



ISLTA JUNIOR BRANCH



SATURDAY AFTERNOON YOUNG ADULTS UNISEX TENNIS COMPETITION 2015-16 SUMMER v2

Thanks for playing in our inaugural Young Adults Saturday Afternoon Unisex Competition. Your district committee is the "Junior Branch" of The Illawarra Suburbs Lawn Tennis Association (ISLTA).

Please take this rule book to the court with you to assist with any queries on the day.

Sincerely, **Competition Secretary**

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KEY INFORMATION

The Saturday Afternoon Young Adults Tennis Competition is an unsupervised competition played on multiple courts in the St George and Sutherland Shire Areas and not all courts have managers present during play.

SPIRIT OF PLAY: Please have fun and play within the spirit of the game. All spectators must not coach or make comments to any players on the court whilst the match is in play. Umpires only (or players if no umpire) are to make line calls and call the score. Players and spectators are to show mutual respect at all times. (see *Rule 5, 16, 25 and 26*)

TIMINGS: Warm-up must be completed in time for play to commence by 1:05pm. No more than three (3) minutes is allowed between end of one set and beginning of play in next set. 5 minutes warm-up is allowed before each players **FIRST SET** of the day **ONLY**. (see *Rule 13*)

WET WEATHER: In the event of wet weather please call the **court phone number** listed in this booklet to ascertain if court is playable (on safety grounds). If court is likely to be playable or uncertain, players must proceed to the court where a decision will be made up to 30 minutes after the scheduled start time. The home team must advise the **Competition Secretary**. Both teams must advise who would have played. (see *Rule 8, 17 and 27*)

HEAT RULE: In the event of extreme heat, both teams may agree to finish play. Points for any remaining sets will be shared equally. (see *Rule 17*)

RESULT SHEETS: Winning team must email result sheet to yacompsec@ISLTA.com.au by 7pm Saturday. You can do this by either scanning or taking a photo with your phone/camera and then emailing OR by hand deliver into letter box to **Competition Secretary** at **2 Central Road, BEVERLY HILLS, 2209**. Please make sure the result sheet clearly shows all scores, date, grade, team name, player first name AND surname. (see *Rule 8*)

Website: www.stgeorgesutherlandtennis.com.au

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Winter 2016 Closes 11 March 2016

First game 30 April 2016 Last Game 17 September 2016

Arrange your team early to avoid disappointment.

2015-16 Summer Young Adults Unisex Competition Draw

First-mentioned team is the "home team" and must supply three new balls, scoring sheet and Result sheet.
Games are played at the "home team"s courts. Court locations are below.

DIVISION 1

1. Woodward 1
2. Woodward 2
3. Matchpoint
4. Advantage - Withdrawn
5. Sixers
6. BYE

Week	Match Date	Key to Competition			
1	17 Oct 2015	1 v 2	4 v 3	5 v 6	
2	24 Oct 2015	3 v 1	2 v 5	6 v 4	
3	31 Oct 2015	5 v 1	3 v 6	2 v 4	
4	7 Nov 2015	2 v 3	6 v 1	4 v 5	
5	14 Nov 2015	1 v 4	6 v 2	3 v 5	
6	21 Nov 2015	2 v 1	5 v 3		
7	28 Nov 2015	1 v 3	5 v 2		
8	5 Dec 2015	1 v 5	3 v 2		
9	12 Dec 2015	1 v 2	3 v 5		
10	19 Dec 2015	2 v 5	3 v 1		
No play due to school holidays					
11	6 Feb 2016	5 v 1	2 v 3		
12	13 Feb 2016	2 v 1	5 v 3		
13	20 Feb 2016	5 v 2	1 v 3		
14	27 Feb 2016	1 v 5	3 v 2		
15	5 Mar 2016	NO PLAY			
Semis	12 Mar 2016	In the event of rain, Semi-Finals or finals will be played the following week			
Finals	19 Mar 2016				
Spare (Wet)	2 Apr 2016				

Court Locations & Team Secretaries, Names & Phone Numbers

ADVANTAGE: 2-18 Singleton Place, Kirrawee Ph: 0434 880 710

WITHDRAWN

MATCHPOINT: 2-18 Singleton Place, Kirrawee Ph: 0413 836 647

(Crt 3) Colin McGlynn 0437 421 442

Sixers: Grand Parade, Sutherland Ph: Court Phone 95212351

(Crt 1) Glen Hill 0403 392 342

WOODWARD: Alvon – 31 Halstead Street, South Hurstville Ph: 0408 678 048

1. James Woodward 0412 127 068

2. James Woodward 0412 127 068

COMPETITION RULES AND CONDITIONS

This book provides information about the ISLTA Young Adults Saturday Afternoon Unisex competition.

