

APPENDIX 5 – JUNIOR (effective as from October 2016)

Amendments for the 2016/17 season: Nil

The following is in addition to the Rules of Hutt Valley Tennis Inc and where there is any doubt the rules in this appendix take precedence over the Rules in the main document.

There is a spirit of co-operation among junior teams and for that reason a more relaxed approach to the rules is required especially in regard to the composition of teams and playing order. The intention is for juniors to get to play as much as possible with a minimum requirement to enforce rules.

1.0 Eligibility

1.1 All players must be 18 years or under as at 1 October.

2.0 Entries

2.1 Each competition will comprise of a group of 8 teams or such other number as the HVT Junior Convenor may decide depending on the number of team entries.

2.2 There will be Divisions for both boys and girls as follows:-

Premier A & B.....then

Divisions 1, 2, 3, 4, etc....

2.3 More than one competition may be applicable in each Division depending on team entries.

2.4 Clubs may enter mixed teams in the lowest grades but only if they have insufficient players to make up a single sex team. The mixed team will be placed into gender grade that best reflects the make-up of the team. ie If there are more boys than girls in the team it will be placed into the boys grade.

2.5 The team entry fee is \$40 for the Pre-Xmas round and \$40 for the Post-Xmas round.

2.6 Clubs are encouraged to enter new teams and new players in the Post-Xmas competition.

3.0 Team Grading & Divisions

3.1 The HVT Junior Convenor at their discretion will determine each team's grading & division and at the end of Pre-Xmas play teams may be regraded by the HVT Junior Convenor to ensure the Post-Xmas competition is between teams of similar ability.

4.0 Qualifications

4.1 To be eligible to play for a club, a player must be a bona fide member of that club for at least seven (7) days prior to any play and not in default of any money to any other tennis club or to HVT.

4.2 No player shall play for more than one club in a competition without the prior permission of the HVT Junior Convenor. No player may play in a junior interclub team if they are a regular member of any senior interclub team unless agreed in advance by the HVT Junior Convenor.

4.3 In all matches the match sheet must show the players order **prior** to the exchange of team sheets with an expectation that players will play in order of ability.

4.4 Teams may include an additional player providing all team players are listed on the team sheet prior to the start of the match showing the rubbers each player will play. If any player is incapacitated through injury during the match the playing order may be amended.

4.5 To field a full team, managers may select a player from the same competition or below. e.g. A Division 2 team can use players from Divisions 2, 3 or below, but not from Division 1 or the Premier Grades.

5.0 Starting Times

- 5.1 The starting times for all matches are as shown in the draw. **Please note that 8:00am means start time and 10:30am means start time.** It is recommended that a Premier team that is scheduled to play at 10.30am following a Divisional team at 8.00am should arrive at courts early to make best use of courts should they be available ahead of time and allow extra playing to complete the tie.
- 5.2 All matches must end at the scheduled start time for the next contest on the same courts. If any rubber is not complete then providing there are free courts play may continue. If no courts are free then the score at the time play stops will be treated as the final result.

6.0 Defaults

- 6.1 Team managers should have their teams organised by the Thursday preceding the match. If a team defaults prior advice must be given to the opposing team manager who may enter a win by default on the result sheet.
- 6.2 A team may play with three players but the opposing team must be given prior notice. The rubbers defaulted are to be No. 4 singles and No.2 doubles. The rubber score is to be entered as 1-0 to the non-defaulting team and the game score entered as 7-0 to the non-defaulting team (Divisional grades) or 4-0 4-0 (Premier grades).
- 6.3 A match default fee of \$20 may be charged to the defaulting club.
- 6.4 A team which arrives more than 15 minutes late must award the first scheduled contest by default to the opposing team but the second contest can be played. The defaulted rubber is deemed to be the second doubles irrespective of the ranking of the player in the team, as remaining players must play in highest position available.
- 6.5 No points will be awarded to either team if they mutually agree not to play a scheduled contest.
- 6.6 No points will be awarded to either team if a team from a club defaults to another team from the same club.
- 6.7 Any team that defaults 2 matches in a competition shall be deemed to have withdrawn from the competition unless a satisfactory explanation can be provided to the HVT Junior Convenor.
- 6.8 Where a team has notified its intention to default and on the scheduled day all matches are cancelled because of bad weather the default is cancelled.
- 6.9 If any player is incapacitated and cannot complete the rubber through injury, illness or any other cause, or is off court for more than 15 minutes the rubber is defaulted. The score up till that point shall be recorded and the winning player is awarded the minimum number of games and sets necessary for him or her to attain a score that would have otherwise won him or her the match. E.g. Division 1 game score is 3-5, when player B rolls an ankle and is unable to continue. Player A is awarded remaining games and final score is entered as 7-5. No replacement is permitted and remaining rubbers involving that player are also defaulted except where a fifth player was listed on the team sheet at the commencement of the match.
- 6.10 If a rained off match is rescheduled by mutual agreement of both teams and one team subsequently requests an alternative date/time the other team may enforce the match be defaulted, or can agree to the alternative date/time.

