



AUTUMN BUSINESS HOUSE 2024

RULES

A) TEAM COMPOSITION

- 1 There will be four players in each team. They will form two doubles pairs, i.e. 1&2, 3&4, 1&3, 2&4.
- 2 **Players (including reserves) MAY NOT play for more than one team in the competition.** In extenuating circumstances a team may apply, to Tennis Central, to consider a dispensation.
- 3 **ORDER OF MERIT** - Please ensure players play in order of merit and true ranking order throughout the competition.
- 4 **GRADE** – Please be guided by the following conditions:
 - A Grade: Open to anyone
 - B Grade: No Premier 1 men and no more than two Premier 2/3 men
 - C Grade: No Premier 1, 2 or 3 men or Premier 1 women
 - D Grade: Mainly for social players **i.e. no Premier players**
- 5 **A player must play in at least 2 round robin contests (includes non-competition contests) to qualify to play in the final.**

B) COMPETITION FORMAT

Each contest will be allocated two courts for one hour.

Each match to be played within a “30 minute window” 6pm-6:30pm, 6:30-7pm etc

Each player will play 2 doubles in each contest in the following order:

First matches on: 1&2 v 1&2 and 3&4 v 3&4
Second matches on: 1&3 v 1&3 and 2&4 v 2&4

C) CONTESTS

- 1 Normal rules of tennis apply.
- 2 Each match will be the first to 6 games won with a tie break played if the score reaches 5 all.
- 3 **Second deuce rule** - A sudden death point will be played on the second deuce of any game. This means that on the second deuce, not after, a sudden death point will decide which team wins the game in progress. For sudden death point the receiving pair will decide which player receives serve.
- 4 Contests must be played as per the contest schedule.
- 5 **Maximum** hit up prior to each match - 3 minutes.
- 6 **Contests to finish no later than 7pm, 8pm, 9pm, 9:30pm or 10pm**
To ensure that this rule is adhered to, the following procedures will apply:

TIMEKEEPING:

We ask you to keep your own times as follows -

Team 1 on the draw is responsible for calling the time each 30 minutes - perhaps set the timer on a phone where it will be heard on the court.

Complete the point in progress. No new points to start after this call.

No match points will be awarded for a game or tiebreak that is incomplete e.g. if the game score is even 4-4, 40-30 in 9th game, each team will receive 1 point. If the game score is uneven e.g. 5-4, 30-40 in 10th game, the team on 5 games will receive 2 points.

7 **Team Defaults**

Captains are responsible for **contacting their opponents and Tennis Central (admintcr@tenniscentral.co.nz)** if they are unable to play the scheduled match.

8 **Late Arrival**

Teams not on court at the scheduled start time will be penalized **1 game** for every 5 minutes they are late. If more than 15 minutes late, they lose that match. Next matches to start 30 minutes after the scheduled start time.

- 9 All teams will have a minimum of 7 contests.

D) **COMPETITION POINTS**

- 1 Two points will be awarded for each match won and 1 bonus point will be awarded to the winning team.
- 2 In the event of 2 matches all, games will be taken into account to determine the winning team.
3. If matches and games won are equal, then no bonus point will be awarded i.e. 4 points per team.

E) **GENERAL**

- 1 **Supply of balls**
First named teams on the draw sheet are to supply 4 new (or near new) **Tecnifibre X-One** balls per contest, available from Planitpro Pro Shop.
- 2 **Playing attire**
Each player must wear recognised tennis footwear at all times, (non-marking tennis shoes must be worn).
- 3 **Result sheets**
Team Captain to collect a sheet from the box in the Renouf Centre foyer, prior to commencement of the tie. Points may not be awarded unless the result sheet is signed by both captains and left in the results box in the foyer immediately after play.
- 4 A draw schedule and results will be published on the website <https://clubspark.kiwi/renouftenniscentre/Play/BusinessHouse> and Tennis Central App, throughout the competition.
- 5 In the event of any disputes, the decision of the competition referee from Tennis Central will be final.

Enjoy your tennis and good luck teams!!

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