

**Tennis
Wollongong**



COMPETITION RULES

Adult Competitions

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Please note that the rules for Junior competitions are in another document situated in the junior competition pages on www.tenniswollongong.com.au

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DEFINITIONS

A **REGISTERED** player is one who is:

- (a) financial with Tennis Wollongong and financial with Tennis NSW; and
 - (i) financial with the club that they represent or
 - (ii) a financial member of the pool; or
- (b) financial with an invitee association and Tennis NSW. See Rules 2.1 and 31.

An **UNFINANCIAL** player is a player nominated in a team in any current competition but has not paid the required registration, competition or membership fees to a relevant association or club. Players can only be unfinancial for four weeks after commencing play in the competition, otherwise they are not a registered player. See Rules 2.1 and 31.

An **UNFINANCIAL** team is one that has not paid the current competition team fees.

A **NOMINATED** player is one who is listed to play in a specific team in a specific competition.

A **NEW** player is one who is a late registration and is nominated to play in a specific team (see also Rule 13.3). **All players seeking late registration to play in a competition must give a full and accurate personal tennis history, including change of name if applicable.**

A **BORROWED** player is one who can be borrowed from other teams and other competitions. The player must be registered and currently playing in a team in a Tennis Wollongong competition (see Rule 15).

A **POOL** player is one who requests to be listed with Tennis Wollongong, is not nominated in a specific team for a particular competition and is accepted by Tennis Wollongong as a designated pool player. This player may play for any division nominated by the Competition Committee, for different teams in the same division and may play as often as required but is not available to play in the finals series for any team.

A **TEAM CAPTAIN** is the person nominated on the team entry form at the commencement of the competition or any person nominated on the day of competition as being the “team captain” for the match.

A **SUBSTITUTE** player is one who replaces an incapacitated player after the commencement of a match (see Rule 17).

A **JUNIOR** player is one who is under 19 years of age on the first day of the financial year.

The **EXECUTIVE** is the Executive of Tennis Wollongong.

The **MANAGEMENT** Committee of Tennis Wollongong consists of the Executive plus the Chair and Secretary of the competition committees

An **INVITEE** team is a team from an affiliated club of a neighbouring association that has accepted an invitation to participate in Tennis Wollongong competitions and so shall conform to these rules.

1 RULES

- 1.1 All matches shall be played under:
 - a. the Rules of Tennis as laid down in the official book of the Tennis Australia Umpires Association; and
 - b. the rules of Tennis Wollongong as specified hereunder.
- 1.2 In competitions run by Tennis Wollongong where teams from other associations are invited to participate, all players must be registered with their respective associations prior to the commencement of play.

2 REGISTERED PLAYERS

- 2.1 Any team playing an unregistered player shall receive a penalty according to Rule 31 (see also Rule 14).
 - a. Persons wishing to play representative matches and tournaments with Tennis Wollongong and in other association teams must be registered with their respective associations.
 - b. Any player wishing to compete in a tournament which clashes with a normal competition of Tennis Wollongong, must ensure that his/her proposed absence will not disadvantage his/her team in any way.
 - c. If a club advises Tennis Wollongong in writing that a player is not financial with the club, that player will be withdrawn as a member of any team and declared an unregistered player.Disciplinary action may be taken towards any player not adhering to this rule.

3 AFFILIATION, COMPETITION AND REGISTRATION FEES

- 3.1 All clubs joining the association shall pay a yearly affiliation fee payable within one month of the start of the financial year.
- 3.2 A competition team entry fee will be fixed by the Management Committee each year and must be paid by the nominated date.
- 3.3 All registration fees for players will be fixed reviewed each year by the Management Committee and must be paid by the nominated date.
- 3.4 Where players or teams from neighbouring associations enter in Tennis Wollongong competitions by invitation, entry and registration fees payable for each team and individuals are to be set by the Management Committee as required.
- 3.5 Failure to be financial may result in the loss of competition points during the period in which the club, team or player is unfinancial.

