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NBS Senior Interclub Handbook 2024/2025



COMPETITION FORMAT

[1] Monday Morning Women Start Time 9.30am

Teams	4 person teams
Format	3 matches, each player partners each of the other players on the team
Scoring	All matches up to 9 7-point tie break at 8 all
Deuces	Short deuce to be played to player of corresponding merit.

[2] Monday Women's DIV 2 Start Time 5.45pm

Teams	2 person teams
Format	Each player will play one doubles and one singles
Scoring	Singles best of 3 sets, 7-point tie break at 6 all, 10-point match tie break 3rd set Doubles best of 3 sets, 7-point tie break at 6 all, 10-point match tie break 3rd set
Deuces	Singles ~ long deuce Doubles ~ short deuce

[3] Monday Men's DIV 2 Start Time 5.45pm

Teams	4 person teams
Format	Each player will play one doubles and one singles 3 & 4 play singles first, 1 & 2 play doubles first
Scoring	Doubles; best of 3 sets, 7 pt tie break at 6 all, 10 pt match tiebreak at 1 set all Singles; best of 3 sets, 7 pt tie break at 6 all, 10 point match tiebreak at 1 set all
Deuces	Doubles ~ short deuce Singles ~ long deuce.
Notes	3 courts used (maximum).

[4] Tuesday Men's DIV 1 Start Time 5.45 pm **CANCELLED for 2024/2025 Season - Singles box league to run as an alternative competition**

Teams	4 person teams
Format	Each player will play one doubles and one singles 3 & 4 play singles first, 1 & 2 play doubles first
Scoring	Doubles ; best of 3 sets, 7-point tie break at 6 all, 10-point match tie break at 1 set all
	Singles ; best of 3 sets, 7-point tie break at 6 all, 10-point match tie break at 1 set all
Deuces	Doubles ~ sudden death Singles ~ Long deuce.
Notes	3 courts used (maximum).

[5] Tuesday Women's DIV 1 Start Time 5.45 pm **CANCELLED for 2024/2025 Season**

Teams	2 person teams
Format	Each player will play one doubles and one singles. Play doubles first, singles after.
Scoring	Doubles ; best of 3 sets, 7-point tie break at 6 all, 10-point match tie break at 1 set all
	Singles ; best of 3 sets, 7-point tie break at 6 all, 10-point match tie break at 1 set all
Deuces	Doubles ~ sudden death Singles ~ Long deuce.
Notes	2 courts used (maximum).

[6] Wednesday Men's Doubles DIV 1 Start Time 5.45pm

Teams	4 person team
Format	Pairings; 1&2 V 1&2, 3&4 V 3&4, then 1&3 V 1&3, 2&4 V 2&4.
Scoring	Best of 3 sets, conventional tie break at 6 all, match tie break 3rd set

Deuces	Short deuce
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[7] Wednesday Women's Doubles DIV 2 Start Time 5.45pm

Teams	4 person team
Format	Each player partners each of the other players on the team.
Scoring	Three matches to 6, with a 7-point tie break at 6 all
Deuces	Short deuce to be played to player of corresponding merit

[8] Wednesday Women's Doubles DIV 1 Start Time 5.45pm

Teams	2 person team
Format	One match
Scoring	3 full sets played. 7-point tie break at 6 all. Third set is encouraged to be played for more tennis. NO BONUS POINTS APPLY.
Deuces	Long deuce
Notes	Format designed to maximize court time for players

[9] Thursday Mixed Doubles DIV 1 Start Time 5.45pm

Teams	4 person team, 2 women and 2 men
Format	1 women's & 1 men's doubles match and 2 mixed doubles matches (#1 Female/Male vs #1 Female/Male and #2 Female/Male vs #2 Female/Male)
Scoring	Best of 3 sets, 7-point tie break at 6 all, 10 point match tie break 3rd set
Deuces	Short deuce

[10] Thursday Mixed Doubles DIV 2 Start Time 5.45pm

Teams	4 person team, 2 women and 2 men
Format	1 women's & 1 men's doubles match and 2 mixed doubles matches (#1 Female/Male vs #1 Female/Male and #2 Female/Male vs #2 Female/Male)
Scoring	Best of 3 sets, 7-point tie break at 6 all, 10 point match tie break 3rd set

Deuces	Short deuce
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DATES 2024/2025

Competition starts on 14th October until first week of December. After the Christmas break, play will resume on Monday 10th February until 16 weeks of play have been completed. Some grades will go for longer given the number of teams entered and if playing days fall on public holidays.

