



# SCHOOL SPORT VICTORIA

## TENNIS – PRIMARY INDIVIDUAL

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These rules apply to State, Region and Division competitions. Any variations to these rules at Region and Division levels will be found on the relevant page on the SSV website.

- Match Format:** For Regions and Division match format, please consult the relevant page on the SSV website or contact the relevant Coordinator.
- State Format:** Split Round Robin, Semi Finals and Final
- State Match Schedule:** There will be a Pre-Championships Briefing for all competitors prior to the first round of matches  
See the Tennis Draw, on the SSV website, for the Match Schedule
- State Match Format:** A singles competition between two (2) individual players who have qualified from each of the eight Sporting Regions. A total of sixteen (16) boys and sixteen (16) girls.
- State Round Robin Winner:** If two players are equal on matches won, then the player that won the face-to-face match between the two tied players will be declared the winner.  
If three players are equal on matches won, then games percentage (games won / games played) will be compared in the matches involving the three players to determine the winner.
- State Final Winner Conditions:** A single match played first to 6 games with a tie break at 5-all. Tie-breaker is first to 7 points with a 2 point advantage.  
See School Sport Victoria's ['General Conditions of Competition'](#).  
All players, teachers, spectators and officials are bound by the ['SSV Codes of Conduct'](#)  
A girl cannot play in a girls' team and a boys/mixed team in the same sport.  
The level of competition chosen by a student at District level remains binding through to Division, Region and State levels.
- Rules:** Tennis is conducted under the rules of the International Tennis Federation unless otherwise stated.  
All matches will be the first to 6 games with a tie break at 5-all. Tie-breaker is first to 7 points with a 2 point advantage.  
In all games 'Sudden Death' is played at deuce (the player that wins the next point, wins the game). The receiver elects the side that the server serves to.  
Note: TV Code violations will be registered with Tennis Victoria.  
Please see the [SSV Primary Schools Resource Manual](#) for more useful sport specific information.
- Officials/Coaching:** Children are to umpire and call lines of their own matches. If there is a dispute that cannot be resolved the court supervisor/referee can be called onto the court to resolve the problem.  
No coaching is allowed during any match.  
Parents and players are reminded of the Code of Conduct that applies at all School Sport events
- Dress:** Competitors must be dressed in their school sports uniform or in neat tennis clothing. Tracksuits may not be worn during play. Board shorts (surf shorts) are not acceptable. Shirts with designs, large manufacturer's logos or advertising are not acceptable. Tennis shoes with flat tread must be worn.  
Players not correctly dressed will not be permitted to compete.
- Lateness Penalty:** If a player is late for the start of their match for reasons beyond their control and the player communicates with the convener, then the convener will try to accommodate the player as best he/she can.
- Equipment to Bring:** Each player to provide their personal equipment.  
Match balls will be provided for the State Finals.  
Sports Tape MUST be supplied by the student/competing team if pre-game strapping for injury prevention by the qualified sports trainer (if present) is required.