

## **RULES, CONDITIONS & FORMAT OF PLAY**

1. **The Rules** of tennis and TA Code of Behaviour apply to all sets/matches, with the following amendments;
2. **Sets** will be self umpired and should follow the Tennis Australia rules for Un-Umpired matches (attached below);
3. **New Balls** will be provided by the competition organiser and will remain the property of the organiser. They should be returned at the end of the match. (these balls are used to provide members with good quality balls to: replace lost or damaged balls during competition matches, use for social play, and for coaching purposes). They may be purchased at the end of the days play;
4. **Teams** shall consist of at least 2 and up to 3 nominated players (2 players required each week);
5. **Matches** format shall be "Time Based" with 4 x 15min Quarters (Changing end only at the end of each quarter). Sets will be 1st to 6 with NoAd scoring (7 pt T/B @ 5 all sudden death at 6all). The choice of serve alternates for each set. **If a team cannot commence play within 5 mins from the allotted start time they will forfeit the 1st game and 1 game for every multiple of 5 mins there after;**
6. **Scoring** for all matches, including Semi's and Finals, will be: 1pt per set won & 2 bonus pts for most games won;
7. **Rained Out** matches will be rescheduled to be played after the regular rounds before finals series;
8. **Washed Out** matches called off after commencement shall split points for all sets not completed (this includes the bonus point unless one team has an unassailable position);
9. **Injuries** to a player during play will be allowed a 5min "injury time out" after which time a decision will be made whether that player can continue to play. If that player cannot play on, then the set being played and any further sets shall be forfeited;
10. **Reserves** may be drawn from the bye team or the reserves list and will be from the same division or lower;  
**NB:** It is the responsibility of the player needing the reserve to find someone in the 1st instance, then if no success call the competition Organiser.. Any team needing more than 1 player replaced will forfeit their points for that round but may still play if they can field a team (the Bye Team should make themselves available to reserve on their bye week);
11. **Finals Series** - a) Finals may be played as a normal Semi & Final Format (ie., 1st v 4th & 2nd v 3rd, Winners play in final following week), or other formats depending on No; of teams in the competition;  
b) If ladder positions at the end of rounds is equal then a count back may be necessary. this will be taken firstly on head to head results for the two teams, then on round by round starting from the last round points;  
c) If a finals series match is washed out then play will continue from the same score on the following week or at an agreed time/day with same balls  
d) Any reserves required for the finals series must be of the same standard or lower and where possible from the teams not making the finals.. (reserves must be approved by the competition organiser/grading committee);
12. **Comp Fees** are \$50 per player. All players must also be Financial Members of Tennis Camden.. All Fees are due by Week 3 of the comp, if fees are outstanding after this the teams will be penalized and may not qualify for Finals Series;
13. **Disputes** will be resolved by the competition organiser or their representative. Their Decision is Final;