4 TEAM ENTRY

- 4.1 All entries must be fully completed on the nomination form available from the web site of Tennis Wollongong and must reach the Tennis Wollongong Control Room by the due date. Electronic entries are accepted.
- 4.2 Clubs may enter as many teams as they desire in any competition provided they can make available for play one court for every two teams entered.
- 4.3 The Executive reserves the right to inspect any court and surrounds and determine their suitability for competitive tennis.
- 4.4 Any team (including all team members) who withdraw from a competition after the draw has been made and without a satisfactory reason may be suspended from all Tennis Wollongong events for the duration of that competition and the one following. The team may still be liable for the team entry fee and player registrations.

5 PLAYING OF TEAM MATCHES

- 5.1 The format, number and types of sets, number of players, number of teams in a grade or division, commencement time, grades or divisions etc. will be determined by the relevant competition committee for ratification by the Management Committee.
- 5.2 The relevant competition committee reserves the right to place a team or late registered player in any grade or division other than that to which entry was sought and also reserves the right to handicap any player, team or division.
- 5.3 Competition matches, semi-finals, finals and grand finals of all weekend competitions shall not be scheduled for decision over the middle weekend of a two-week school holiday.
- 5.4 School and public holiday matches and Melbourne Cup matches may be played before the date set down on the draw, providing both captains are agreeable and the relevant competition Secretary has been informed of the new date. If the first match of the competition is set down for school holidays, the match may be played at any time during the first round providing the relevant competition Secretary has been informed of the new date.
- 5.5 There will be no competition set down for decision over a public holiday period.

6 MATCH RESULTS

- 6.1 The winning captain is responsible for sending in the results of a match on the result sheets designed by Tennis Wollongong. Result sheets must be signed by both captains or their representatives and are to include the names of all players in their respective teams and also the individual results of all sets played. Full names of players together with their handicap and competition number, where applicable, must be shown on the result form. Both captains are responsible for ensuring all match details on the result sheet are correct before the sheet is sent in.
- 6.2 During normal rounds the home team completes their team details including players' names first, and then the visiting team completes their details. These must be completed prior to commencement of the match.

- 6.3 Competition result sheet deadlines will be notified as necessary on the relevant draw sheets.
- 6.4 Results of the last round, semi-finals and finals of all competitions must be received by, or phoned to, the relevant competition committee by the time specified on the draw. Where results are phoned in, the result sheet must be sent in by the usual time.
- 6.5 Should a match be forfeited, the captain of a team receiving a forfeit shall forward the result of the match to the control room, indicating the name of the person offering the forfeit.
- 6.6 Result sheets must be forwarded by the home captain in the event of:-
 - a. no play taking place.
 - b. a match ceasing before a decision is reached.
 - c. the match ending in a draw.
- 6.7 If the result sheet is not received on time as specified in Rule 6.3, the offending team may lose points as specified in Rule 31.
- 6.8 It is the responsibility of both team captains to see that sets are played with correct pairings. A team playing an incorrect pairing will be penalised according to Rule 31.
- 6.9 The relevant competition committee has the power to correct any errors on the result sheets, even if it effects the result of the match. Club secretaries and/or team captains concerned in result changes will be notified by the relevant competition committee.
- 6.10 If result sheets are faxed or emailed to Tennis Wollongong, the originals must be kept until the end of the competition or sent in to Tennis Wollongong at a later date.

7 ALLOCATION OF POINTS FOR A MATCH

- 7.1 The method used to calculate the points will be stipulated by the relevant competition committee on the draw sheet.
- 7.2 If a match is completely washed out, all points will be shared equally – see Rule 20.13 for final series determination.
- 7.3 If a match is not completed (due to rain, light etc) sets and games completed to the point of cessation of play shall be counted for points, and all remaining points for sets and games are to be shared. Handicaps will only be used in the calculation if at least half the sets have been completed plus one game of another set.
- 7.4 If the reason given for a match being incomplete is unsatisfactory, the relevant competition committee will determine what points, if any, are awarded. See Rule 31.
- 7.5 Should a team withdraw during the competition before the first round has been completed, all points for and against shall be deleted, but, in the event of a withdrawal after a round has been completed, points for the completed round shall remain unaltered subject to the discretion of the relevant competition committee.