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1. Entries

The *Competition Secretary* must receive all entries (with payment) by the advertised closing date. Entries must contain

- Team information – Team name, court location, team manager/secretary information (name, mobile phone number and email), team seeding order and preferred grade.
- Player information – Name, email address, mobile number and previous performances
- Player Registration forms for non ISLTA registered players.

ISLTA will register all players in this competition with Tennis NSW. All players must provide a signed JB Player Registration Form for the period covered by the competition.

Note: court locations must be within the St George and Sutherland local council boundaries.

The ISLTA Committee reserves the right to refuse any entry.

The Match and Grading Committee will review all team entries and reserves the right to amend the grade.

2. Late Registration of Players

Teams can request to register additional players at any time, in writing, to the *Competition Secretary*. The new player should not strengthen the team. The request should contain complete player information, including an email address and mobile contact phone number, player previous performances and team seeding information (rest of team order cannot change except as per Rule 7) and the signed ISLTA Player registration form.

Acceptance or Rejection of this late registration will be advised in writing.

The ISLTA Committee reserves the right to refuse any late entry.

3. Team Costs

Competition Entry Fees are payable to ISLTA Junior Branch on a per team basis on application (Summer 2015-16 fees are \$90 team). This includes the cost of trophies, newsletters and event support. It does not include court hire, balls, result sheets, score sheets or printed Rule books, ISLTA membership or Tennis NSW membership. (Note: Players will need to print a rule book from the internet themselves.)

An additional team cost will apply for teams with more than 3 registered players.

Each team is responsible for the cost of court hire for their home games for the duration of the competition including Semi-Finals and Finals. All teams regardless of whether they make Semi-Finals or Finals must make their courts available for Semi-Finals and Finals (at their cost) – teams will be advised on the Monday before if their court is needed or not. Each team is responsible for arranging and paying for court hire.

The home team must provide 3 approved new matched set of balls, result sheet and score book for each match.

In Semi-Finals and Finals, 3 approved new balls, a score book and result sheet are to be provided by the first mentioned team with the cost of the balls to be shared.

4. Age

Players entering this competition must be aged between 14 and 25 as at the scheduled closing date for entries.

The ISLTA Committee reserve the right to extend this age group.

Players are graded based on playing standard not on age.

5. Behaviour and Dress Rules

Players and spectators must abide by the Tennis Australia Code of Behaviour.

Males must not wear singlet tops or board shorts. Females may only wear bike shorts / tights / leggings if under a skirt or shorts. Tennis attire would be appreciated. Logos, images and text on clothing must not be offensive or suggestive.

Mobile phones or any electronic devices are not allowed on the court.

Photographing or filming of players is not permitted without the express permission of the players (or their parent or guardian if under 18 years old). For Semi-Finals and Finals team photographs are required to be sent to the *Competition Secretary*.

6. Number of players in a team and players turn in matches

Teams can choose how many players to register in a team. It is recommended that teams have at least 3 players in the team to allow for absences or rotations, but this is not mandatory. See Rule 21 for eligibility to play in Semi-Finals and Finals

No player can play in both singles matches.

7. Seeding of Players

In all singles matches the highest seeded player on the day shall always play the highest seeded player in the opposing team. All teams shall seed their players for singles on the entry form.

Grades with 8 teams will play 2 rounds of 7 weeks. Grades with 6 teams will play 3 rounds of 5 weeks.

Teams can change their seeding order before the start of play of the first match, by submitting a seeding list in writing to the *Competition Secretary*. The seeding order held by the *Competition Secretary* at start of play week 1 will be maintained till the end of the round. Players can change their seeding order at preapproved times during the competition

- For 14 week grade - after week 7 and before start of play week 8
- For 15 week competition – after week 5 and before start of play week 6 and again after week 10 and before start of play week 11)

The seeding order held by the *Competition Secretary* at the start of play at these preapproved changes will continue till the end of the competition, including Semi-Finals and Finals.

One day subs will be considered the lowest seeded player. See Rule 12

Teams that play out of seeded order will forfeit the singles matches (There is no warning or grace period).

8. Result sheets

Result sheets must be completed and signed by both teams and sent to the *Competition Secretary* by 7pm on the day of play by the winner of the match or if no winner, the home team. Preferred method is a copy of the result sheet by email. The *Competition Secretary* will send via email, a confirmation of receipt of the result sheet.

