**TENNIS**

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| **Venue:** | Ringwood Tennis Club, Jubilee Park (off City Road), Ringwood (Melway Map 49 H 10)  AND  North Ringwood Tennis Club, Warrandyte Road, North Ringwood (Melway 49 J2) |
| **Arrival Time:** | 9:15 AM |

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| **Competing Teams**  **Must Provide:** | * Competent Umpire and Scorer * 8 New competition grade tennis balls * A teacher or a school council approved adult must accompany all teams |
| **Team Sheets:** | Competing teams must take a completed team sheet with players in seeded order to the convener on the day of competition.  Teams are restricted to a maximum of 8 players for the day. |

**CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION:**

1. Tennis will be conducted under the rules of the Lawn Tennis Association of Australia, unless otherwise stated. Format is Split Round Robin with final or a full Round Robin depending on the number of teams. The Winner will progress to the State Finals.
2. Teams to consist of 4-8 players. Teams are to be seeded for singles in order of ability 1 to 6. The rank order is to be adhered to and if a replacement player is required, players will move up a rank to fill the vacant position and the replacement player will play in No. 4 position. Any pairing may be used for doubles.
3. Matches are to consist of 6 sets, 4 singles and 2 doubles. Each set is to be to 4 games, with a tie-breaker at 3 games all (first to 5 points, sudden death at 4 points all).

The player whose turn it is to serve at the commencement of the tie break (Player A) will serve one (1) point.

The opposing player (Player B) will then serve two (2) points. Player A (or the team mate of Player A in doubles) will then serve two (2) points.

Player B (or the team mate of Player B in doubles) will then serve the following two (2) points.

If the score reaches 4-4, Player B (or the team mate of Player B in doubles) will serve the final point of the tiebreak with Player A choosing which side the ball will be served.

Players will change ends only after the first four (4) points have been played.

Doubles set will be played first to 4 games with a short tiebreak at 3 games all [first to 5 points, sudden death at 4 points all].

**All Singles and Doubles sets will be played using sudden death no-ad scoring with the receiver choosing the serve side when the game reaches deuce. [That means the receiver decides to which side the server will serve either forehand or backhand side when deuce is reached and whoever wins that point wins the game]**

1. Winners of matches will be decided on sets won. If teams are equal, games will be used to determine the winner. If still equal then a Draw will stand in Round Robin matches.
2. Points are to be awarded for the Round-Robin matches to determine the winners of each pool on the following basis:

Win: 2 points Draw: 1 point Loss: 0 points

Should two teams finish the Round Robin competition with the same number of points, then the winner of the Round Robin match between these teams will assume the higher position. If more than two teams are equal or if the result between the two teams was a draw then position will be determined on sets won, and if teams are still equal on games won.

**When doing these calculations involving a three way tie, the convener should only include the results of the 3 teams tied NOT the results from the games with the fourth team. Please note when doing calculations in a two way tie ALL teams’ results are to be used!**

**If teams are still equal at the venues a tie breaker between the 1st doubles pair will be played to determine the winning team.** If at the end of the finals, the two teams have equal number of sets and games, then each team shall nominate one doubles pair to play a 10 point match tie break with a two point advantage**.**

1. Hit-ups will be restricted to 2 minutes only. Play must be continuous. An ill or injured player must be able to continue within five minutes or the game will be forfeited.
2. Players must wear the appropriate attire. Correct tennis shoes must be worn on the courts. Any player not appropriately attired, as listed, will not be permitted to participate in the Championship.
3. All teams must complete a team score sheet prior to all matches and hand it to the Convener before the start of play in that match.
4. The convener has the power to apply the following penalty for teams arriving later than the starting time ... lose all