TENNIS NORTHERN BEACHES

Manly Warringah Tennis Association
Trading as Tennis Northern Beaches

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ADMINISTRATION

1. The rules of play shall be those set out in the Official Book of the Australian Lawn Tennis Umpires' Association Code of conduct - Tennis Code of Conduct as endorsed by Tennis NSW will apply to all competitions conducted by *Tennis Northern Beaches*

INTERPRETATION

2. Any question arising as to the interpretation of these competition Rules shall, in the first instance be decided by the Committee and in the event of appeal, by the appeals Committee.

PROTESTS

3. Protests shall be in writing via email and forwarded to the Administrator within 48 hours of the completion of the match. Protests shall be considered by the Administrator/Committee

APPEALS

4. Clubs or competitors affected by the penalties imposed under any of these rules or in the interpretation of there of shall have the right to appeal. All such appeals shall be forwarded to the Committee in writing via Email within 14 days from notification of the protest decision. Appeals will be heard by the Appeals Committee.

MISCONDUCT

5. Complaints relating to Tennis Code of Conduct shall be referred to the disciplinary Committee if deemed necessary by the council of Management.

POWERS OF COMMITTEE

6. The competition committee shall have the power to order any match to be contested, recontested or completed and to name the time and the court for playing or completing any such match.

ATTIRE AND EQUIPMENT

7. (a) Correct tennis attire must be worn by all players, and this includes:
   - (i) Males - Shirts with collars and shorts
   - (ii) Females - Dresses, shirts with skirts or shorts
     Sleeveless singlets are not considered to be correct tennis attire.

   (b) FOOTWEAR - shall be footwear manufactured tennis.

(c) RAQUETS - Recognised approved racquets manufactured for tennis.

(d) BALLS - Balls to be used in all competition shall be those makes approved by Tennis Australia.

(e) It is the responsibility of all players to report breaches of rule 7 to the Administration

ENTRIES

8. Entries to all competitions shall be made on the administration entry forms and shall be accompanied by the **Fees** and must be received by Administration by the published closing date.

COURTS

Courts must be of competition standard. *Tennis Northern Beaches* has the right to reject unsuitable courts.

9. (a) Clubs entering teams in competition must make a court available for each team for all home matches and for semi-finals and finals when required.

(b) Each court nominated for competition by an affiliated club during the current year shall be made available (at no cost to the Association) on not more three occasions for District Championship purposes.

Change of Court

(c) Clubs needing to change their court locations after the closing date of entries shall submit a request for court change to the Administrator at least seven days prior to the match.

Courts for Semi - Finals, Finals

(d) All Semi- Finals and Finals will be scheduled on courts at the discretion of the Administrator.

Lights

(e) Matches in preliminary rounds of daylight competitions shall not be played under artificial lighting. In Semi - Finals and Finals more than one court may be used and or lights should be used until a result id achieved.

PLAYERS

NOMINATION

10. (a) A club nominating a player who has not previously been allocated a National rating shall forward details of the Player's standard with the teams entry form.

(b) If a player is nominated for a team but does not participate in at least 2 or 3 matches during the course of the competition without just course, the Club nominating the player shall be liable to a fine/penalty as set out in Rule 25. (E.g. depending on length of competition)

(c) If a player's National rating is 3 "Ratings" or more above the average Rating of all players in the team's allocated grade, then the Administrator has the right to refuse the players nomination.

RESERVES

11. (a) No team shall be permitted to improve it's standard by playing higher rated reserves.

(b) A team using a reserve must detail the players registration number or full name and address on the match result form. If the Administrator is not satisfied that the reserve is of equal or lower standard then the player who is replaced, then any sets in which the player participated shall be forfeited.

(c) In all competitions a reserve is able to play for more than one team within a grade subject to rule 11(a) and 11(b).

PLAYERS REPRESENTATION

12. No player shall play in more than one match in the same timeframe on the same day.

ELIGIBILTY TO PLAY IN TEAM OTHER THAN FOR WHICH REGISTERED

13. (a) No player may in a lower grade than that for which his/ her nomination is accepted without a permit from the Administrator. A player may play in a higher grade, subject to rule 11(a) and 11(b).

Eligibility where two club teams are in one grade

(b) Where two or more teams from the one club are graded in the one grade, no registered member of these teams shall be eligible to play with any other of the clubs teams in the same grade other than the one for which his/ nomination has been accepted, without the permission of the Administrator.

