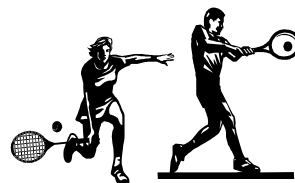




## ISLTA JUNIOR BRANCH

### SATURDAY MORNING TENNIS 2017 WINTER COMPETITION



#### A1 KEY INFORMATION

**Match Day.** Your court number is on the draw. Each team has two "home courts" for the day.

When you get to the centre, the venue will be set up with;

- Gates unlocked and court ready for play.
- Balls, score sheets, and singles sticks outside the clubroom.

Singles sticks must be set up for all singles matches.

**Wet weather.** Please call the courts on 0415 835 559 to confirm if courts are playable. If it is marginal or any chance of play, turn up to the court and await decision by 9am. Matches can start as late as 10am but must finish at normal finish time of midday (or up to 1pm if court available and mutually agreed). If the court is deemed unplayable as a courtesy advise the rest of your team.

**Results Sheet.** At start of day, note all player names on the result sheet, including any replacement players. For singles matches, write the full name (first name and surname). For doubles matches, write first name only. At end of day, both teams are to sign the final result sheet. By 7pm on the day, the winning team is to either scan/email or photo/email the final result sheet (including signatures) to Results Recorder [jbresults@ISLTA.com.au](mailto:jbresults@ISLTA.com.au)

**Results Website.** - <http://www.stgeorgesutherlandtennis.com.au/content/saturday-morning-junior-unisex> and go to the bottom of the page under competition results.

**Reserves.** It is your (the players) responsibility to find a reserve to cover you in the instance that you are unable to play. You must call around the reserve list to find a replacement. Please read rule 4 in terms of who to call and what seed they play. If you are unable to find a reserve, and have exhausted ALL options on the reserve list, THEN please call the Competition Secretary and we'll try to find you a player.

**Players contact numbers** – please respect your fellow players privacy by not sharing their phone numbers with anyone else (ie other players or coaches). If someone needs to contact someone else and doesn't have their phone number – you should pass a message on rather than give them the phone number. (There might be a reason they don't want that person to have their number!)

**Grading.** Players will be graded at the beginning of the season and after Week 5 and again after week 10 based on performance, which may include some player seedings changing within the team. (see rule 5)

**Rules, Courts, Teams, Players and Draw.** These are attached. They are also on the website if you need to re-print them from there. [www.stgeorgesutherlandtennis.com.au](http://www.stgeorgesutherlandtennis.com.au) > Junior Branch > Competition Information  
I aim to help you by providing the environment for good tennis, good fun, and mutual respect.

**Sincerely, Junior Branch Committee**

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**Website:** [www.stgeorgesutherlandtennis.com.au](http://www.stgeorgesutherlandtennis.com.au) then select "Junior Tennis"  
**Facebook:** *ISLTA JUNIOR BRANCH* and 'like us' to get feeds and information

# **A1 COMPETITION RULES AND CONDITIONS**

*ALL Rules of other grades as per Junior Branch A2-C2 Rule Book apply except that:*

## **1. COMPETITION FEES**

The \$200 per person fee covers team entry fee, team registration, court hire, and new balls for each match. These fees MUST be paid on acceptance into A1.

## **2. TEAMS & COURTS**

The A1 grade will have teams comprising of five players, with four playing each week.

All A1 matches including semi-finals and finals are played at Ken Rosewall Tennis Centre, Roberts Avenue, Peakhurst.

Two courts to be used for each match of the season. Our designated courts are #1 to #6 (in pairs 1&2, 3&5, 4&6). NO PLAY is permitted on courts #7 and #8 for any warm-up or matches.

## **3. SEEDING OF PLAYERS**

Players must play in order of their seeding within the team. If the designated player is unavailable, first call should be to the non-rostered members of the same team to play if these seeding rules allow.

Seeding rules are;

- a. #1 seed players are allowed to play down as only a #2 seed reserve and only in their own team, and on no more than three (3) occasions during the competition.
- b. Any #2, #3, or #4 seed player may play up or down as a reserve in their own team any number of times. When playing down, this should be ONLY in your own team and by no more than one seeding position.
- c. #5 seeds may play up (any number of times).
- d. Any player may play up as a reserve in another team at any time. They may not play as an equal or lower seed in another team.
- e. Players called from the (seeded) reserve list should be treated as lower than the same seeded team player (e.g. if the #1 player is sick, and the team #2 seed is playing with a reserve list #2 player, then the team #2 seed shall play as the #1 seed of the day unless otherwise directed by the event co-ordinator.

The Junior Branch Committee reserves the right to alter seedings within a team at specific points in the competition (1<sup>st</sup> - after week 5 and before week 6 and 2<sup>nd</sup> - after week 10 and before week 11)

## **4. CALLING SUBSTITUTES AND/OR USE OF RESERVES**

If a player is not available when rostered on then the player is personally responsible to find a reserve player. Full player and reserve list names and contact numbers are listed in the A1 Contact List.

