



# SCHOOL SPORT VICTORIA

## TEAMS TENNIS - PRIMARY

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

**Match Format:** For Regions and Divisions format, please consult the relevant page on the SSV website or contact the relevant Coordinator.

**State Format:** Split Round Robin, Cross over Semi Finals, Final

**State Match Schedule:** There will be a Pre-Championship Briefing for all teams prior to the first round of matches. See the Teams Tennis Draw on the SSV website for the Match Schedule.

**State Match Format:** Timed Numeric format will be used ([click here](#) for Rules)

**State Round Robin Winner:** Points will be allocated for Round Robin matches as follows: 4 points for a win, 2 point for a draw and 0 for a loss.

If at the end of the round robin two teams are equal on matches won then the winner of the face to face match will be declared the winner.

If more than two teams are tied on matches won percentage from the matches involving the other tied teams will be calculated to determine the winner.

**State Final Winner:** The final will be decided on sets won. If equal then on games won. If still equal then each team shall nominate one doubles pair to play one timed tiebreaker game. NB. The convenor will decide on the length of the timed tiebreaker game.

Remaining play off matches to take place to determine finishing positions

**Conditions:** 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.

**Team Size:** A team consists of 8 to 10 players. A maximum of 8 players can be used for each round. Teams can only substitute players between rounds. Players are ranked in order of ability from 1-8 (player rankings move down when substitutes are used).

A maximum of ten (10) SSV medallions plus one (1) for the team coach will be awarded to the placegetters.

Extra medallions will NOT be available

**Rules:** To begin players use paper/rock/scissors to choose to serve or receive

First and second serves to be a drop bounce hit (cross court in both singles & doubles) over the net with the receiver allowing the ball to bounce once before returning

Player serves once from the forehand & once from the backhand & then the serve changes to the other player/team.

[Click here](#) for the full ANZ Hot Shots Tennis Rules

**Court Area:** Red Tennis Court will apply:

**Singles & Doubles:**

5.5 m in width by 11 m in length

**Nets:**

If 6 m nets are unavailable, join 2 x 3 m nets together  
Barrier tape may also be used

**Officials/Coaching:** Children are to umpire and call lines of their own matches. The server to call out the score before each point. If there is a dispute replay the point. 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

**Lateness Penalty:** If a team is late for the start of their matches for reasons beyond their control and the team's teacher communicates with the convener, then the convener will try to accommodate the team as best he/she can.

**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. Shoes with flat tread must be worn.

Players not correctly dressed will not be permitted to compete.

If outside, hats should be worn and students should provide their own sunscreen

**Equipment to Bring:** District, Division and Region competitions, each team is to provide:

- 23 or 25 inch Hot Shots racquets for participating players
- 2 red low compression tennis balls per court
- Drop down lines as required
- 3 m or 6 m Hot Shots nets as required; alternatively barrier tape may be used
- Score sheets in accordance with competition design – these are available from the Guidelines or obtain from your Region Coordinator
- First Aid Kit
- 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.

For the State Final all equipment will be provided.

**NOTE: An up to date team sheet must be handed to the convener on the day of competition. This team sheet must include players' correct seeded order.**