Senior Prize Giving date TBC

DRAWS & SCORE SHEETS

1. Draw and results will be published on the Match Hub [website](#)
2. Score sheets are available at the NBTA's [website](#)

BALLS

It is the club's responsibility to provide interclub players with **Technifibre X-One** balls. To prevent unnecessary wastage of unused balls, **TEAM 1 on the draw (1st team listed on the left hand side) will provide balls for the tie regardless of where the match is held.**

ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS

1. Club captains can request dispensation for juniors under 14 years of age to be in club teams.
2. Teams made up of more than 2 juniors require the club captain to recommend the team make up as appropriate for senior interclub and must have an adult team manager to be the primary contact person for all communication with team and who is responsible for the team being on time and behaving as expected.

GUIDELINES FOR JUNIORS PLAYING SENIOR INTERCLUB

1. Juniors 14 years and over can play senior interclub without having to commit to the junior interclub competition. Must be **14 years old on or before the 31 December 2024**.
2. Juniors 13 years and under - can apply to the NBTA committee to play senior interclub. If accepted, the player will have to commit to junior interclub as well as the senior competition. Once approval has been given for a junior to play in senior interclub no further application is required for subsequent years.

JUNIORS TRANSITIONING TO SENIOR INTERCLUB FOR THE FIRST TIME

To get dispensation to play senior interclub, a junior must apply before entries close with the following:

1. The club captain's recommendation that the junior is ready both in terms of tennis ability and maturity to handle playing senior interclub with adults.
2. If accepted, the Junior must agree to abide by a code of conduct agreement before commencing play in the senior interclub for the season.

Juniors progressing from the junior interclub into the senior competition for the first time must spend one **full season** in DIV 2 Competition before joining any DIV 1 competition.

Guidelines for tennis etiquette are on the final page and all juniors are expected to read and adhere to them.

TEAM LISTS

1. The team list for all grades must include all core players for each team entered.
2. Players must be ranked in Match Hub order for the teams they play for.
3. The swapping of team orders can only occur if match hub ranking points change or player merit. e.g. a number 1 and number 2 player are to play in that position all season unless order changes. Players 3 & 4 can swap positions.
4. Players 3 and 4 in DIV 1 can play number 1 or 2 in DIV 2
5. In all team lists, one of the players must be named as team captain and that person's telephone number and email address must be included on the team list.

6. Reserves/Fill Ins: All team members must have a Match Hub player code prior to the game. Failure to do this means results can't be entered into Match Hub. To get a player code get in touch with your team captain.
7. If fill ins are used from other clubs this will count for Match Hub ranking points but not team points, unless it's a joint club team. 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. e.g., 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.
8. In championship or final playoff rounds, a fill in must be of equivalent or a lesser standard and have played a minimum of 3 ties for that team in the grading round to be eligible to play in final rounds. Players cannot be brought in for finals or play offs. In unforeseen circumstances, if a team is having difficulty fielding a team, they can apply to the NBTA for special dispensation.
9. With regard to interclub affiliation fees, a player can play to a total of 2 ties before they are required to pay the interclub affiliation fee. If a player plays 3 or more ties, they are required to pay the interclub affiliation fee.
10. Players that are members of 2 clubs cannot play, be a reserve or fill in for both clubs in the same competitions.
11. Women with a ranking of S2/D2 and above are eligible to enter in the men's competition. This ranking will act as a guideline, with requests being considered on a case-by-case basis. The expectation is that women continue to support the women's leagues. A restriction will be placed on teams entered with women players, that a maximum of two women will be eligible to play each week to maintain the integrity of it being a men's competition.
12. In Mixed Doubles Competitions DIV 1 & DIV 2 teams must rank players for their team prior to any tennis play commencing, #1 ranked male, #2 ranked male, #1 ranked female, #2 ranked female. Strongest players should be ranked #1. In the mixed matches, the #1's play together, and the #2's play together. This ranking order will be upheld throughout the matches played that day unless agreed upon by both teams at the start of the tie.

RANKING ORDER

For all grades Match Hub must be the starting point for ranking and playing order.

1. Merit – Club captains rank their team on “merit” (a combination of the player's ability, time spent on court recently, record against similar club players, age, experience, etc). The Club captain is entrusted with this role knowing her/his club members.