(c) Where a reserve/player is not registered with a team in the relevant competition and they are nominated to reserve in a team, the administrator will determine whether that grade shall stand for the grading of that reserve, subject to 11(a) and 11(b). Or if they have played 3 matches in a particular grade this will determine their grading subject to above.

INCAPACITATED PLAYERS

14. (a) In the event of a player becoming incapacitated during the progress of a match, his team shall be entitled to a substitute, subject to Rule 11(a) and 11(b) and shall be allowed 30 minutes (from the time play ceased due to injury) in which to obtain a substitute.

The in-capacitated player shall forfeit the remaining games of the incomplete set. Notice of substitution shall be recorded on the result sheet. No postponement of such match will be allowed.

COMPOSITION OF TEAM AND MATCH FORMAT

15. (a) Team composition, match format and order of play will be as nominated for each competition by the Administrator and as detailed on the draw card.

(b) Player's position nominated on the registration form (for junior competitions) shall remain for the entire competition duration unless the player ranked higher is not playing then they may play up a position.

(c) Nominated player position on the registration form (for junior competitions) shall not be altered prior to round 3 unless prior approval. After round 3 has been completed, a written request can be made to the grading committee to change only one player position if needed.

NOMINATION OF ORDER OF SETS & THE SERVICE

16. (a) In all matches the first available playing pairs shall commence play in the first set. The opposing captains shall at the beginning of days play make two tosses.

(i) Right of service
Winner has the right to serve (or receive in) the first set and alternate sets thereafter.

(ii) Right of put on
Winner has the choice of putting on Sets 1,3, 5 or Sets 2,4,6

Set No 1 cannot be won on a forfeit if compatible pairs are available to play. This rule shall apply to all competitions.

Forfeit of Sets

(b) If a team has not a pair ready to play at the scheduled starting time, the other team is awarded the first Set (6 - 0) - the captain with right to nominate the Set (Rule 16 (a) (ii)) will nominate the first Set to be forfeited.

Thereafter while a team continues to default, a further Set is awarded 15 minutes after the starting time and again 30 minutes after the starting

time. Should a team be unable to proceed with match within 45 minutes of the scheduled starting time the whole match shall be forfeited, No protest will be considered under this rule.

Time limit between Sets

(c) Not more than three minutes, including a hit up, shall elapse between the conclusion of a Set and the commencement of the following Set. Should a team not have a pair ready to commence play within three minutes of the completion of a set, the next Set shall be forfeited. On the expiration of another 3 minutes a further Set shall be forfeited. If a further 3 minutes, the team is still not ready to play, the match shall be forfeited.

Hit-ups

(d) No hit-ups between Sets shall be permitted once each player in the team has played one Set.

Abandonment of match

(e) Should neither team be able to proceed with play 45 minutes of the time set down for commencement of play or within 9 minutes of the completion of a Set, or if by applying this rule, a match result shall not obtain, neither team shall be entitled to score any points for the match.

MATCH RESULTS

17. (a) In all competitions, including Semi-finals and Finals, matches shall be decided on Sets, If at the end of match Sets are even, the match will be decided on games. If Sets and games are even, the match will be declared a tie and the 3 points for a win will be divided equally (half a point each) between the two teams.

(b) In an unplayed match (other than a forfeit),each team shall receive half the total points allocated for the match. In a forfeited match, the team receiving the forfeit shall receive all the points for the match. A team having a bye shall receive NO points for a match.

(c) The points for Sets declared forfeits by the Administrator shall be awarded to the opposing team. After forfeiture of the Sets, the match result shall be recalculated and the winning points awarded.

Tied Semi-finals/Finals

(d) In the case of Semi-finals being declared a tie as set out above, the match shall be awarded to the team with the higher tally of competition points at the conclusion of the preliminary rounds or if equal, the team deemed the higher on the competition table after a count back has been applied.

In the event that both teams still cannot be separated, if a Semi-final, the match shall be re-scheduled at a time specified by the Administrator and

if a Final, the Administrator has the power to declare the two teams joint premiers of the grade or re-schedule the match if time permits.

Tie breaker Sets

(e) The 12-point tie breaker system will be played at 5 games all (5-5) in ALL Competitions, unless otherwise specified.

Short Games-Wednesday Night Men's Competition

(f) In the Wednesday night Men's Competitions only a maximum of 3 points will be played after the score reaches deuce in any game with the receiver nominating the side on which to receive the serve for the next point after reaching the second deuce. The winner of this point (if necessary to be played) wins the game.

