

## Frequently Asked Questions – Junior Competition

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### **When are team entries made?**

The entry deadlines for both Saturday and Sunday morning competition are November 30 (Feb – June Season) and May 31 (July – December Season).

### **Do I need to be a member of my club to represent it in competition?**

Yes

### **Is competition played on public holidays or over long weekends?**

No

### **Does the home team have to provide morning tea?**

No this is optional. Teams may decide at the beginning of the season for the supervisor to provide morning tea at home matches but it is not compulsory.

### **Is the home team responsible for watering the courts and sweeping the lines before play?**

Yes, if the courts require watering before the matches start they should be watered. If the away team makes a request for the lines to be swept then that should be adhered to as well.

### **Is the match result determined by sets or games?**

In Saturday morning competition matches are determined by games. If the match is tied in games then the result will depend on sets. If the sets are tied, then the match is a draw.

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### **Does the no 1 singles player have to play in the no 1 doubles team?**

No, the no 1 singles player is able to play in a no 2 doubles pairing.

### **Can singles matches be played before the doubles matches?**

Yes they can. This may happen if a club needs to finish matches within a two hour time frame or if both teams are waiting for late players.

### **What happens if a team plays its singles players in the wrong order of merit?**

Players that play in the wrong order of merit will be in violation of Association rules and the player deemed to be playing out of order will lose the match 6-0.

### **Who fills in, adds up and signs the scorecard?**

The two playing captains fill out the scorecard before the start of any matches. After each match the players will enter in the scores. At the end of all the matches the home supervisor and team captains will agree on the match result and all will sign the scorecard. The scorecard will then be pinned up on the competition noticeboard for the club coach to collect.

### **Can a match go ahead if a team only has three (3) players on matchday?**

Yes the match can go ahead. The team with three players will forfeit the no 2 doubles match 6-0 and the no 4 singles match 6-0. Therefore, one doubles match will be played and three singles matches will be played. The team with three players cannot win the match but will receive one point for each set won.

### **When should a match supervisor declare a washout?**

The match supervisor should make this recommendation to both team captains when puddles are formed on the courts. Remember, both team captains must agree to the match being declared a washout. It is also recommended that the supervisor consult a rain radar from a mobile app in order to help make a decision.

### **What should happen when a player is injured?**

In relation to minor injuries, players can take a 3 minute injury time out. This time can be used to assess the injury, clean up cuts and determine whether the player can continue.

In relation to serious injuries, the supervisor should assist the player off the court and decide whether to call for an ambulance. If it is an emergency situation call 000.

### **What do I do if it is raining and I am not sure if competition will go ahead?**

All players must go to their match venue unless they receive a text message from the club coach that the match is a washout. If you have not been contacted by the club coach that means the match is going ahead.

**Do all sections in *Saturday morning competition* play tie-breakers?**

No, only the girls sections 1-5, play tie-breakers, all other sections play first to 6 games.

Only the boys sections 1-10, play tie-breakers, all other sections play first to 6 games.

**Do all sections in *Sunday morning competition* play tie-breakers?**

Yes

**How are points awarded during the home and away season to determine ladder positions?**

When a team wins the overall match it receives 4 points.

One point is also awarded to either team for each set that they win on the day.

**Where do I find the team ladders and when are they updated?**

The ladders are updated every Wednesday at 1pm.

If they have not been updated by then, the association is waiting for more scoresheets to arrive.

At the very latest, the ladders will be updated by 5pm Friday.

The Saturday morning competition ladders can be found on the Associations website [www.trols.org.au/mdjta](http://www.trols.org.au/mdjta).

The Sunday morning competition ladders can be found on their Associations website [www.trols.org.au/brta](http://www.trols.org.au/brta)

**How many matches are players required to be play to be eligible for finals?**

Four

**If a team consists of more than 4 players who can play in finals matches?**

Players no 5 and 6 can play in finals if they have participated in four matches during the season. In most cases, the no 5 and 6 players participate in the doubles on finals day as the no 2 doubles pairing while the no 3 and 4 singles players sit out. After the doubles matches are complete, the no 3 and 4 players compete in the singles matches while the no 5 and 6 players sit out.

### **If a team does not have enough eligible players to field a team for finals what can it do?**

A request seeking permission to have a player from a lower section brought into the finals team must be made to the association via the club coach.

### **Who provides the scorecard and tennis balls for finals matches?**

Both finals teams must take a scorecard and 6 tennis balls (provided by the coach) to their match.

### **Where are finals played?**

The finals are played at neutral venues. These are determined by the Association at the end of the home and away season. The club coach will provide all finals information to participants before week one of the finals series.

### **How does the finals system work in terms of which team plays who?**

There are three weeks of finals in Saturday morning competition.

Week One: 1 v 2 and 3 v 4: The winner of 1 v 2 advances to the Grand Final, the loser plays the winner of 3 v 4. The loser of 3 v 4 is eliminated.

Week Two: The loser of 1 v 2 from week one versus The Winner of 3 v 4 from week one.

Week Three: Grand Final between week one winner of 1 v 2 and week two's winner.

There are two weeks of finals in Sunday morning competition.

Week One: 1 v 4 and 2 v 3

Week Two: Grand Final between the two winners from week one.

### **Can there be a draw in finals?**

There are no draws in the finals series.

In Saturday morning competition, where games and sets are equal at the conclusion of the match, one doubles match will be played. Any two players (that participated in the match) can be nominated to play in this deciding doubles match.

The doubles match will consist of a six game set, with a tiebreaker played at 6 all for Boys Section 1 – 10 and Girls Section 1 – 5 and a straight game set for all other sections (first to six games). This will ensure a decision in the match.

In Sunday morning competition, in the event of sets and games being equal, two doubles tiebreakers will be played. This means that one tiebreaker will be played between the no 1 doubles teams and one tiebreaker will be played between the no 2 doubles teams.

The points won in each tiebreaker will be added together for each team to determine the winners. If the point totals result in another draw the tiebreakers will be repeated until an outcome is reached.

### **What happens if a finals match is washed out?**

Teams will be required to play two matches the following weekend. The first final will most likely start at 8am and the second will start at 10am.

### **How do I report poor player or spectator behaviour?**

This can be done by filling out a section on the reverse side of the scorecard. After completing this section notify the club coach by text message and your complaint will be lodged to the Association.