



Waikato Tennis

SENIOR PREMIER, CHAMPIONSHIP & DIVISION 1 INTERCLUB RULES 2023/2024

Format:

Teams of 4 men/women, junior players under 16 years will require WTT dispensation to play in the Senior Competition

Each team is to provide a can of Tecnifibre balls per tie
Refer to Hosting Schedule for supper duty

PREMIER

Played 6pm Friday at the Waikato Tennis Centre or at Clubs.

Teams of four – Men or women.

No.1 player is the highest ranked player in Match Hub and should be playing number one in singles and doubles. Then it is up to the team to put their team in order for position 2, 3 and 4.

Tie to consist of four singles and two doubles.

Play two full sets for singles & doubles - 2 sets and super tiebreaker (10 point) if one set all.

Short deuce on all doubles games.

If a specialist doubles player is used and that player has a higher singles grading band than the player playing the No1 singles match the specialist doubles player must play in the No1 doubles. Please advise the opposition team captain prior to the tie commencing if your team will be playing a specialist doubles player.

Players must have played 50% of games to play in finals.

Player finals dispensation can be applied for to WTT if agreed by both team captains

Order of play can be played in any order of singles and doubles.

CHAMPIONSHIP

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Interclub Match Committee:

An Interclub match committee has been appointed for the 2023/2024 season. Any dispute can be made initially to Waikato Tennis. The match committee will have the power to rule on any dispute or disagreement and also have the power to rule on anything not contained in these rules. Contact manager@waikatotennis.org.nz

Player Eligibility:

Once a player has played three ties for one team, the player may not play for another team in a lower grade but will be permitted to play for a team in a higher grade. **Players do not need to be from the same club but must be affiliated to a Waikato Thames Valley Club.** [Players are not permitted to play in more than one team in the same division apart from pool players.](#)

Balls:

Only new Tecnifibre X-One tennis balls are to be used for interclub.
All Grades **2 pairs of balls per team.**

Rained Off and Rain Interrupted Fixtures:

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- **Rained off matches to be played within 16 days of the scheduled match date or the designated day in the schedule.**
 - Team captains to reach mutual agreement on when matches are to be played through the week. If team captains cannot agree, the match committee will determine the time and venue.
 - All partly completed rubbers will be resumed at the score standing at the time of postponement.
 - Once a fixture has begun (i.e., the first point of the first match has been played) it must be completed with the same team members.
 - **Team captains to reach mutual agreement on decision to play or postpone. No cancellations done by Waikato Tennis.**

Team Sheets:

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 forwarding a fully completed team sheet to Waikato Tennis Trust by Monday following the match. Email admin@waikatotennis.org.nz
Winning captains or a team member must enter the result online 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 case of a draw, the host team (in Premier, Championship, Division 1) is responsible for

forwarding on the completed, signed team sheet to admin@waikatotennis.org.nz

Default:

Clubs will be fined \$50 should they default a fixture without first contacting Tennis Waikato and opposing team, giving 24 hours notice.

Any player arriving 15 minutes late will default their first match and subsequent matches if they are 15 minutes late.

Points:

Points will be awarded as follows:

- 1 point for every rubber won

- 2 points for an overall fixture win.

- If rubbers are even there will be a countback on sets won to determine a winner

- If sets are even there will be a countback on games to determine a winner.

- 1 point to each team for a draw, if rubbers, sets and games are even.