7.0 Cancellations & Postponements

- 7.1 Matches cancelled due to bad weather will be either replayed where managers agree (note 6.10) prior to the completion of the respective Pre & Post Xmas competitions (**this being the preferred option**), OR points shared as per 11.2
- 7.2 Team managers will determine the cancellation of matches at their discretion.
- 7.3 During wet conditions, for the safety of players, matches should be adjourned while it is raining and a decision on the outcome of the match made by team managers.

8.0 Tennis Balls

- 8.1 Each team will provide 1 pair of balls per match. New balls are preferable but good used ones may be used provided the manufacturer's brand name, as specified in Interclub Rules 7.1, is visible.

9.0 Supervision

- 9.1 The Team Manager must remain with the team until the completion of each match. Players must know the rules of tennis and keep the score. In the event of disputes, team managers may agree to umpire or adjudicate the match if requested by the player(s).
- 9.2 Spectators must behave in accordance with the Tennis NZ Guidelines for Parents, Coaches, Supporters and Spectators (*see Tennis NZ Player Handbook*).

Spectators MUST NOT become involved in the match.

- 9.3 Team managers of the lowest grade teams may clarify a rule to their players if it is apparent that they are unsure or applying it incorrectly, or if players ask for assistance. These players will be playing their 1st interclub season.

10.0 Playing Format

- 10.1 Each match will comprise 2 doubles rubbers and 4 singles rubbers
- 10.2 Premier A & B Divisions – Each singles and doubles rubber will consist of two sets to 4 with a tie break at 3 all. There will be no short deuces. If a rubber is tied at one set all then a super tiebreak (first to 10 points with 2 point margin) will be played to decide the winner (i.e. the super tiebreak is the third set). The tiebreak for the third set shall be seen as 1 set and 1 game.
- 10.3 Divisions 1 and below - Each singles and doubles rubber will consist of one set to seven (the best of 13 games) with a tiebreaker at six games all. Short deuces to be played with the game being decided after the second deuce point.
- 10.4 In the lowest division, in each of the boys and girls competitions, players may bounce the ball to serve their second serve.
- 10.5 The match winner will be the team based upon first rubbers won, then sets won, then games won.

11.0 Team Scoring

- 11.1 Points will be awarded as follows
- Win of rubber - 1 point
 - Win of match - 2 bonus points plus rubber points
 - Loss of match - rubber points only
 - Match draw - 1 bonus point plus rubber points
- 11.2 For rained off games each team will be awarded 2 points. Refer 7.1.
- 11.3 The competition winner will be the team with the most points at the end of the respective Pre & Post Xmas competitions **after a full round robin in the grade has been played**. If 2 or more teams have equal points then the IPC will decide the winner based upon firstly the team that won when those teams played each other or secondly if the teams were drawn then based on matches won, then sets won and then games won.

12.0 Results

- 12.1 Junior Convenors must have results logged into Configure Rankings **within 48 hours**. For matches to be replayed due to being rained off - results to be entered before completion of the respective Pre & Post Xmas competition/s

13.0 Supplementary Rounds.

13.1 Where there are less than 8 teams in a grade the extra rounds will be played as follows:

7 teams: 7 competition rounds will be played one being a bye.

6 teams: 5 competition rounds played to determine promotion/relegation/placing then two further rounds will be played and recorded but not counted towards promotion/relegation/placing.

5 teams: 5 competition rounds played one being a bye to determine promotion/relegation/placing then two further rounds will be played and recorded but not counted towards promotion/relegation/placing.

4 teams: 6 competition rounds played in the format of two round robins.

14.0 Promotion / relegation and the final placings for HVT Junior Interclub Grades

Promotion / relegation will take place between all grades from Prem A to Div 3/4 grades, judged from pre Xmas results on a 2 up 2 down linear basis. At HVT Junior Convenor discretion, other teams may be promoted / relegated based on performance.

Promotion / relegation and the final placings within a grade will be determined after a full round robin in the grade has been completed. For example after seven rounds if eight teams in a grade and after round five if six teams are in the grade. In the latter instance the last two rounds will still be played and results are still to be recorded. Where there are only four teams in a grade placings will be determined after two round robins have been completed. If teams are equal at the end of the pre Xmas round robin competition, then the match(es) between the teams will be used to determine placings. If this was a draw, HVT Junior Convenor will determine a method to order the teams.