EQUAL POINTS

18. (a) In the event of two or more teams equal in competition points at the conclusion of the preliminary rounds, their relative position shall be decided by count back as determined by the Administrator.

ELIGIBILITY TO PLAY IN SEMI FINALS OR FINALS

19. (a) Players - A registered team member must have played 3 complete matches with their team. If it is a short comp of one round a registered team member must have played at least 2 complete matches.

(b) Reserves - All reserves must be cleared by the Administrator before playing Semi-Finals or Finals.

NEW BALLS

20. In all grades at least two new balls shall be provided by the home team for each match. In all Semi-Finals and Finals each team shall provide two new balls.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

21. (a) It is the responsibility of both captains to ascertain the state of the courts 30 minutes before the scheduled starting time of play in case of wet weather and contact each other to confirm cancellation. The wet weather contact of the court location has the right to declare the courts playable or unplayable within 30 minutes of the scheduled starting time.

(b) Upon arriving at courts and/or during the match the Captains of opposing teams shall mutually decide whether courts are suitable for play in cases of wet weather. The commencement of play maybe delayed for up to 30 minutes however at the expiry of this time play must either commence or be abandoned. If play is suspended by rain and cannot be resumed within 30 minutes then either captain may abandon the match.

(c) A round of a day's competition will be declared a draw due to inclement weather (and points allocated equally to each team regardless of sets

played). If less than 16% of matches for that round are able to commence play.

(d) If rain begins at the commencement of the match, play may be discontinued for a period of time and conditions are to be re-assessed (every 30minutes) to determine whether play should continue.

(e) If in the case of lightning and thunderstorm threats, it is deemed at risk if lightning and/or thunder can be seen. The players should take all precautions.

(f) In the event of extreme weather, during a Tennis Northern Beaches event/competition, involving players under 16 years of age or older than 60 years of age

(i) Where the forecasted temperature determined 1 hour prior to the schedule start of play of an ambient temperature of 36 degree Celsius or greater, play may be cancelled and broadly communicated to all clubs/teams/participants.

(ii) Where by during play, if the ambient temperature is of 36 degrees Celsius or greater play must be suspended (on the completion of the current game). If the conditions continue for greater than 90minutes play may be cancelled by club captains, team captains or officials. Play may also be cancelled by mutual agreement within the 90 minute period.

(iii) During a tournament, if the ambient temperature is of 33 degrees Celsius or greater player are allowed to take a 10 minute break between the second and third set of a 3 set match.

(g) In the event of extreme weather, during a Tennis Northern Beaches event/competition, involving players over 16 years of age

(i) Where the forecasted temperature determined 1 hour prior to the schedule start of play of an ambient temperature of 38 degree Celsius or greater, play may be cancelled and broadly communicated to all clubs/teams/participants.

(ii) Where by during play, if the ambient temperature is of 38 degrees Celsius or greater play must be suspended (on the completion of the current game). If the conditions continue for greater than 90minutes play may be cancelled by club captains, team captains or officials. Play may also be cancelled by mutual agreement within the 90 minute period.

(iii) During a tournament, if the ambient temperature is of 34 degrees Celsius or greater player are allowed to take a 10 minute break between the second and third set of a 3 set match.

(h) When captains of opposing teams mutually decide to abandon play in cases of extremely hot weather. The points for any remaining sets are divided equally.

(i) When an individual is unduly affected by extremely hot weather it is entirely that individual's responsibility to determine for themselves if they

are fit to continue the match, taking into consideration their own health and wellbeing and any detrimental effect that continuation of play in such weather may cause. If any individual is unable or unwilling to continue a match in these circumstances then remaining Sets must be forfeited. No substitute permitted.

Semi - Finals & Finals

(f) If the SEMI - FINALS are washed out, incomplete or drawn, the team with the highest points will proceed to the FINALS.
If the FINALS are washed out, incomplete or drawn, the Administrator may re- schedule the match if time permits. If time does not permit, the team highest on the point score will be declared the winner.

GENERAL

RESULT SHEETS

22. Completed result sheets must be submitted to the Association within the time specified on the drawcard particular to each competition.
Late or incomplete result sheet will result in penalties as set out on the drawcard.
The two opposing captains, for all completed drawn or incomplete matches, must sign the result sheet. In case of forfeited or washed out matches, the signature of the home captain is sufficient.

