

APPENDIX 3 – MIDWEEK

The following are the Rules for the Midweek tennis competition. In case of any doubt the rules in this appendix take precedence over the Rules in the main document.

The intention of this competition is to provide a competition during the week for women wanting a doubles format.

There is a spirit of cooperation among midweek teams and for that reason a more relaxed approach to the rules especially in regard to composition of teams will be imposed by the IPC.

1.0 Entries

- 1.1 Teams will comprise of 4 affiliated women.
- 1.2 Each competition will comprise of three divisions of 7, 6 and 6 teams or such other number as the IPC may decide depending on numbers of team entries. Matches will be played on a 2 weekly format. The IPC at their discretion may schedule some weekly matches to fit the schedule into the school terms.
- 1.3 There will be a pre and post-Christmas competition. At the end of pre-Xmas competition the winner of each section will automatically be promoted to the grade above and the bottom team will automatically be relegated to the grade below. At the end of the Post-Xmas competition the winner of each section will, depending on numbers of team entries, automatically be promoted to the grade above for the following season. The bottom team will automatically be relegated to the grade below.

2.0 Team Grading

- 2.1 Team seeding within each grade will be based upon the final team position in the previous season for the pre-Xmas competition and in the case of post-Xmas the team position pre-Xmas.
- 2.2 Should a vacancy occur in a grade, the vacancy will be filled by the next eligible team wishing to be promoted from the grade below.
- 2.3 A team demoted from the previous season shall be assumed to be the next eligible team in that lower grade.
- 2.4 If a club withdraws a team from a grade they cannot fill a place in any lower grade except the lowest grade.
- 2.5 The IPC at their discretion may make exceptions to team gradings and introduce new teams to the competition if this will improve the competition for teams of similar ability.

3.0 Qualifications

- 3.1 No player shall play for more than one club in a competition if they are named in a team.
- 3.2 A player may play for more than one club if they are listed in the reserve pool*. However, if a player plays more than 4 times in a season for a club they are then considered to be a permanent member of that club or team.
- 3.3 If a player plays more than 2 matches in a grade that player may not then play in any lower grade in that competition without the prior permission of the IPC.
- 3.4 In all matches players must play in order of merit. The order is set by the club.
- 3.5 Team positions must stay fixed from the 2nd round.
- 3.6 No changes in team positions can take place after the 2nd round except if approval has been given by the IPC prior to the change. Failure to obtain approval will result in a default of the player's matches.
- 3.7 All players in a team must be named at the start of the competition.

- 3.8 Premier 1 players must be named in the team at the start of the competition and cannot be used as reserves, unless already named.

4.0 Starting Times

- 4.1 The starting times for all matches are 9.30 am. Players must get there by 9.15 for a start no later than 9.30 am.
- 4.2 All matches have a maximum warm up period of 10 minutes.

5.0 Defaults

- 5.1 Failure of a team member to arrive within 15 minutes of the start time (9.45 am) is a player default for the first game only.
- 5.2 If a player is defaulted for late arrival that player may play in further games providing they arrive no later than 45 minutes after the scheduled match start time.
- 5.3 Where a team has notified its intention to default and on the scheduled day all matches are cancelled because of bad weather the default is cancelled.
- 5.4 If any player is incapacitated and cannot complete the match through injury, illness or any other cause, or is off court for more than 15 minutes the game is defaulted. No replacement is permitted and remaining games involving that player are also defaulted. .
- 5.5 The score up to the point of the default shall stand notwithstanding the loss of the game by that player.

6.0 Cancellations & Postponements

- 6.1 The draw must be adhered to at all times and cancellations or postponements of matches are only permissible in the event of wet weather.
- 6.2 The postponements of matches because of weather conditions shall be by mutual agreement of the team captains involved but shall not be made until 8.00 am before the scheduled playing time.
- 6.3 In the event of wet weather, matches must be played on the following Wednesday except where both captains agree on an acceptable day prior to the next scheduled match. You must play that game the following week regardless of whether you have already scheduled a match then. If teams do not do this it affects all the teams in the draw.
- 6.4 Any postponed match must be played on the day set down unless teams come to a mutual agreement. If the team that requested the postponement is unable to field a team on the day set down that team is defaulted except in the case of bad weather. The Interclub Convenor must be notified of the postponement and the rescheduled date. Any postponed or partially completed match falls under the same criteria as 6.3.
- 6.5 If fewer than half the match has been completed when play is interrupted the match shall be cancelled and all games replayed as a new match with no special restriction on team personnel.
- 6.6 If half the match has been completed play shall be continued from the exact score at the time of the interruption and no changes in team personnel will be permitted. If the match is not completed no bonus points will be awarded.
- 6.7 If any match remains uncompleted by the end of the competition the IPC may declare the match null and void and not award any points. All matches must be played one week after the last scheduled round.
- 6.8 A postponed match is played at the venue that it has originally been scheduled for unless it is Mitchell Park.

7.0 Tennis Balls

- 7.1 Each team will provide 1 pair of X-One Tecnifibre new balls per match.

8.0 Playing Format

- 8.1 Each match will comprise 6 doubles. Each game will be up to 9 with a tie breaker at 8 games all.
- 8.2 No children are permitted at midweek interclub matches.

9.0 Team Scoring

9.1 Points will be awarded as follows

Win of game - 1 point

Win of match - 2 bonus points plus game points

Loss of match - game points only

Match draw - 1 bonus point plus game points

9.2 If a match doesn't get played and the teams decide to share the points they will be awarded 3 points each only.

9.3 The competition winner will be the team with the most points at the end of the Competition. If 2 or more teams have equal points then the IPC will decide the winner based upon firstly, matches won, then sets won, games won, and lastly the team that won when those teams played each other.

10. Dress Code

Gym or beach shorts, aerobic or bike pants (unless underneath a skirt), skivvies, rugby jerseys, denim wear, rugby socks, bare midriffs, or any other attire deemed inappropriate by the IPC are unacceptable.

11. Complaints

All complaints must be received in writing by the Interclub Convenor.

12.0 Results

Results must be emailed to the Convenor within 48 hours.

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***Reserve Pool**

The Reserve Pool is a list of affiliated players given to the interclub convenor who are available to play as a reserve for all clubs. These players should only be used once all options at your club are exhausted.