

NOTES TO YELLOW BALL SUPERVISORS 2018/19

RULES

The rules governing play are documented in the Hills Tennis Association "Rules of Match and Play 2018/2019" document. A copy is to be available in each team's folder.

START AND FINISH TIMES

Matches are played on 2 courts and commence no later than 8:30am or 10:30am as scheduled.

A 3 minute warm up is allowed. Adherence to this rule will avoid incomplete sets later. Juniors should hit up before their 8:30am or 10:30am scheduled start time if there are vacant courts.

If 2 sets (either doubles or singles depending on player availability) have not commenced by the scheduled start time, then the team not ready to play will forfeit all sets not completed by the appointed finishing time. This applies irrespective of court availability to extend beyond the scheduled finish time. All games played up to this point will count. A note must be made on the score sheet and signed by both supervisors reflecting this situation.

Matches must stop at 10:30am or 12:30pm (depending upon scheduled start time). Matches may exceed the scheduled finish time:

- In the first instance to complete a game (not set) that is in progress
- If courts are available

play beyond this may occur if it is agreed to by both supervisors.

MATCH FORMAT

Junior **Boys Divisions 1 to 7** and Junior **Girls Divisions 1 to 5:**

- Each player plays one (1) 6 game set of doubles and one (1) 6 game set of singles,
- **A 12 point tiebreak (first to 7 with a 2 point advantage) will be played at 5 games all.**
- Order of Merit (OOM) means that players are ranked in order of their ability in relation to other players from their club. OOM applies from the first round.
- The player listed as the number 1 player in the team must play in the first doubles pairing (if playing doubles).
- A player moving more than one relative position may retrospectively forfeit their set.

Junior **Boys Divisions 8 and 9** and Junior **Girls Divisions 6:**

- Each player plays one (1) 6 game set of doubles and one (1) 6 game set of singles,
- **Matches are won by the first player to reach six games (inclusive of 6:5). No tiebreakers are played.**
- Order of Merit (OOM) means that players are ranked in order of their ability in relation to other Club players. Teams in these divisions have the first 4 weeks to organize their order.
- Once OOM applies, a player cannot move more than one relative position in a week (or they may retrospectively forfeit their set).

BALLS

Home teams are to provide four (4) balls. New balls are to be provided for every Junior Division 1 match. All other divisions are to use new balls or good balls with visible brands.

SCORESHEET

Encourage a team member to write out the score sheet each week. Both First & Surname of every player MUST be filled in. Check that the score sheet is completed, check against the opponent's scoresheet for correctness and then signed by both captains and supervisors at the end of the match. Please circle Boys or Girls and fill division number.

CODE OF CONDUCT

All parents, players and spectators must abide by the Code of Conduct. Refer: HTA Rules of Match and Play, Tennis Australia Etiquette and Tennis Australia Rules for Non Umpired Matches.

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MATCH CONTROL

As supervisor you should organise the match, keep control of the team and encourage fair play and adherence to the rules of tennis and Code of Conduct.

- Players and spectators are under the control of the supervisors. Supervisors must ensure that spectators and resting players do not interfere with play.
- No one other than the players is allowed on the court. The only exception to this is in a situation where an umpire has been requested (refer below).
- All resting players and spectators must remain outside the court and 1 metre from the fence
- All decisions for line calls must be made by the players, without any external influence. If in doubt, then the ball should be called in.
- Should a problem or dispute arise, supervisors, after conferring, should act promptly to resolve the dispute.
- Any issues which cannot be resolved on the spot should be referred to your club's Junior Coordinator in the first instance. If appropriate the Junior Coordinator may refer the matter to the Junior Activities Committee in writing by completing the HTA Complaints form. This form is included at the end of the HTA Rules of Match & Play 2018/19.
- Complaints/queries received from anyone other than the Club's Junior Coordinators will be referred back to the club and not dealt with by the JAC. Please follow correct communication processes via your Club's Junior Coordinator as per rule 14.

UMPIRING

Players shall umpire their own matches. If a situation arises where the players are unable to agree on line calls or scoring, an umpire may be requested (by either player).

The umpire will be selected by mutual agreement between supervisors and will enter the court in order to arbitrate. The umpire will encourage the players to make their own calls but may arbitrate on any disputed calls by either player (rather than calling all points).

An umpire may also be requested at commencement of a tie break.

SCORING

If the score in any match is disputed by any on court player, the match will be continued at the last agreed score. At this point, the supervisor reminds players that the server must call the score loudly after each point. If disputes continue an umpire may be called (refer above).

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY & FILL-INS

Players can play for different teams in both the 8:30 and 10:30 timeslots in an 'emergency', but cannot play for more than one club in the HTA Junior competition without written consent of the Junior Activities Committee. The player must maintain the club and team 'order of merit' and any age restrictions. Players from other Associations are not permitted to fill-in without a permit.

ILLNESS

In the event of a player being unable to commence or complete a set due to illness:-

- The supervisors and players must reach agreement on stopping or delaying the set. The exact scores should be recorded.
- The order of play may be altered, but not player position.
- A delayed set must be recommenced from the exact score at which stopped.
- Any set not recommenced by 10:15am or 12:15pm is automatically forfeited from the point at which it was stopped.