8 COMMENCEMENT AND CONTINUATION OF PLAY

- 8.1 a. The maximum hit-up time is 5 minutes.
- b. Commencement and finishing times for any competition shall be determined by the relevant competition committee and announced on the draw sheet for each competition. Where the finishing time is not the same every week, the finishing times will be notified on the draw sheet for each week of the competition. Play in a new game must not commence after the designated finishing time. Lights may be used up to the finishing time. Play in matches in finals will normally continue until a result is determined (see Rule 20).
- 8.2 In normal competition, any set that can be played must be played. Where insufficient members of a team are present to enable any set to be played, 10 minutes grace will be allowed from the starting time. At the end of that period, the opposing captain may claim the first set. If, after a further 10 minutes, play still cannot commence, then the second set may be claimed. After a further 10 minutes with play unable to commence, the match may be claimed.

NOTE: *Where the order of play has been altered because of the above, the non-offending team has the right to select the order of play for the remainder of the match.*

- 8.3 Play is to be continuous. To cover the case where one team fails to have a pair ready to commence the next scheduled set, a forfeit of that set may be claimed after 5 minutes from the time all play has finished. Subsequent forfeits may be claimed for each 10 minutes elapsed.
- 8.4 Where a team fails to field a complete side, the sets involving missing player/s will be forfeited, as they fall due, to the opposing team. All other sets that can be played should be played. Handicaps cannot be used in the calculation of points.
- 8.5 If both captains on the day agree, sets may be played out of order. This agreement should be reached before play commences.

NOTE: *See Rule 20.10 (all sets must be played in order in the finals series).*

9 BEFORE COMMENCEMENT OF PLAY

- 9.1 The home team captain shall fill in the players' names, competition numbers and handicaps on the score sheet in the order in which they will be playing and hand the sheet to the visiting team captain for their team to be entered on the score sheet. Both captains then check the sheets and the handicap totals if required.
- 9.2 Where the order of serving is not already specified, a toss decides who will serve in the first and odd numbered sets. The team winning the toss has a choice for the first set and then the service alternates for each subsequent set. If the team winning the toss chooses to serve first in the first set, that team serves first in all the odd numbered sets. If the team winning the toss chooses to receive in the first set, they serve first in all the even numbered sets. In either case, the team not serving in the first game of any set chooses which end of the court they start the set. Where the order of serving is specified, that cannot be changed by the teams.
- 9.3 In the final series, the first toss is for the choice of being the home team or the visiting team and the second toss, if required by the competition, is for the choices in Rule 9.2.

10 BALLS AND THEIR PROVISION

- 10.1 The type of balls to be used shall be Tennis Australia approved.
- 10.2 The home team shall provide the match balls. The relevant competition committee will decide the number of balls to be used. This will be stipulated on the draw sheet.
- 10.3 For the final series and play-offs, each team shall supply half the required number of new balls of the same type. Captains must contact each other prior to the match to determine the type of ball to be used. If no agreement can be reached, the Tennis Wollongong preferred ball will be used.

11 HANDICAP COMPETITIONS

- 11.1 In the event of a player's handicap being altered after the commencement of a competition, such a player will still be eligible to play in the competition carrying his/her new handicap even though the team's new best total handicap may be outside the limit set for that competition, provided the said player was nominated prior to the commencement of the competition. The team will receive the penalty as specified in Rule 31 for playing a team with a handicap outside the specified range. Late registrations/nominations are covered by Rules 12.2 and 12.3.
- 11.2 Handicaps are only used to determine the result of a match if at least half the sets plus one game from another set have been completed on the court.
- 11.3 In matches where handicaps on individual players are used to determine the result of a match and a player is replaced because of injury with a qualified player on a different handicap, the handicap that is used for determining the handicap difference between the teams is obtained:
 - (a) if all sets have been played,
 - by calculating the weighted average (on sets played) of the players' handicaps rounded to the closer integer with 0.5 rounded in the direction of the handicap of the better player;
 - (b) otherwise,
 - by using the straight average of the handicaps rounded to the closer integer with 0.5 rounded in the direction of the handicap of the better player.

