

NOTES TO GREEN BALL SUPERVISORS 2021/22

MATCH FORMAT

Matches are played on two (2) courts and commence no later than either 8:30am or 10:30am as scheduled (Saturday) or no later than 6:00pm (Friday).

- Each player plays one (1) 6 game set of doubles and one (1) 6 game set of singles,
- The first player to 6 games wins. There are no tiebreakers played in green ball.
- All players must serve from the baseline. First serve to be over-arm, second serve to be over-arm or bounce serve.
- Parent supervision is aimed at helping players develop throughout the season. Support from Junior Activities Committee and Club Junior Coordinators is available as required.
- Green Balls are to be used and 4 balls supplied by the Home team. They must be in good condition with a visible brand.
- Finals will be played in all green ball divisions.

THE COURT

- The green ball court will be a normal singles court width for singles and normal doubles court for doubles.
- The height of the net will be the same as yellow ball matches and should be 91cms high at the net strap

START AND FINISH TIMES

Matches on Saturday mornings must stop at 10:30am or 12:30pm (depending upon scheduled start time), and by 8.30pm on Friday evenings. 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.**

If two (2) sets, which can be 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 ie two hours after commencement. 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.

HIT UPS

A three (3) minute warm up is allowed. Adherence to this rule will avoid incomplete sets later. Juniors should hit up before their scheduled start time if there are vacant courts.

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.

- Supervisors must ensure that spectators and resting players do not interfere with play.
- **No one other than the players currently playing, umpire where requested and supervisor/s are allowed on the court.**
- Only one umpire/supervisor is allowed per court.
- All resting players and spectators must remain outside the court and at least 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 2021/22.
- 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).

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).

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.

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 Association Permit Committee. The player must maintain the club and team 'order of merit' and any age restrictions. Players who play for other Associations are not permitted to fill-in without a permit.

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 fifth round in green ball divisions. The first 4 weeks can be used to determine OOM with players allowed to move more than 1 position. From the 5th round players can only move one relative position per week or may retrospectively forfeit their set.

RULES

The rules governing play are documented in the Hills Tennis Association "Rules of Match and Play 2021/2022" document. A copy must be available in the home clubrooms.

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 (Saturday), or by 7.45pm (Friday) is automatically forfeited from the point at which it was stopped.

CODE OF CONDUCT

All parents, players and spectators must abide by the Code of Conduct - please refer to the HTA Rules of Match and Play for a copy of the Code of Conduct, Tennis Australia Etiquette and the Tennis Australia Rules for Non Umpired Matches.