



A1 GRADE FORMAT

This flyer outlines the ISLTA A1 GRADE competition format.

The Saturday morning A1 grade is run in a tournament style environment. The Summer competition runs from Term 4 through to Term 1, and the Winter competition runs from Term 2 through to Term 3.

- A. **Rounds, Venue:** There are 15 rounds per competition, followed by a semi-final & final. All matches are played at the Ken Rosewall Tennis Centre, Peakhurst.
- B. **Application:** Players must individually apply by completing the A1 Application Form and paying the deposit before the due date.
- C. **Selection:** A maximum of 30 players are selected to compete in the A1 comp by the ISLTA grading panel. Selection is based on playing history, playing standard and availability of positions. i.e. 6 teams x 5 players per team = 30 players
- D. **Teams, Seeds:** Teams are formed by the ISLTA Match and Grading Committee. Team requests are considered subject to player seeding availability. Every player in the competition is seeded between #1 to #5.
- E. **Order of Play:** Each round, two teams will compete on an allocated court over three matches: Single match lower seed, then Doubles match, then Singles match higher seed
Singles matches are the best of 3 sets, third set is a super tiebreak.
Doubles match is a pro-set, first to 8 games, tiebreak at 8 all.
The start-to-finish duration per round per player is approximately 2-3 hours.
Lower seed is 8:00am to approximately 10:30am., Higher seed is 9:00am to approximately 12pm.
Points: One point is awarded for each set won + two additional points for winning team on the day. **Statistics and Rankings** and also maintained for each player as the competition progresses.
- F. **A Replacement List** is available to substitute during a player's other commitments such as exams, tournaments etc. Rounds are played on some long weekends but not during school holidays.
- G. **Duty Parent:** On a rotation basis, one team is rostered each round to provide an on-site Duty Parent to assist players with any matters that arise on the day. The A1 Co-Ordinator or Competition Secretary is contactable by phone on the day.
- H. **Winners:** For the competition winners, as well as the prestige of being the winning team, trophies are awarded to each of the individual players in the winning team and the runner up.

***The A1 grade provides the opportunity for players to build experience and network with strong players from across the district in a tournament style environment.
And it's fun.***