12 GRADING and HANDICAPPING OF PLAYERS

- 12.1 Players are to be graded and handicapped individually by the relevant competition committee at the end of each competition, or as otherwise determined. A player's handicap or grade is subject to review and possible alteration at the end of each round of the competition.
- 12.2 In the case of a player who did not play in the previous competition, this player must recommence competition play on his/her last assessed handicap or grade, if such handicap or grade is based on play within 4 years prior to the re-commencement. Such a player may be re-handicapped and re-graded by the relevant competition committee at any time. (See also Rule 13.3)
- 12.3 Before registering a new player, team captains must ascertain and declare the new player's grade or handicap.

- 12.4 Newly nominated players joining the competition may be re-handicapped and re-graded at any time and this may be made retrospective at the discretion of the competition committee.

13 ADDITIONS TO TEAMS

- 13.1 All late registrations or nominations should be forwarded to the relevant competition committee secretary through the team captain. For players from “invitee” Associations, the relevant competition committee secretary should then ascertain the player eligibility by contacting the “Invitee” Association secretary.
- 13.2 A new team player should be nominated to the relevant competition committee. Such a nomination should be completed prior to the commencement of play and include the new player’s proposed handicap or grading. New player information (name, address, etc.) must be entered in the appropriate area on the result sheet.
- 13.3 Any player who is a late registration or nomination, i.e., is not originally nominated on the team entry form, must meet the handicap and grading requirements for the particular division. This player may play in up to 2 divisions or grades below the division or grade last played if they meet the requirements of the division.
- 13.4 a. Penalties for playing an unregistered player are listed in Rule 31.
b. If a team plays a player who is not registered with Tennis Wollongong and who is not nominated in a team and not registered as a Pool Player in the current competition, that player must either register with Tennis Wollongong for 3 matches, become a member of that team or a member of the pool.
- 13.5 Late registration fees should be paid within 7 days of the first match played.
- 13.6 Late registrations and nominations will be accepted up to and including the final competition round.
- 13.7 The registration and/or nomination of new, pool, or borrowed players should be noted on the result sheet in the space provided.

14 DIVISIONAL LIMITS

- 14.1 All division or grade handicap limits for players and teams, where applicable, will be listed on the draw sheets for each competition and the penalties for breaking the limits are listed in Rule 31.

15 BORROWING PLAYERS

- 15.1 a. There is no limit to the number of times a player may be borrowed in any one competition.
b. Teams playing in a competition with individual player handicaps can borrow players any number of times as long as their handicap does not cause the team handicap to be outside the range for their division and the borrowed player’s handicap is allowed for their division.
c. A borrowed player in competitions not covered by b., who is a member of a team in the same competition, is not eligible to play for a single team more than 25% (rounded up to the nearest integer) of the total number of matches in the competition (excluding the final series). Playing an ineligible player will lead to a loss of points (see Rule 31).

- 15.2 The registration and/or nomination of a borrowed player must be noted on the result sheet. This means that the appropriate box, such as 'borrowed', 'pool' or 'new', must be ticked on the result sheet indicating which category applies. New players must also have details (name, address, date of birth, email address etc) entered.
Note: *All team members must be approached for their availability before a player is borrowed from another team or pool.*

15.3 **Adult Competitions**

Should a player be required, teams may only borrow players who meet the handicap criteria for the division of the competition. Teams may choose:-

- a. players from the division above, the same or lower divisions in the same competition (see also Rule 15.2).
- b. players from other Tennis Wollongong competitions who have been notified to the relevant competition committee **and who have been issued a handicap or grading**. Details are to be recorded on the result sheet (see also Rule 15.2).
- c. pool players listed for that particular competition, who already have a handicap or grade assessed by the relevant officials and who meets the specified handicap or grade conditions set out in the draw. Details are to be recorded on the result sheet (see also Rule 15.2).
- d. In mixed competitions one women can be borrowed or used to replace a man.

15.4 **Junior and Beginners Competitions**

See the Rules for Junior competitions.

