of that set.
- (h) All schools should be familiar with and where appropriate, follow the contents of the Adverse Weather Policy.

# TENNIS REGULATIONS

## TENNIS - 12 POINT TIE BREAK - SINGLES

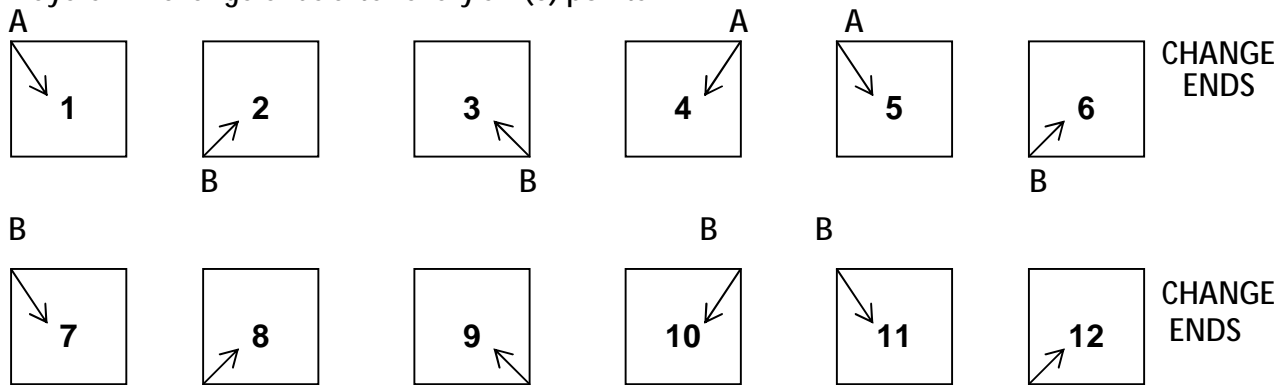
A player who first wins seven (7) points will win the game and the set, provided he leads by a margin of two (2) points. If the score reaches six (6) points all, the game will be extended until this two point margin has been achieved. Numerical scoring will be used throughout the tie-break game.

The player whose turn it is to serve will be the server for the first point. His opponent will be the server for the second and third points, and thereafter, each player will serve alternately for two consecutive points until the winner of the game and set has been decided.

From the first point, each service will be delivered alternately from the right and left courts, beginning from the right court.

**NOTE:** The first server serves only for one (1) point from the right court.

Players will change ends after every six (6) points.



### DOUBLES

A pair who first wins seven (7) points will win the game and the set provided they lead by a margin of two (2) points. If the score reaches six (6) points all, the game will be extended until this two point margin has been achieved. Numerical scoring will be used throughout the tie-break game.

The player whose turn it is to serve will be the server for the first point thereafter each player will serve in his turn for two points until the winners of the game and set has been decided.

**NOTE:** Players will serve from both ends, e.g. in a match Ashe and Roche v Smith and Jones, the serving order has been Ashe, Smith, Roche and Jones. At six games all, Ashe will serve one point, Smith will serve two points, Roche two points, Jones two points, Ashe two points etc., until a result has been achieved.

From the first point, each service will be delivered alternately from the right and left courts, beginning from the right court.

**NOTE:** The first server serves only one point from the right court. Odd points are served from the right court. Even points are served from the left court.

Players will change ends every six (6) points.