In the case of a wet match, the home team must advise the *Competition Secretary* and both teams must advise which team members were to play (required for eligibility to play in Semi Finals and Finals – see Rule 17 and Rule 21).

In the case of a forfeit, the winning team must advise which team members were to play (required for eligibility to play in Semi-Finals and Finals see Rule 21)

In the case of a bye, the opposing team must advise which team members were to play (required for eligibility to play in Semi-Finals and Finals see Rule 21). Teams will receive full points when their opposition is a bye.

It is recommended that both teams take a copy of the result sheet. Teams are not to alter the results sheet after it has been signed – alteration may result in a 2 point penalty.

Games played in unfinished sets must be included on the result sheet (write the actual score) – see Rule 18

8.1. Late Results

Other than the last round, results not received by Tuesday midnight may result in a 2 point penalty from the winning team or (home team for wet matches.)

Results not received within 2 weeks (or the Monday after the last round) whichever is earliest, will NOT receive any points and the matches will NOT be counted towards eligibility to play in the Semi-Finals or Finals.

9. Protests

All protests to be lodged in writing to the *Competition Secretary* no later than the Monday following the playing of the match in question.

10. Players Wishing to Leave a team

In the case of a player wishing to leave his or her team for any reason whatsoever, they must be financial at the date of leaving that team and receive a clearance from the team secretary and the *Competition Secretary* before his or her obligations cease. It is the team secretary's obligation to seek a clearance from the *Competition Secretary*.

11. Teams wishing to disband and vacate a court

All teams must keep their court and pay court hire for same until the competition has finished (see Rule 3). Should circumstances cause a team to disband, written approval must be first obtained from the *Competition Secretary*. Failure to comply with this rule renders all players of the team liable to a fine.

12. Player Transfers and Subs

12.1. Permanent Transfer of Players

A player wishing to permanently transfer between teams during the season must obtain written approval of the *Competition Secretary*.

The ISLTA Committee reserves the right to refuse any transfer.

12.2. One-day Transfer of Players or Substitute

Any team wishing to make a one-day transfer may borrow a registered player from the SAME or LOWER grade only from any club (and in emergencies a non-registered player), this player will be considered the lowest seed (see Rule 7). A player who “plays” for another team cannot play for their own team on the same day.

A one day temporary transfer permission must be obtained BEFORE the match from the *Competition Secretary* and player details must also be completed on the result sheet.

Players may “play up to a higher grade” for unlimited matches in other teams during the current competition (although no more than 3 matches for any one team). A player who “plays up to a higher grade” for another team more than 3 times without a transfer request will be considered to have transferred to that team prior to start of the 4th match and will become the lowest seed.

Players may “play for another team in the same grade” no more than 3 times during the current competition.

Where a one-day transfer player plays more than 3 times without a late registration request will be considered to have registered with that team prior to the start of the 4th match and will become the lowest seed.

Where a one-day transfer is from a higher grade, any matches they play will be forfeited.

A non-registered player may play only 2 matches in the ISLTA competition regardless of team before requiring to be registered as an ISLTA player. Any non-registered player, playing 3 or more matches without being registered as an ISLTA player will forfeit the games played (singles and doubles 0-6). There is no warning or grace period

The ISLTA Committee reserves the right to refuse any transfer.

12.3. Substitution of Players Injured during play

This rule only applies to an injury that occurs during the current match.

In the event of a player becoming injured during the playing of a set, a substitute who has not taken part in the match and is a registered member of that team (and in a semi-final or final has met the eligibility criteria in Rule 21) will be allowed to continue the match.

The substitute must be available within 20 mins or the unplayed sets will be forfeited. If a reasonable delay is likely to occur then another set should be played in full to avoid wasting time.

The incomplete set is to be resumed from the exact position at which the match stood when the player became injured. Notification of such substitution must be made on the Result Sheet.

In the event that the injury occurs when there is less than 20 minutes to go before the scheduled finishing time and the team has an eligible substitute that could play but does not arrive before the finishing time – the team will forfeit the set in which the injury occurred and will share any remaining sets.

NOTE that the team must still play in seeded order (eg: the #1 seed on the team list cannot play as the #2 singles injury replacement).

No player can play both singles matches.

Where a player is unable to continue play for reasons other than an injury occurring during play of the current match, a delay of no more than 5 minutes may be taken, then play must resume or a forfeit shall be awarded. The rest of the sets must start as per Rule 13, there are no substitutes for illness. A player is only allowed 1 period of 5 minutes in a match.