16 **FORFEITURE OF MATCHES**

- 16.1 When no more than 20% of all matches on a particular day (junior matches on Saturday morning separate from adult matches on Saturday afternoon) are able to play more than half the sets required in the match (deemed to be a match), forfeits become drawn matches as far as the competition point score is concerned.
- 16.2 A team forfeiting a match (when no sets at all can be played) shall score no points and the opposing team shall be deemed to have won the match and scored maximum points. In the event that both teams forfeit the match, neither team will receive any points.
- 16.3 Any team forfeiting a match twice in succession or 3 times in total in any one competition shall be disqualified from the competition unless a satisfactory reason is provided and is accepted by the Competition Committee. Penalties may also apply as per Rule 4.4.
- 16.4 If a team is disqualified, all points scored for and against them for all teams for a completed round will stand. Otherwise, these points will be deleted.

17 SUBSTITUTE PLAYERS

- 17.1 In the event of a player being unable to continue to play in any match through incapacitation, sickness (including an immediate family bereavement), such player may be substituted by an eligible player for the remaining sets. The relevant competition committee reserves the right to adjudicate whether a reason is acceptable, if necessary. The incomplete set is to be forfeited.
- 17.2 A player wearing prescription glasses or contact lenses that are damaged during play may be substituted as set out in Rule 17.1 if that player is unable to continue playing.
- 17.3 A substitute player is eligible if one of the following points conform:-
- a. the substitute player is a registered member of the same team; or
 - b. the substitute player may come from any team in the same competition who satisfies the divisional handicap limit for borrowed players, or from a team in the same division. The player must have a handicap indicating they are not a better player and are not involved in another match on the same day; or
 - c. the substitute can be a pool player in normal preliminary rounds, however a pool player is ineligible to play in the final series (see Definitions).
- 17.4 A player who is substituted in a match after sustaining an injury or illness can take no further playing part in the match.
- 17.5 In any handicap match where a player is replaced for any reason, the team handicap shall be adjusted on the basis of averaging the individual handicap of each player concerned on the basis of the number of sets played by each player. See Rule 11.3

18 WEATHER CONDITIONS

- 18.1 In the event of bad light, extreme weather or unplayable court conditions, the captains, or their representative, may make a mutual decision for play to cease. Unless both teams agree, play will not start later than one hour after the proposed starting time. Should there be no agreement, the match will be called off. The exception to this will be in the final series when the decision will be made by the relevant competition committee.
- 18.2 If a dispute arises regarding bad light, lights can be used to play up to the scheduled finishing time.
- 18.3 In the event of a rain interrupted match, a decision on the possibility of play resuming shall be left to the captains. Should the captains disagree, the match will be called off. The exception of this will be in the final series when the decision will be made by the relevant competition committee.
- 18.4 If weather conditions are bleak, cancellation of a match can be made by the teams over the phone no earlier than one hour prior to the proposed commencement time. If that action is taken, the home team is to send in the result sheet with the names of the member of each team who made the decision and the time the decision was made printed on the sheet. The sheet must also be filled out with all other details required, but need not contain a list of players, and must be signed by the home team member. If there is no agreement, both teams must go to the tennis court.

19 UMPIRES

- 19.1 If umpires are required by either team during the competition, the home team supplies the first umpire and then the appointment of the umpire alternates between the teams for the remainder of the match if required. A non-playing team member may umpire if both captains agree.
- 19.2 There shall be only one person in the umpire's chair and that person is to be the umpire.

20 THE FINALS SERIES

- 20.1 A player who, because of illness or other unforeseen circumstances is unable to take his or her place in the continuation of a postponed match may have his or her place taken by a reserve player who meets the necessary criteria (see also Rule 17.3).
- 20.2 Deviations from Rule 17.3 will only be allowed by the relevant competition committee following the written application by the relevant club secretary. This could involve any unforeseen circumstance that might prevent a team or team member from taking part in the finals series.
- 20.3 The remaining games of the set in progress will be forfeited if an injury is such that a player cannot continue. Alternatively, the player may elect to complete the remaining games of the set and notify the umpire or captains at the conclusion of the set that he or she requires a substitute player for the remainder of the match.
- 20.4 Players from teams involved in the final series (i.e. Semi-final, Final or Grand Final) cannot be borrowed by another team from the same division playing in the final series except when all teams are involved in the final series.
- 20.5 The format of the finals series will be determined at the beginning of each competition by the relevant competition committee and written on the draw.
- 20.6 Lights will be used in the final series if needed to complete matches.
- 20.7 If a match is drawn in the finals series of all competitions, the result will be decided in the following manner:
- a. Semifinal
The team finishing higher on the point score table at the end of the rounds will go through to play in the final.
 - b. Final
The team finishing higher on the point score table at the end of the rounds will go through to play in the Grand Final.
 - c. Grand Final
Should a draw occur at the conclusion of the Grand Final, then the team higher on the point score table at the end of the rounds will be declared the winner. However, if the team finishing second has beaten the minor premiers in the final series, they displace the team finishing first for the purpose of this rule.
- 20.8 a. All players participating in the finals series must have played at least 20% of matches scheduled to be played from the commencement of the competition in their originally nominated team. If a player is suffering from illness, injury or some other unforeseen circumstance preventing them from competing, the clubs/teams must apply in writing to the relevant competition committee before the commencement of play, to include a player thus not qualified.

