

BOROONDARA TENNIS CENTRE

Night Competition Rules

May 2021

Night competition is run by the Boroondara Tennis Centre. In the event of a dispute between teams, the senior staff member will make a decision on the night. If teams are unhappy with the decision they may speak with management the following day. Tennis Australia and Tennis Victoria have 'Tennis Guidelines'. The Boroondara Tennis Centre is the deliverer of the competition and thus has the discretion to run it accordingly.

It is the responsibility of each team to be aware of the following conditions. Teams that fail to follow these rules may be disqualified from the competition after due warning.

GENERAL RULES AND GUIDELINES

1. Teams must consist of a minimum of four players and can be mixed (all males, all females or any combination of each). If a team has more than four players, it is their responsibility to determine who is playing each week.
2. Entries permitting, teams will play each other twice or three times during the season in their section, depending on the number of teams entered.
3. A team captain must be nominated at the start of each season.
 - i. Team captains are responsible for ensuring they have a full team to play each week; this includes finding emergency players where necessary.
 - ii. If teams cannot find their own emergency player they must notify the Centre by no later than 5pm, office hours, on the night of the competition, or 24 hours before.
 - iii. To assist us in organising emergency players, where possible, advance notice is appreciated.
 - iv. Team captains, or players, are responsible for completing the players' names on the scoresheet, scoring, signing and returning the completed scoresheet.
 - v. Team Captains are responsible for the behaviour of the team and any of their supporters on court and on site at the Boroondara Tennis Centre.
 - vi. Team captains are responsible for signing the Code of Behaviour form on behalf of their team players.
4. All players have a responsibility to act in a correct and proper manner whilst at the facility. Offensive language, behaviour and poor sportsmanship are not acceptable. Staff, have the right to ask players to leave the facility if they are deemed to be acting inappropriately.
5. Unsportsmanlike Behaviour - In the event a player acts in an unsportsmanlike manner or exhibits anti-social behaviour, the Boroondara Tennis Centre, in conjunction with the City of Boroondara, will implement the following procedures:
 - i. Issue a verbal warning
 - ii. Issue a written warning
 - iii. Suspend a player for the current and following season.

6. Players must complete the registration form prior to entering the competition.
7. Players entering the competition must inform the Centre of which team they are joining and provide a contact phone number, email and emergency contact details (name and phone number).
8. Players must report and pay at reception prior to the commencement of play.
9. The first point of contact for players who are unable to play is the team captain.
10. All players under 18 years old are subject to BTC being notified, and our approval.

MATCHES AND SCORING

11. The starting time for matches is 7:30pm sharp. But players are expected to arrive at 7.15pm to organise payment and warm up.
 - i. If a team does not have one pair available by 7.45pm it shall forfeit the first set.
 - ii. If a team does not have at least three members in attendance at 8.00pm they will forfeit all points, with a full ten points awarded to the opposing team. This is made up of 4 points for the win, and 6 points for each set.
12. For a team with only three players in attendance a 3v3 or 4v3 American Doubles format will apply. Although the team with 4 players will automatically receive the 4 points for the win regardless if they win or not. The team with 3 players still have the opportunity to win points for each set won.
13. The Centre endeavours to provide 2 courts per match.
14. Players shall not use unallocated courts without first consulting a staff member.
15. Players umpire their own matches.
16. Each match consists of six, six game sets, with a tie-breaker to be played at six-all.
17. Results of matches will first be decided on the total sets won, and then on the total number of games. Four premiership points will be awarded to the winning team, and one point will be awarded for each set won to both the winning and losing teams.
18. All team scoresheets must be filled out fully and signed, and presented directly to the night staff at reception, along with the 4 ATP HEAD tennis balls given at the start of the night.
19. The ladder is updated regularly and placed on the Night Competition Noticeboard in the Clubhouse. It is also placed on the counter before the commencement of play each night.

ROUNDS AND FINALS

20. All rounds will be played in accordance with the draw unless otherwise determined by the competition coordinator.
21. At the end of the season, the leading four teams on the ladder and in each section will play in the finals, which will consist of a semi-final and a grand-final. The draw for the semi-finals will be:
Teams 1 v 4 and 2 v 3.
22. Prior to the start of each final, each team will nominate one pair of players to play a deciding tie-break game in the event of a drawn match.
23. All finals will be six game sets with a 12 point tie-breaker to be played at six games all. Results of finals will be decided first on sets, then on games.
24. If two teams are equal on points, the most sets won is the next point of reference. If the sets won are equal, the next point of reference is the number of games won.

25. In the spirit of the night social competition it is expected that the regular/permanent team members who qualify for the semi-final or final (refer to point 25) will be nominated to play in the semi-final or final.
26. To be eligible to play in a finals match all players must have played at least three matches during the season on their regular night, in the same section, and preferably in the same team. If a team does not have 4 players the Centre has the authority to find an emergency, and if all avenues are exhausted may nominate a player from another night or the emergency list at the Centre's discretion.
27. If a team in the finals requires an emergency the team captain may fill the position, however the Night Competition Co-ordinator must be notified by midday on the day of the semi-final or final to ensure eligibility. Weekly matches must fill 50% of the regular team players and finals matches must fill 75% of the regular team players or a forfeit will apply.
28. A competitor whose team is defeated in a semi-final match is not permitted to play for another team in the following grand final match.
29. Captains must nominate 4 eligible players for finals matches; you cannot rotate additional players in on the night.
30. In the event of a washout, blackout or heat out, if necessary and by agreement of opposing teams and the Night Competition Coordinator, (or the night staff member) the match may be played on an alternate night that is suitable to all.
31. Teams entering the competition after the second week of the new season will not be given points for matches not played.

ABANDONED MATCHES, WEATHER, INJURY, FORFEITS ETC

32. There will be no decision to abandon matches before 6:00pm, irrespective of weather conditions. It is the responsibility of each team to contact the Centre if in doubt of matches being played.
33. In the event of extreme weather the Tennis Australia extreme weather policy is followed.
34. If at any time during the match the opposing captains are in disagreement as to weather conditions and the fitness of the courts for play, both teams will remain in attendance until an agreement is reached, in consultation with the staff, that no further play is possible.
35. If a team leaves the facility without notifying a staff member they will lose premiership points as they will be deemed to have forfeited the match if their opposition are ready to play.
36. Rain and heat may result in matches being delayed rather than cancelled.
37. Should any match be unfinished due to inclement weather, scoresheets showing the exact position the match has reached are to be left with staff, including unfinished sets. Points will be calculated based on the sets that have been completed, and games completed will be added to the games total on the ladder.
38. If less than two sets have been completed, the teams competing on that night will receive a payment credit for the next round. Should this situation arise in the final round of the season, teams not competing in the finals will be given a refund of their nightly fee.

39. In the event of a forfeit, the team forfeiting must notify the Centre as early as possible. The cut off time is 6:00pm. Late forfeits may be deemed a no-show and fees may be incurred. Four premiership points and six points for the sets will be awarded to the team who receive the forfeit, ie. A total of 10 points.
40. In the event of a player being injured during the game, they shall forfeit the set being played. If a substitute is available then they may play the remainder of full sets and points will be allocated accordingly. (All games played will remain and be counted.)
41. If a team forfeits a match before a washout is called, that match will be deemed a washout and points allocated accordingly. However, if the other matches in the round commence play and are then washed out, the forfeited match shall stand as a forfeit.
42. Under no circumstances is alcohol to be consumed on the courts or in the clubhouse on the night of your social competition.
43. Boroondara is a smoke free workplace and there is NO smoking allowed within 10 metres of the buildings or the courts at any time.