13. Commencement of Play and Finishing Time

Commencement of play will be 1:05pm, at which time all practice will cease and play commence. No more than three (3) minutes is allowed between end of one set and beginning of play in next set. 5 minutes warm-up is allowed before each players FIRST SET of the day ONLY. All play will cease at 4pm unless agreed upon by all players and courts are available.

Unless agreed prior to the match by all players

- At 15 minutes after planned commencement of play (ie 1:20 pm), if the top seeded player from a team has NOT arrived, the team will forfeit the day.
- If the bottom seeded player has failed to arrive by the time his/her matches are due to commence or 1 hour minutes after planned commencement of play (ie 2:05pm) whichever is later, then a forfeit shall be claimed for the doubles and lower seeded singles.

Note: if only 1 player is available to play – they should play the top seeded player from the other team.

In the case of Semi-Finals and Finals, timings will be issued separately in order to reach a result.

14. Mode of Play

Each team has a seeded squad of 2 players (recommend 3), with 2 players play each week for the team.

The match will consist of 1 doubles set (with a tie-breaker at 6 all) and 2 singles sets (first to 6 with a 2 game lead, with a tiebreak at 6 all).

All matches will be long deuce.

Change of ends after each odd game.

The order of play will be:
Top seeded singles, Doubles, Lower Seeded singles.

If a player is late - see Rule 13

If a match is incomplete at the scheduled finish time – see Rule 18

14.1. Tie-Breaks

A tie-break will be played when the score reaches 6 games all in a singles or doubles match.

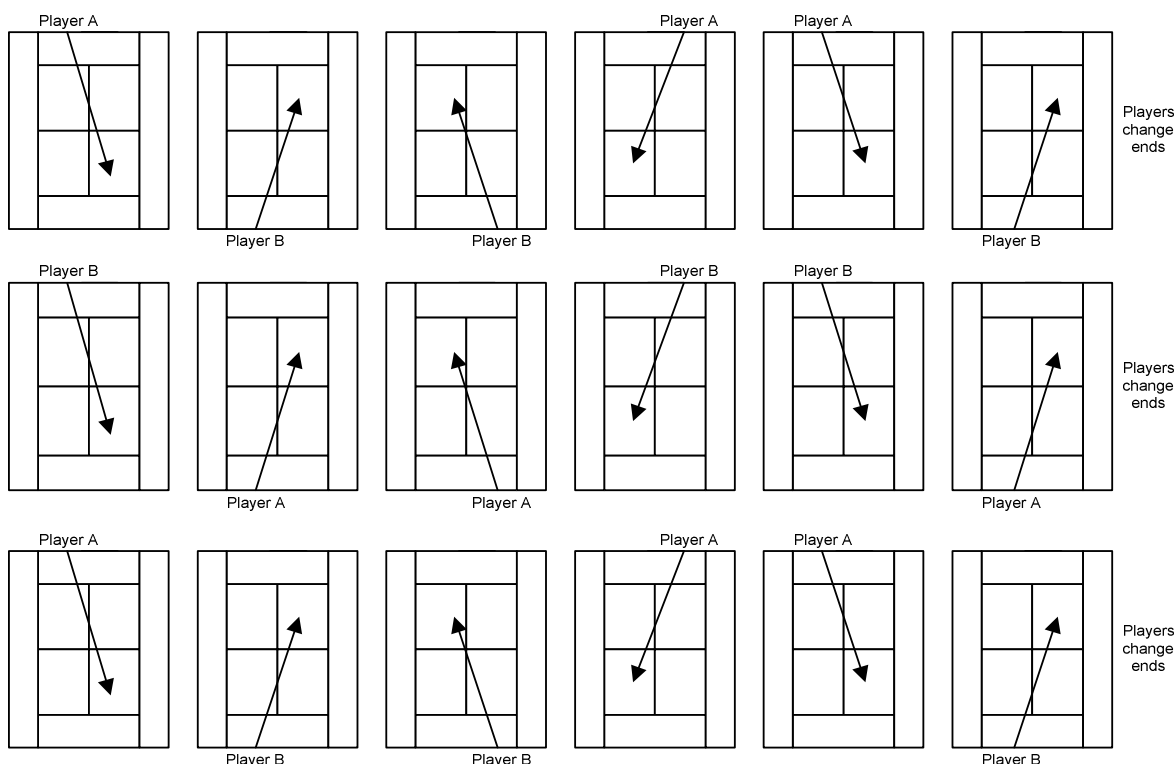
Singles

1. A player who first wins 7 points shall win the game and the set provided the player leads by a margin of 2 points. If the score reaches 6 points all, the game continues until the margin of 2 has been achieved. Numerical scoring shall be used throughout the tie-break game.
2. The player whose turn it is to serve shall be the server for the 1st point. The opponent shall be the server for the 2nd and 3rd points and thereafter each player shall serve alternatively for 2 consecutive points until the winner of the game and set has been decided.
3. From the 1st point, each service shall be delivered alternatively from the right and left courts, beginning from the right.
4. Players shall change ends after every 6 points and at the conclusion of the tie-break game.