**As a courtesy, players should endeavour to find a player of one seeding lower standard/grading than themselves to fill in as a reserve.**

- 1) Try your team member rostered off
- 2) Try a lower seeded player from another team who is rostered off
- 3) Try the A1 reserve list
- 4) And only then after talking to every one - contact the Competition Secretary to try to find a sub {Note: the Competition Secretary will not be able to find a replacement if you leave it too late}

*If you call a reserve, and the playing order is affected, make sure that all players including the substitute know what time they are playing.*

If a #1 seed needs a reserve, and calling lists is fruitless, then the player may call designated #1 seed reserves. If a #1 seed reserve plays, they must play as the #1 seed of the day

So that everyone is aware of what is happening on the day

- Advise your substitute of what time they need to arrive, what court they need to go to and who they are playing. Give them a contact number of one of your team members and their opponent
- Advise your team that you have a substitute, including their name and contact number, what time you have asked them to arrive and what seed they are playing
- Advise your opponent that they will be playing a substitute, give them their name and mobile number
- Advise the Competition Secretary

## **5. TIMINGS AND BREAKS BETWEEN SETS**

Play must commence by 8.00am. Maximum 5 minute warm ups are allowed for the players first match of the day. There is a maximum of three minutes break between matches.

## **6. MODE OF PLAY & SETS**

The first match is (both courts) higher seeded singles players of the day (arrive by 7.45am to start match at 8.00am), followed by the doubles (both courts higher seeded player to arrive by 8:50am ready to start by 9.00am), then the last match of the day is the lower seed singles.

If an eligible player is not able to commence the match by 15 minutes after the advertised start times (of 8.00am singles, 9.00am doubles, and 10.00am second singles) then the match shall be forfeited. This should be recorded on the result sheet as a FORFEIT if they have contacted you, a NO SHOW if they just didn't bother to turn up.

Doubles – One set - first to 6 games with a 2 game lead (7 point tiebreak at 6 games all)

Singles – First two sets are first to 6 with a 2 game lead (7 point tie break at 6 games all). If the match is one set all, the third set will be a 10 point tie-break (First to 10 points with a 2 point lead)

## **7. POINTS AND DETERMINING THE WINNER OF A MATCH**

16 points for each match – 2 points for the winning team, 1 point for each doubles set, 1 point for each set won and ½ point for each incomplete/unfinished set.

All singles matches have three (3) points - If a singles match is won 2 sets to nil, 3 points are allocated to the winner.

Winning team is determined by points and if points are equal on games. If points and game are equal, teams share the winning points.

## **8. WET MATCHES**

If any match is declared wet before 8:00am, then points will be split between the teams for that match. If matches are started then washed out before 12 noon, the points gained for completed sets will stand and the remaining points split between teams.

In the event of wet weather please call the courts to determine playability. If not playable, please advise the rest of your team. If it is marginal or any chance of play, turn up to the court and a decision on whether to play will be made by 9am. Matches can start as late as 10am but must finish at normal finish time.

*{Note that Ken Rosewall courts are often playable when other courts in the district are not, and we do have a philosophy to try and play when possible.}*

## **9. PARTICIPATION IN SEMI'S AND FINALS MATCHES**

In both the Semi-Finals and the Finals all registered and eligible members of the team are required to participate in at least one match (singles or doubles) unless medically unfit (supported by a medical certificate) or otherwise agreed, in writing before the match, by the Competition Secretary.

Teams may nominate which players will play singles or doubles.

In the event that the team cannot agree, the Team Captain (#1 seed) will decide. Their decision is final.

## **10. RULES AND TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS**

This event adheres to Tennis Australia "Rules for Self-Umpiring" rules. Familiarity with this guidance from the governing body will also make it easier for you to play at other more formal events and tournaments.

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 Junior Branch Committee Member, Competition Secretary or any other so delegated by ISLTA Junior Branch)

In their absence you should respect the directions of the duty parent.

## **11. SPIRIT OF PLAY.**

General player support is encouraged, however parents or supporters must not coach or make any comment to players on the court while the match is in play.

## **12. VARIATIONS**

Any requests for variations to the Grade Rules especially reserve policy MUST be requested to the Competition Secretary prior to the match.

## **13. FORFEITS**

Players must not forfeit any match or part of a match without adequate reason.

In the event that a player is unable to play a match (usually only due to last minute illness as they would have arranged a reserve prior ☺), they need to advise via text message to

- their opponent at least 15 minutes before the match is due to start
- their team captain (seed 1)
- the Competition Secretary (including reason)

If a player

- has advised their opponent they are not playing – record FORFEIT on the result sheet.
- fails to turn up to their match and not advised their opponent – record NO SHOW on the result sheet.
- cannot finish a match due to injury/illness – record INJURY or ILLNESS on the result sheet

Do not write 6:0 unless play actually occurred.

The Junior Branch Committee reserves the right to withdraw any player

- with 2 or more NO SHOWS or
- with 3 or more FORFEITS or
- with 3 or more NO SHOWS / FORFEITS

## **14. DECIDING THE 'WINNER' OF A SEMI-FINAL OR FINALS MATCH**

In the event of a draw in a semi-final or finals match, the top 2 seeded players will play a normal tie breaker doubles (not a set) to decide the winner

### **Summer 2017-18 Closing Dates**

First game 14/10/2017 Last Game 7/4/2018

A1 Player Applications close 11 August 2017

A2 to lowest A grade playing at 10am team entries closes 25 August 2017

B1 to lowest B grade + C grade playing at 8am team entries closes 25 August 2017

*Talk to your team manager early to avoid disappointment.*