2. **For DIV 1, club captains rank their teams based on Match Hub Rankings alone. If a team wishes to change this to a merit-based ranking they must have a valid reason for this change and it must be approved by NBTA.**

DEFAULTS

1. Defaulting: It is the team captain's job to notify the opposing team, giving them a minimum of 3 hour's notice. Teams should consider postponing the match where possible if both sides agree, so that everyone gets to play (see the 'Postponements & Cancellation' section below for more details).
2. 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. If players notify they're on their way, a common sense decision will prevail with a mutually agreed start time.
3. When a default occurs, the procedure will be – team captains to enter the result in the dropdown window at the base of the results table along with an explanation written. 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 regional coordinator at the end of the round or league.

ENTERING RESULTS

1. Agreed result to be entered by the winning team captain, within 48 hours of completion of matches. If not entered within 48 hours, it is up to the regional coordinator's discretion as to whether points will be allocated.
2. If it is a count back on matches and sets, then games will be counted. Tiebreaks are counted as 1 game, not the tie break point score.

POINTS

Points shall be awarded in each contest as follows (excluding Women's Doubles DIV 1):

1. Each team shall receive one point for each match it wins. The team winning the greater number of matches shall receive 2 bonus points.
2. If the teams win an equal number of matches, the winning team is the one which won more sets or if sets are equal more games and will be awarded the bonus points. If matches, sets and games are equal both teams will be awarded 1 bonus point.

Notes: In these calculations any match won by default will be:

1. If Player A does not take the court, Player B wins the match 6-0, 6-0. When a match in progress is defaulted by Player A, Player B receives all remaining sets and games.
2. A 3rd set super tiebreaker is counted as a set when a set count back is required. If sets are even and a count back of games is required, then the super tiebreaker is counted as a game. This means the super tiebreaker could potentially have 2 values.

Women's Doubles DIV 1 Competition Points:

1. 1 Point will be awarded per set won. If you win all 3 sets = 3 points, or 2 sets won = 2 points, 1 set won = 1 point.

POSTPONEMENTS & CANCELLATION

1. Uncertain weather - postponements by mutual agreement.
2. If a team cannot come up with enough players due to all possibilities being exhausted, along with consultation of the Regional Coordinator, a postponement can be granted. If teams are unable to field a team, then 24 hour's notice is required for a postponement.
3. Teams are required to work together to arrange a suitable time to replay. Postponed matches should be completed before the last match in the draw.
4. If no suitable date can be agreed upon team captains should contact the Regional Coordinator for assistance.
5. If the postponed match is not played before the end of the draw/competition, the tie will be considered cancelled and no points will be added to the final scores.

MATCH DISTRUPTIONS

If matches are disrupted to the point where play cannot continue (eg rain or lack of light) players shall agree the score and resume the match at the point where it was left when convenient only with the same players. If a different team shall play the rescheduled match, you should start the match from scratch.

WINNERS

The grade winner shall be the team which has accumulated the most points during the season. If two or more teams are equal on points at the end of the season on the points table after the full league has been completed, a count back will be made to determine the winner, firstly of contests won and if these are equal of matches won and if these are equal of sets won and if these are equal of games won over the entire season. If points, contests, matches, sets and games are equal a the competition will be decided on the head-to-head result(s). If these results are still tied a playoff shall take place.

CLUB CAPTAIN'S NOTES:

HOST FEES: 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. The fee will be calculated on an agreed basis of \$7.50/court for hosted home matches. NBTA will inform clubs of the potential costs at the start of the season. Once play has been confirmed at the end of the season both clubs will be informed of the cost to allow the away club to reconcile payments with the host clubs.

TEAM FEES:

\$125 of which \$40 is the lighting contribution. Monday AM Women's do not pay light portion.

SELF-UMPIRED RULES

Self-Umpired rules are available at NBTA's website

COMPLAINTS

1. Complaints or reports on breaches of these rules are to be made by Clubs (Club Captain, President or approved Interclub club contact person), in writing or by email, to the NBTA Regional Coordinator, within 7 days of the alleged breach. All complaints or reports must include club name, team name, grade and competition, opposing club name, date, players' full names and a clear description of the nature of the complaint. Where the complaint may affect the outcome of the contest, a copy of the result sheet must be attached.

TENNIS ETIQUETTE

Do

- Be honest with your calls. If unsure the ball must be called in.
- The ball must bounce before calling it in or out.
- Your opponent must be 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. Taking your racquet indicates you are abandoning the match.
- Have the decency to applaud good play by both you and the opposition
- 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

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 behaviour.
- Intentionally heckle the opposition. All players have the right to feel comfortable on court.