



## Waikato Tennis

WINTER SENIOR DOUBLES RULES 2021

### Format:

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Teams of 2 men or 2 women who are paid members of an affiliated club (players can be from different clubs). Must be 18 and over. Separate men's & women's divisions. Ideally, teams should list a reserve player when registering. If a player is not listed as a team's reserve, their name MUST be emailed to Waikato Tennis by noon on game day. A pool of reserves will be available

### Men's and Women's Division

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**Played Friday at the Waikato Tennis Centre – indoor courts (dependent on team entries, Thurs nights from 7pm may be used)**

Matches will start either at 6pm or 7.30pm, Teams are to check the draw weekly

Matches (incl any warmups) are NOT TO EXCEED 1.5hrs. Court lights will automatically switch off at 9pm.

Matches are 2 sets, without tie-breaks (draws are permitted) Sudden death deuces

### Balls:

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**Balls will be supplied and MUST be fetched from the Proshop BEFORE 6pm. 1 can of 4 per court per night, to be shared 2 new balls each with the teams playing at 7.30pm on that same court.**

### Pool of Reserves:

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Please email names and contact details of players willing to be listed in a pool of reserves. Email to [admin@twaikatotennis.org.nz](mailto:admin@twaikatotennis.org.nz)

Players from the pool are not restricted in the number of times playing for one team. They are to be available for all teams for all rounds.

### Interclub Match Committee:

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An Interclub match committee has been appointed for the 2021 winter 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.

### Player Eligibility:

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**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.**

## Incomplete Fixtures:

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- In the unlikely event of rubbers being incomplete at the 1.5 hr mark, team captains to reach mutual agreement on when matches are to be completed through the week. If team captains cannot agree, the match committee will determine the time
- 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:

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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 by Monday following the match. Dropped through the mail slot in office door or Email

[admin@waikatotennis.org.nz](mailto:admin@waikatotennis.org.nz)

Winning captains or a team member must enter their result on line – 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.

## Default:

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Clubs will be fined \$50 should they default a fixture without first contacting Waikato Tennis 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:

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Points will be awarded as follows

2 point for every set won

2 points for overall fixture win

1 point for overall fixture draw

At the end of the competition, if teams are on the same points, there will be a countback of sets & games to determine a winner