- b. The application must contain reasons why members of the team are not available as well as three names of available players whose handicaps are similar to that of the team members unable to play and who have been playing for a team in the same competition. The committee will only accept a player from the same division or a lower division. See also Rule 20.4.
A decision will be made with any approval or denial having to come from at least 3 members of the relevant competition committee in consultation with each other.
- 20.9 For the finals series, the toss determines home team and then each captain is to write down their team order and exchange with the umpire (where used) or the opposing captain. The teams must then be written down in the specified order on the result sheet. See also Rules 9.3 and 10.3.
- 20.10 All sets are to be played in the order set down on the result sheet. Where more than one court is allocated for the match, if the captains agree there may be one social team break of 15 minutes taken during the match, otherwise the next set must be started if a court and the players are available.
- 20.11
 - a. Matches for each grade are to be played on a uniform surface throughout the finals series where possible i.e. (begin on grass, end on grass). Junior competitions may vary due to court availability.
 - b. The Competition Committee has the authority to change the venue or court surface for matches when the allocated courts are unplayable due to weather conditions or other unforeseen circumstances.
- 20.12 Details of formats for competitions and finals series will be shown on the competition draws.
- 20.13
 - a. Where no play is possible in the finals series due to extreme weather conditions, teams who finish higher on the point score table at the end of the rounds go through to their next respective match. However, if the team finishing second has beaten the minor premiers in the final series, they displace the team finishing first for the purpose of this rule.
 - b. In the case of the Grand Final ONLY, an extra day or night may be provided in the draw, where time permits, to allow the Grand Final to be rescheduled or completed if it cannot be played on the original date due to inclement weather. Where this provision is made, it will be indicated on the draw when initially published.
 - c. Matches may be delayed up to two hours from the commencement of play, or one hour after stoppage of play, due to weather conditions, in an endeavour to complete the match on the set day. Teams must attend on Grand Final day to enable the presentation of trophies.
- 20.14 Where play is abandoned during the match, points are to be calculated as per Rule 7.3
 - a. If teams then have equal points, the team winning more sets is declared the winner
 - b. If teams have won the same number of sets, the team finishing higher on the points score is declared the winner.

21 VENUES FOR FINALS

- 21.1 The relevant competition committee has the right to use any affiliated club's courts for the playing of the finals series.

22 TEAMS EQUAL ON POINTSCORE

- 22.1 In the event of two or more teams being equal on points score at the end of the rounds, a count back will be carried out and their positions determined by the percentage of sets won over sets played. If the result is still even, the percentage of games won over games played will be used. In arriving at such a percentage, should a contending team have received a forfeit, the other contending teams' matches against the forfeiting team in that round shall be calculated on the same basis, i.e. as if they also received a forfeit from the same team in the same round.

23 DISPUTES

- 23.1 a. Where captains fail to agree on any matter, they should approach the nearest member of the relevant Competition committee or the Executive, if one is available.
- b. If unable to make contact as per 23.1 a., the match should be completed if possible and the details of the dispute put in writing and given to their respective club secretaries, who will consider the situation and if they cannot resolve the situation at club level, forward the details to the Secretary of Tennis Wollongong for a decision by the relevant committee.
- c. Where a match or set is played under protest, this must be recorded on the result form and the protest information should be written and signed on the reverse of the score sheet.
- 23.2 All protests, disputes or complaints shall be placed before the relevant committee. Such protests, disputes or complaints shall be lodged in writing with the Secretary of Tennis Wollongong with a copy to the secretary of the club involved within 3 days of the event occurring, and shall be accompanied by all available evidence.