TROPHIES

23. Team trophies/prizes and method of distribution shall be determined by the Council of Management.

FORFEITED SETS & MATCHES- PENALTIES

24. (a) Any team which forfeits 3 or more Sets in a match without notifying the opposition or the administrator will have 3 points deducted from it's competition points score. The Administrator shall have the right to waive the above penalty, provided that an acceptable explanation in writing is forwarded to the Administrator within 48 hours of the match.

(b) Should an entire team forfeit or fail to meet it's engagements, it’s opponents shall score the points allocated for an entire match. In addition, the team forfeiting the match shall have points deducted from it's competition points score. The Administrator shall have the right to waive the above penalty, provided that an acceptable explanation in writing is forwarded to the Administrator within 48 hours of the match. The team giving the forfeit shall, as a matter of courtesy, notify the Administrator and the opposing team as early as possible.

(c) In addition to the above penalties, the Administrator may, at his/her discretion, impose a fine as set out in Rule 25.

(d) Should an entire team fail to meet it's obligation more than once then at the discretion of the Administrator, the team and team members may be

suspended from participation in any competitions conducted by the Association. A player debarred from competitive play under these circumstances shall have the right to lodge an appeal, in writing to the Administrator within 4 days.

(e) Should a team be suspended under part (d) here of, all points scored for or against such team shall be cancelled, unless the first or second series of matches have been completed, in which case points scored in those series of matches shall stand.

(f) In the event of a team forfeiting a whole match and such forfeit affects the prospect of any other team, the competition committee shall, in it's discretion, order an eliminating match between the teams contending for the right to qualify for Semi-finals or Finals.

(g) Should a team withdraw from a competition after the draw has been arranged, then the Council of Management may reject entries from that Club of subsequent competitions. The Administrator may levy an administration charge up to the total of the entry fee.

FINES

25. Fines not exceeding one hundred dollars ($100.00) and/or loss of points for infringement of any of the preceding rules shall be imposed at the discretion of the Administrator.

PLAY WITHOUT A CHAIR UMPIRE

26.

(a) Each player is responsible for all calls on his/her side of the net, however it should be noted that a Court Supervisor or Referee is permitted to reverse an incorrect line call.

(b) Do not enlist the aid of spectators, including parents, coaches in making line calls, or attempting to determine the score or other on-court matters.

(c) Foot faults may only be called by an official standing on court or by a chair umpire. Players may be requested to correct their foot faulting problem by a Referee or Court Supervisor.

(d) To avoid controversy over the score, the server should announce the game score before starting a game and the point score prior to serving for each point, and must be loud enough for his/her opponent to hear.

(e) If players cannot agree on the score, they should calmly discuss the points/games that are disputed. All points or games which the players agree on stand and only those in dispute should be replayed i.e. two players cannot agree on whether the score is 40–30 or 30–40 and disagree only on who won the rst point in the game. The game shall continue from 30–30, since both players agree that they have won two points each. This rule applies to games also.

(f) When a player has created an involuntary hindrance (ball falling out of pocket, hat falling o , etc), the first time a “let” should be called and any similar hindrance thereafter will be ruled deliberate.

(g) Where a ball interrupts play, either by rolling/bouncing onto the court, and/or creating a visible interruption behind the court a let should be played. Either player can call a let in these circumstances provided they do so in a timely manner. Where this is between a 1st and 2nd serve, a second serve only should be played.

(h) If the player hits the ball and the racquet falls out of the players hand onto the court, the player is able to pick the racquet back up and continue. However, if the racquet falls out and hits the net or a player, that player who dropped the racquet will lose the point.

(h) If at the completion of a match, the players involved realise that the scoring format used was incorrect, the match result shall stand provided all players have left the court enclosure. If the mistake is realised before the players have left the enclosure, the correct scoring format should be used to finalise the match. If this is not possible (i.e. the match has progressed beyond the point where the correct scoring format can be implemented), then the score based on the incorrect format stands.

(i) Constant overt celebration directed at an opponent may be considered intimidation, and therefore unsportsmanlike conduct.

ANNUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS - See Annual Champion Rules

27. All requirements as to qualifications, eligibility, events, etc. are as set out on the Associations printed forms and or Tennis Australia’s tournament rules and regulations document.

INTERDISTRICT - See Interdistrict Rules

28. All requirements as to qualifications, eligibility, events, etc. are set out on the Association printed nomination form, and the rules are as specified by the Junior Development Committee and or Tennis Australia’s tournament rules and regulations document.