



**Tecnifibre**  
**WAIKATO MIDWEEK TENNIS**  
**INTERCLUB RULES**  
**for Mixed Division A**

1. **Draw**

Every effort must be made to play on the date set out in the draw unless both teams agree to play on another day. If teams cannot agree to a mutual date, please email [admin@waikatotennis.org.nz](mailto:admin@waikatotennis.org.nz). Home teams to contact opponents at least one week prior to the fixture to confirm venue and discuss any pool player being used.

2. **Postponements**

- a) If the day set for the fixture is wet, it should be replayed on the earliest convenient date to both teams. If both teams agree, a later start time may be made to allow for wet weather to improve. Wet weather affected matches must be completed by the designated proposed rain catch up days noted on the draw.
- b) If weather interrupts a fixture before its completion, it must continue from the exact point where play ceased, with the exact same team.

3. **Format**

- a) Teams shall be of four players. A limit of two men playing each match where possible. In the event of three men needing to be used, a courtesy call to the opposition team must be made as early as possible, requesting agreement.
- b) No.1 player is the highest ranked player in Match Hub and should be playing number one in doubles. Then it is up to the team to put their team in order for position 2, 3 and 4.
- c) The format for play will be - players 1 & 2 v 1 & 2 and 3 & 4 v 3 & 4 then 1 & 3 v 1 & 3, and 2 & 4 v 2 & 4.
- d) Each match will consist of two sets, with a 7 point tiebreak at 6 all. An extra 10 point tiebreak to be played if one set each.
- e) If any club enters more than one team in the same grade, a player having played one match for one such team, may not in the same season play for the other team.
- f) All players must be affiliated to Waikato Tennis.

4. **Reserves**

Any one of the six named players may play. Teams requiring a reserve should use a player of equal or lesser ability than the player he/she is replacing. If a reserve is used who is not on the team reserve list, written permission must be sought from the office. A pool player can play any number of times for any team.

5. **Injury**

If a player is injured after start of play, and is unable to continue playing, no replacement player can be used. Sets involving the injured member of the team shall be defaulted, except that any sets completed before injury occurs may be counted. If a player is injured in a warm-up before fixture commences, a player may be replaced, if there is no undue delay (within 30 minutes).

6. **Scoring**

4 matches will be played, with 1 point for each match won. The overall winning team will be awarded 2 bonus points. In the event of a tie on matches and games, the result will be a draw with 1 bonus point awarded to each team. Total points for the fixture should add up to 6. The winner of the competition will be the team with the most 'points'.

7. **Balls**  
The host team shall provide a new can of Tecnifibre balls for each round.
8. **Start time**  
Players to arrive at venue at or before 9.00 am. **Play shall start by 9.15am**, unless an alternative starting time is arranged by mutual consent. Players arriving after 9.30 am shall forfeit the first set & after 10.00am the second set.
9. **The score sheet**  
Sheets are to be filled in prior to play and in strict order of merit. Team sheets are to be signed by both captains as final evidence of the result of the fixture. Losing captains are responsible for emailing a fully completed team sheet to Tennis Waikato by Wednesday following the match. Email [admin@waikatotennis.org.nz](mailto:admin@waikatotennis.org.nz)  
Winning captains or a team member must enter their result on line on Match Hub – see result sheet instructions. First name and surname of the players (printed clearly) must be shown. Failure to forward a team sheet, or one that is not fully completed, will result in no points being awarded to the winning or losing team. Please ensure all details are filled in correctly on the team sheet. In the event of a draw, the captain of the home team shall be held responsible for forwarding the results. Please fill in all the details at the top of the result sheet as well as the results of your matches. Please double check combinations at beginning of play to ensure they are the same as written on the sheet. These are to be signed by both team captains and emailed in by the winning team, to reach the Interclub scrutineer, Waikato Tennis Trust email [admin@waikatotennis.org.nz](mailto:admin@waikatotennis.org.nz), by 5.00 pm on the Wednesday following the fixture.
10. **Promotion/Relegation**  
Promotion relegation will not be done until the start of each season using the results from the previous year. Captains will be notified by Waikato Tennis Trust if this is going to take place.
11. **Dress code**  
Only non marking shoes to be worn.
12. **Disputes**  
The Waikato Tennis Trust Office, whose decision shall be final, shall settle any disputes or matters not provided for in these rules. If disputes arise, all sets should still be played. In the event of a complaint being lodged, any team failing to observe this rule shall lose winning points. A team sheet signed by both captains indicates that the score is correct. If team captains do not agree, do not sign the result sheet.
13. **Results Sheet**  
Before the start of play, the home team should fill in its team pairings on the result sheet, and the visiting team should give the host team a list of their team pairings in playing order before the start of play, so that the result sheet can then be completed.
14. **Wrong pairing**  
If a wrong pairing is playing, and it is realised during the first set that a mistake has been made, the team that has made the mistake will forfeit that set in both affected matches. The second set can be played with the correct pairings.  
If the mistake is discovered in the second set, or if the match has been completed, the team that has made the mistake will forfeit all affected sets.

15. **Defaults**

Please do your utmost:

- a) to field a team for each interclub fixture, and
- b) to accommodate the opposition with an alternative date if they are struggling to field a team through injury etc. All matches must be played. For matches not played, shared points will not be awarded.

16. **Home court advantage**

Host teams may play on the surface of their choice (if they have a choice).

17. **POOL PLAYER RULES**

- a) The pool is designed for clubs that have exhausted their own reserves.
- b) Pool players must play in their nominated division/section or higher (not lower)
- c) Pool players cannot be named in existing teams.
- d) No restriction of availability to play in any team/s within the division.
- e) A record will be kept of matches played by pool players
- f) Waikato Tennis Trust Office 021 1478699 must be contacted before a pool player can be used. If this is not adhered to, no points will be allowed for the player used.
- g) If there are no pool players available to play, teams can find a current club member that is equal or below the level of the player they are replacing. Both the opposition and Waikato Tennis must be notified of this unlisted player.

**COMMON RULES TO NOTE:**

- **If you cannot see that a ball is definitely out, it must be called in!!!!** If you are unsure, the ball must be deemed to be in - there should be no playing two!!
- **Self Umpiring** - see separate attached sheet.
- **Racquet over net** – a player may contact the ball on his/her side of the net and follow through on opponents' side of the net without touching the net. A player cannot make contact on the opponents' side of the net unless it has bounced on their side first. At no time can a player, their racquet or clothing touch the net during play.
- **Out calls** - it is common practice to call the balls at your end and let the opposition call the balls from their end. Ensure when the ball is out, to call it out, otherwise the opposition may think the ball is in. Server to call the score out loud after each point.
- **Foot fault** – Self umpired games cannot call foot faults. You can request an opposition player to watch their foot faults.
- **Ball on court** – Anyone can call a let at anytime – but it must be immediate.
- **Wheelchair Tennis Players** – Under International Tennis Rules, are able to play in able bodied competitions. The main difference to their playing rules is they are allowed two bounces – able bodied players one bounce. All other rules are the same.