Doubles

In doubles the procedure for singles shall apply. The players whose turn it is to serve shall be the server for the 1st point. Thereafter each player shall serve in rotation for 2 points, in the same order as previously in that set, until the winners of the game and set have been decided.

**ODD POINTS ARE SERVED FROM THE RIGHT COURT
EVEN POINTS ARE SERVED FROM LEFT COURT**



15. Order of Service

The order of service shall be decided by a toss at the start of the match, the winner of the toss having the right to serve first in the first, third, fifth and seventh games, or the second, fourth, sixth and eighth games. The serve then alternates in future sets.

16. Umpiring

All matches will be self-umpired.

Tennis Australia “Rules for self-umpired” are to be followed

- Each player is responsible for all calls on his/her side of the net, however it should be noted that an official is permitted to reverse an incorrect line call.
- If in doubt, the player must give the benefit of the doubt to his/her opponent.
- A service Let may be called by either player/team.
- Foot faults may only be called by an Official. Players may be requested to correct their foot faulting problem by an Official. The receiver may not call a foot fault against the server.
- The receiver must play to the reasonable pace of the server.
- All out or fault calls should be made promptly after the ball has bounced and loudly enough for the opponent to hear.
- If a player incorrectly calls a ball out and then realises that the ball was good, the point should be replayed, unless it was a point winning shot or unless that player made an incorrect out call earlier in the match. In these circumstances, the player who called out loses the point.
- The server should call the score before each 1st serve, loudly enough for his/her opponent to hear.
- If players cannot agree on the score, they should calmly discuss the points/games that are disputed. If they then cannot reach agreement they should only replay the number of points/games that are in dispute i.e. two players cannot agree on whether the score is 40-30 or 30-40, but they do agree that they have won two points each. The game shall continue from 30-30. When the game score is in dispute the same principles apply with all agreed games standing and only disputed games being replayed.
- When a player has created an involuntary hindrance (ball falling out of pocket, hat falling off, etc), the first time a let should be called and any similar hindrance thereafter will be ruled deliberate.
- Any hindrance caused by a player that is ruled deliberate by an official will result in the loss of a point.
- Where a ball interrupts play, either by rolling/bouncing onto the court, and/or creating a visible interruption behind the court a let should be played. Either player can call a let in these circumstances provided they do so in a timely manner. Where this is between a 1st and 2nd serve, a second serve only should be played.
- If at the completion of a match, the players involved realise that the scoring format used is incorrect, the match result shall stand provided all players have left the court enclosure.
- If the mistake is realised before the players have left the enclosure, the correct scoring format should be used to finalise the match. If this is not possible (ie the match has progressed beyond the point where the correct scoring format can be implemented), then the score based on the incorrect format stands.
- If a player is unhappy with his/her opponent’s actions or decisions, he/she should call the Referee (or assistant) immediately. This may include any disputes regarding Lets, Foul Shots or Not Up situations where players cannot reach agreement.

16.1. Player Etiquette

- All balls on your side of the net are your responsibility, to pick up and, where appropriate, return directly to the server.
- The receiver should not return the first service if it is an obvious fault – let it go by or ground it.
- Do not enlist the aid of spectators, including parents, coaches, etc, in making line calls, or attempting to determine the score or other on-court matters.
- To avoid controversy over the score, the server should announce the game score before starting a game and the point score prior to serving for each point.
- Wait until a point is over before walking behind a court where a match is in progress.

