

PLAYING RULES & CONDITIONS

- Teams:** Shall comprise three male & two female players. An emergency may play for more than one club subject to clause 10 and 11. Each must be a current financial member of a participating club.
- Format of Play:** Home & Away Matches - each player

All 1 x singles								No.	1 male/female x doubles only								No.
M1	S	D			M			3	M1	S	D			M			3
M2	S	D		D				3	M2	S			D		M		3
M3	S			D		M		3	M3		D		D			M	3
W1	S		D		M			3	W1	S		D		M			3
W2	S		D			M		3	W2			D			M	M	3
Matches	5	1	1	1	1	1	0	10	Matches	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	9

All Finals Matches (to qualify players must have played 3 home and away matches)

- Order of Play:** Home and away, and finals matches: Two courts are to be occupied with the above format options. The visiting team captain shall have the choice of the first court, followed by the home team captain with the second choice, and alternating through the day, unless the captains agree otherwise. A player is entitled to a 20 minute rest between matches.
- Courts, Start & End of Play:** The home team / first listed team shall supply a minimum of 2 courts. All players are expected to be present for the start at 1.00 pm sharp unless approval has been mutually agreed by captains prior to commencement of play. Where court lights are available and there has been no hold up because of bad weather (including a heatout), play must be finished under lights. Where play has been lost due to bad weather, lights can only be used if captains mutually agree. Court lights should be turned on when streetlights have been turned on.
- Penalties: Non-arrival:** Unless previously agreed by both captains, where a player is drawn to play, but is not present, that player shall forfeit six games after ten minutes, and if not present after another ten minutes, the rubber shall be forfeited.
- Number and Quality of Balls:** The home team / first listed team shall supply at least eight (8) new Tennis Victoria approved balls for each home and away match, and players can expect a suitable standard of used balls for their rubber where new balls are not allocated. If not satisfied, a player shall approach their captain to arrange a replacement pair.
- Washouts:** In the absence of a radio announcement, in the event of one hour being lost, either including commencement of play, or during play, and play is unlikely for a further hour, play will be abandoned unless both captains mutually agree to continue. If captains cannot agree on the use of rain affected courts then a non-playing executive of the home club shall make the final decision as to playability.
- Heatouts:** In the absence of a radio announcement, where the outside temperature in the shade is more than 35°C play shall be suspended. In the event of an hour of play being lost, either including commencement of play, or during play, and play is unlikely for a further hour, play will be abandoned unless both captains mutually agree to continue after the temperature falls below 35°C (subject to rule 4). If captains cannot agree on the return of play then a non-playing executive of the home club shall make the final decision as to playability.
- Ladder Positions:** A match result will be determined by a team winning the most rubbers. Two premierships points will be awarded for a match win. One premierships point will be awarded for each set won. Ladder positions will be determined by premierships points first, followed by percentage of games won vs. games lost. In washout and heatout matches, where a team reaches an unbeatable position, that team will be awarded two premierships points and both teams will be awarded the sets and games they have won, and unplayed sets will be divided equally. If the match is undecided and either team could win, then each will be awarded any sets and games they have won, and unplayed sets will be divided equally. If a match is completely washed out or heated out, each team receives 3 points. A team given a forfeit will receive 6 premierships points, and the forfeiting team shall be penalised 2 premierships points subject to submission of justifiable reason to the Match Committee. In the case of a tie, premierships points will be split 1 each.
- Order of Merit:** Team order of merit is declared in the Team Nomination Form and must be approved by the match committee. A nominated player cannot play below the nominated position and cannot fill in for another team unless there is a bye. Offending teams risk loss of premierships points, sets and games for any contravention.
- Emergencies:** An emergency cannot play below their order of merit position, or be of a better standard than the replaced player, and shall be played in order of merit within the team, or risk loss of premierships points, sets and games for that emergency's matches. Where there is a bye in the competition, the bye team members can be used as emergencies. If a captain is in doubt as to the position of play of an emergency, approval shall be sought from the Match Committee whose decision shall be final. Teams are encouraged to lodge a protest against any possible offending team not obtaining approval. Emergencies may fill in for more than one team, subject to clause 1, but after playing 3 matches with a team they cannot thereafter fill in for another team. Emergencies can be any financial member of any of competing clubs, and not restricted to the club of the player being replaced.
- Afternoon Tea:** The home team shall supply afternoon tea which is encouraged to take place midway through the afternoon.
- Finals:** Grand-final day: Shall be 1st vs 2nd, 3rd vs 4th, 5th vs 6th
Venues: Where possible, at the single chosen venue of top home and away team, otherwise at choice of 1st, 3rd and 5th teams shall have choice of venues for play.
Balls: Each team shall supply four new balls each.
- Protests:** Start of play and/or order of merit: A protest must be declared by a captain before the offending situation is completed, written on the scoresheet, and should be acknowledged with the initials of the opposing captain.
- Player conduct:** If, after a player receives one warning from either captain, and the offending situation continues, a protest must be declared, written on the scoresheet, and should be acknowledged with the initials of the opposing captain before completion of the offending rubber. For failure by an opposing captain to initial the protest **PENALTY 2 PREMIERSHIP POINTS** for each protest not so acknowledged.
- Match Committee:** John Glynn 0409 529 167 Glenn Schuback 0408 517 703
Mike Spruzen 0412 517 700 Nick Board 0407 863 463
- Results:** Winner's responsibility to deliver result, or in the case of a draw, the home team, to John Glynn by email manager@tenniseastgippsland.com or fax 5152 3310 **no later than 5 pm** on the Sunday following the match for preparation of Media Report. **PENALTY 2 PREMIERSHIP POINTS** if not done by the allocated time. **This rule will be enforced.**
- Dispute Committee:** Each team entered in the pennant shall provide one person for the determination of a dispute.