24 JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

- 24.1 The rules of the Judiciary Committee are listed in the Constitution of Tennis Wollongong

25 REPLAY OF MATCHES

- 25.1 The relevant competition committee has the power to order a replay of any match and shall name the date, time, venue and court for such play.

26 INTERPRETATION OF RULES

- 26.1 Any question arising out of the interpretation of these rules shall be submitted to the relevant committee for decision. The interpretation of these rules shall devolve on the relevant committee. The committee shall have the power to deal with and decide upon any matter not covered by these rules.
- 26.2 For the interpretation of these rules, the words 'his, him, he' etc. may be construed as 'hers, her, she' etc., and vice-versa.

27 TROPHIES

- 27.1 Trophies, vouchers or equivalent will be presented to members of winning and runners-up teams in all divisions. If required, additional trophies may be purchased at the team's cost. Numbers of trophies to be purchased will be determined from time to time by the relevant competition committee.

28 NOTICES

- 28.1 It shall be sufficient notice of any Tennis Wollongong function, fixture or instruction if it is published on the Tennis Wollongong's web site or sent by email to Club Secretaries or appears on Tennis Wollongong notice boards which are on permanent display at the Control Room.

29 AMENDMENTS TO RULES

- 29.1 These rules may be amended or added by the Management Committee as the need arises from time to time.
- 29.2 The latest rules will be emailed to all Club Secretaries and published on the Association's web site. A hard copy may be obtained upon request from the secretary of Tennis Wollongong.

30 COURT ATTIRE

- 30.1 White, pastel or coloured clothing may be worn for Tennis Wollongong fixtures providing the clothing satisfies the current Tennis Australia Dress and Equipment Regulations. As a guideline, clothing must be recognised tennis attire with no logo, writing or picture larger than 100 mm square.
- 30.1.1 During very cold or windy weather, suitable jackets or tracksuits may be worn.
- 30.1.2 A suitable skirt or shorts must be worn over bike pants, tights, leggings or compression garments.
- 30.2 Clubs, officials, captains and players are responsible for setting and maintaining the standard of court attire and court etiquette.

31 PENALTIES FOR INFRINGEMENTS OF THE RULES

Application of penalties for infringement of the rules is at the discretion of the relevant competition committee. In the finals, the relevant committee may apply other penalties.

31.1 Playing an unregistered player (see definitions).

Penalty: Forfeit of all sets played by unregistered player (opposition gets 6 – 0 score in their favour for those sets).

31.2 Playing an un-financial player (see definitions).

Penalty: Loss of points for the sets won by un-financial player(s) plus one point for each un-financial player every match they play, with a minimum score of zero for a match.

31.3 Playing an ineligible player (borrowed from another division or other TW competition) whose handicap is outside the range for division but the team handicap is inside the range for the division.

Penalty: Loss of points by the offending team equal to half the difference between the player handicap and the division borrowed player handicap limit, with a maximum loss being the total sets played in a match or when zero points is reached.

31.4 Putting an ineligible team on the court (team handicap is outside the range for the division).

Penalty: Loss of half a point by the offending team for each handicap point outside the allowable range, with a maximum loss being the total sets played in a match or when zero points is reached. The opposition team is awarded the points lost up to a maximum of three points for 4 player teams, two points for 3 player teams and one point for 2 player teams.

31.5 Playing an unfinancial team.

Penalty: Loss of 1/4 of total match points for competition each week.

31.6 Playing an incorrect player or pairing, for example players 1 and 2 when players 1 and 4 were due to play.

Penalty: Forfeit of all sets played with incorrect players (opposition gets 6 – 0 score in their favour for those sets).

31.7 Late result sheet.

Penalty: Loss of up to two points per week.

31.8 Unsatisfactory reason for not completing a match.

Penalty: Loss of two points by both teams.