- To retrieve a ball from another court or to return a ball to another court, wait until the players have completed a point.
- Do not stall, sulk, complain nor practice gamesmanship.
- Screaming regularly and loudly, whether in relation to winning and/or losing a point is likely to cause interference to play on nearby courts and may be considered unsportsmanlike conduct.
- Overt celebration directed at an opponent may be considered intimidation, and therefore unsportsmanlike conduct.
- In doubles, when returning service, the partner of the receiver should generally call the service line for him/her. The receiver should generally call the centre and side service lines. ** The call needs to be loud enough to stop their opponents/partner playing.
- All spectators including parents and coaches must not coach, umpire or make comments to any players on the court whilst the match is in play. No spectator is allowed onto the court during play unless agreed to by both teams. Umpires only (or players if no umpire) are to make line calls and call the score. Players, parents, spectators and coaches are to accept the umpire's call and show mutual respect at all times.

17. Extreme Weather

17.1. Wet Weather

In the event of wet weather please call the court phone number listed in this booklet to ascertain if the court is playable. If the court is unplayable, as a courtesy, players should advise their team members and the opposition team secretary.

If a court is likely to be playable or uncertain or the court manager cannot be reached, players must proceed to the court where a decision will be made by the court manager (on safety grounds) up to 30 minutes after the scheduled start time.

In the absence of a court manager at the court, teams should come to a mutual decision.

As per Rule 8, the home team is responsible for advising the *Competition Secretary* of a wet match within normal timeframes.

As per Rule 21, for eligibility for Semi-Finals and Finals, teams should forward players names to the *Competition Secretary* by the Monday following the match.

In the event of wet weather once play has commenced, a decision will be made by the court manager (on safety grounds) to stop play. In the absence of a court manager, teams should come to a mutual decision. Common sense and courtesy should apply.

Players should write the actual games played on the result sheet. Points for any unplayed games / sets will be shared equally by the *Competition Secretary*.

17.2. Heat

In the event of extreme heat, both teams may agree to finish play. Points for any remaining games / sets will be shared equally by the *Competition Secretary*. Common sense and courtesy should apply. Where teams cannot mutually agree, the Bureau of Meteorology website (Sydney Airport) will be used as per below.

- Where the forecasted temperature determined 1 hour prior to scheduled start of play is a WBGT of 34C or greater or an Ambient Temperature of 36C or greater (as per BOM), play for the day will be cancelled.
- Where, during the completion, the WMBT is 34C or greater or the Ambient temperature is 36C or greater (as per BOM), all play must cease (on completion of the current game) and not further matches are to commence.

When the teams have not agreed and BOM is used, this should be noted on the result sheet as well as the time of the observation.

Players should write the actual games played on the result sheet. Points for any unplayed games / sets will be shared equally by the *Competition Secretary*.

18. Deciding the Winner of the Match

Total of 7 points made up of 3 points are allotted for each singles games, 1 point for each doubles with 2 points for the win.

The winning team is decided on points won but if the sets are equal, it will be decided on games. If the sets and games are equal, the winning 2 points will be shared. If the winner of the match has not been decided when play is stopped, the winning points will be shared.

If the match is incomplete at the scheduled finish time, then the match shall cease at exactly the scheduled finish time and the games will be noted as not finished and the actual scores written on the result sheet. If the current score in that set is a clear win (eg; 5-1 in doubles) then the set has been won otherwise the remaining games will be split evenly between the 2 teams by the *Competition Secretary*. Note: if the court is available and both teams agree, play can continue until finalised. Common sense and courtesy should apply.

For Semi-Finals and Finals information see Rule 20, Rule 21, Rule 22, Rule 23 and Rule 24

19. Forfeits

Teams must not forfeit any match or part of a match without adequate reason. In the event of a team forfeiting a match or part of a match the team secretary must forward the reason in writing to the *Competition Secretary* by the Monday following the match.

In the case of a forfeit by the opposing team, teams must advise which team members were to play to ensure eligibility to play in Semi-Finals and Finals.[see Rule 8 and Rule 21]

Where a team withdraws (or is withdrawn) from the competition all matches will be treated as forfeits.

The ISLTA Committee has the right to withdraw any team forfeiting three (3) or more matches.

20. Draw for Semi-Finals

After points have been determined for each grade, the leading team shall play the fourth team and the second team shall play the third team in Semi-Finals.

In the event of points being equal, games scored for and against will determine positions.

In the event of points being equal and games scored for and against being equal, the games for and against the other team will determine positions.

Teams must check either on the internet or with the *Competition Secretary* to ensure they are aware of the location and times of Semi-Finals and Finals games.

21. Eligibility to play in Semi-finals and Finals

A player must have played in at least three matches with their registered team to be eligible to play in Semi-Finals and Finals. In the case of a wet match, a bye or forfeit, a team must forward to the *Competition Secretary* in the normal match timeframe a declaration of such players who would have played in the match and this will be counted as a qualifying match.

Games played as one day transfers (substitutes) do not count towards the 3 matches unless agreed in writing by the *Competition Secretary* prior to the match.

Where the team chooses, all eligible registered members of the team can play in Semi-Finals and Finals. In Semi-Finals & Finals, any combination of doubles pairings of eligible players is allowed. Make sure the opposition is informed that your team is playing more than 2 on the day

A player cannot play both singles sets.

All Semi-Finals and Finals matches must be played to a result on the day.

22. Deciding of “Home Team” in Semi-Finals and Finals

The home team in Semi-Finals and Finals will be decided by a toss prior to the commencement of the match. The team winning the toss will have the option of choosing to be the ‘home’ or ‘visiting’ team.

23. Deciding the “Winner” of a Semi-Final or Finals match

In the event of a draw in a Semi-Finals or Finals match.

The doubles pairs will play a normal tie breaker (not a set) to decide the winner.

24. Semi-Finals & Finals – Wet Match

In case of rain during the Semi-Finals and Finals we have allowed 1 potential wet match.

The below lists the possible scenarios of who would play who should a wet match occur.

Semi-Finals and Finals Week 1	Semi-Finals and Finals Week 2	Semi-Finals and Finals Week 3	
Semi-Finals to be played 1v4, 2v3 Play not washed out	Final to be played between the winner of the Semi-Finals. Play not washed out	No match	
Semi-Finals to be played 1v4, 2v3 Play not washed out	Final to be played between the winner of the Semi-Finals. Play washed out	Final to be played between the winner of the Semi-Finals. Play not washed out	
Semi-Finals to be played 1v4, 2v3 Play not washed out	Final to be played between the winner of the Semi-Finals. Play washed out	Final to be played between the winner of the Semi-Finals. Play washed out therefore no final will be played	The highest points of the winners of the two Semi-Finals matches at the end of round 14/15 will be declared the winner and the other team will be declared the runner up
Semi-Finals to be played 1v4, 2v3 Play washed out	Semi-Finals to be played 1v4, 2v3 Play not washed out	Final to be played between the winner of the Semi-Finals. Play not washed out	
Semi-Finals to be played 1v4, 2v3 Play washed out	Semi-Finals to be played 1v4, 2v3 Play washed out therefore no Semi-Final will be played.	Final to be played between the two teams with the highest points at the end of round 14/15 will play in the finals. Play not washed out	
Semi-Finals to be played 1v4, 2v3 Play washed out	Semi-Finals to be played 1v4, 2v3 Play washed out therefore no Semi-Final will be played.	Final to be played between the two teams with the highest points at the end of round 14/15 will play in the finals. Play washed out therefore no final will be played	The team with the highest points at the end of round 14/15 will be declared the winner and the team with the second highest points will be declared the runner up

25. Tennis Rules and Competition Officials

Unless otherwise specified in these rules, standard ITF Tennis Rules apply. These can be found on the following website www.itftennis.com.

Where an official is present at the match, their decisions are final. (The following are considered officials for this competition – Tennis Officials Australia Court Supervisor or Referee, ISLTA Committee Member, Competition Secretary, A1 Co-Ordinator or any other so delegated by ISLTA)

26. Complaints re Code of Behaviour

Where a complaint is received, the *Competition Secretary* will investigate and the ISLTA Tribunal may award an ISLTA Code Violation Penalty point (Offences depending on their severity can range from 1 to 3 penalty points). Players who receive 3 Penalty Points within a 12 month period may be ineligible to play in Saturday Young Adults Competition (and other ISLTA competitions) for a period of 3 to 6 months. Players are responsible for their spectators behaviour.

ISLTA Code Violations

1. **Physical abuse**

Players shall not physically abuse any official, opponent, spectator, or other person within the competition site. For the purposes of this rule physical abuse is the unauthorised touching of an official, opponent, spectator or other person. In certain circumstances the matter may also be referred to the police for further investigation and subsequent possible action.

2. **Verbal abuse**

Players shall not at any time directly or indirectly verbally abuse any official, opponent, sponsor, spectator, or other person within the precincts of the competition site. For the purpose of this rule, verbal abuse is defined as a statement about an official, opponent, sponsor, spectator or other person that implies dishonesty or is derogatory, insulting, racially or otherwise abusive.

3. **Audible obscenity**

Players shall not use an audible obscenity within the precincts of the competition site. For the purposes of this rule audible obscenity is defined as the use of words commonly known and understood to be profane and uttered clearly and loudly enough to be heard by the court officials or spectators.

4. **Visible obscenity**

A player makes offensive or obscene gestures during any match or within the precinct. For the purposes of this rule, visible obscenity is defined as the making of signs by a player with his hands, body and/or racquet/balls that commonly have an obscene meaning.

5. **Unsportsmanlike conduct**

Players shall not during any competition engage in conduct that damages the image and integrity of tennis. Players shall at all times conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner and give due regard to the authority of officials and the rights of opponents, spectators and others. For the purposes of this policy, unsportsmanlike conduct is defined as any misconduct by a player, prior to, during or subsequent to a match that is clearly abusive or detrimental to the sport, including, but not limited to blatant cheating, but does not specifically fall within other violation categories.

Without limiting the foregoing any conduct that is disrespectful or offensive to a players opponent/s, or to Officials, *Competition Secretary*, or competition managers, Competition staff, spectators or players on other courts is deemed to be Unsportsmanlike Conduct under this section This may include but is not limited to

- failure to return the ball appropriately to the server
- inappropriate or unsportsmanlike comments or gestures, sledging , intimidating, threatening or abusive acts of omissions, overt celebrations consistently directed at opponents, excessive noise disrupting the competition, or any other unsportsmanlike acts or omissions that are inconsistent with commonly understood tennis etiquette.

6. **Unreasonable delays**

A player shall not unreasonably delay a match. A player shall commence the match after the expiration of the established warm-up period. Thereafter, play shall be continuous as provided in the rules of Tennis and a player shall not unreasonably delay a match for any cause. When a violation is a result of a medical condition, refusal to play or not returning to the court within the allocated time a code violation (delay of game) penalty shall be assessed in accordance with the code schedule. Other delays may be dealt with as a time violation.

7. **Abuse of racquets or equipment**

A player violently or with anger, hits, kicks or throws a racquet or other equipment, or in any way unreasonably interferes with any court fixtures and equipment within the precinct. For the purposes of this rule abuse of racquets or equipment is defined as intentionally and violently throwing, destroying or damaging racquets or equipment or intentionally and violently hitting the net, court, umpire's chair or other fixture during or after a match out of anger or frustration.

8. **Abuse of balls**

Players shall not violently, dangerously or with anger hit, kick or throw a tennis ball within the precinct except in the reasonable pursuit of a point during a match (including warm-up). For the purposes of this rule abuse of balls is defined as intentionally hitting a ball out of the enclosure of the court, hitting a ball dangerously or recklessly within the court or hitting a ball with negligent disregard of the consequences.

9. **Coaching**

A player receives any type of coaching from any person while a match is in progress. Communication of any kind, audible or visible between a player and any other person may be construed as coaching. Coaching shall be permitted where there is an off-court break between sets or during interruptions to play caused by bad weather or light where players leave the court. Coaching is not permitted while a court is being serviced at the end of or during a set and players are still on court, or during a toilet break.

10. **Conduct unbecoming**

A player who behaves in a manner considered to be detrimental to the best interests of the event and the sport will be deemed to have committed a violation.

11. **No Show**

Where a player or team does not advise the opponents (and *Competition Secretary*) at least 30 minutes prior to start of play that they are forfeiting, the players will receive a penalty point.

12. **Spectator Interference**

A player is deemed to be responsible for the behaviour and conduct of their entourage and support team who attend their matches or attend a Competition in which they are participating (i.e. parent, family member, coach, trainer or friend).

Where a match is disrupted or interfered with by the action/s of a spectator who is part of a player's entourage (i.e. parent, family member, coach, trainer or friend) an ISLTA Penalty point(s) may be placed on the relevant player(s) whose entourage that spectator forms part of.

Disruption/Interference is defined as including the following : ·

- intimidation threatening or abuse of opponents; ·
- making or causing to be made disrespectful or inappropriate comments or gestures towards Officials, players, Tournament Directors/Staff, competition managers, coaches, other parents and other persons on-site at or involved with a Tournament at a Precinct; ·
- providing inappropriate instructions , comments or direction to a player including both the spectators own player or the opponent , of any type (although this may also be considered as “Coaching”) ; and ·
- any other inappropriate or Unsportsmanlike Conduct of any type as determined by the applicable Official.

Without limiting any of the above, where a spectator engages in conduct that brings the sport of tennis or a Competition into ridicule or disrepute, or that may be considered “conduct unbecoming” whilst that spectator is on-site at a Competition and/or a Precinct; an ISLTA Penalty Point (s) may be issued to the player whose entourage that spectator forms part of

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