

MARLBOROUGH TENNIS ASSOCIATION INC.



WINE BROKERS
NEW ZEALAND



RULES FOR SUPER SERIES 2024

1. INTERPRETATION

- (a) "Match" shall mean an individual singles or doubles match.
- (b) "Fixture" shall mean the total matches played between two teams.
- (c) "Committee" shall mean the Management Committee appointed by the Marlborough Tennis Association to arrange and control competitions and decide matters arising from the interpretation of these Rules.
- (d) "Recording Secretary" shall mean the member of the Committee (or administrator) who records all fixture results.

2. TEAM ENTRY & MAKEUP

- (a) The composition of the competition shall be made up by teams from the Clubs affiliated to the Marlborough Tennis Association.
- (b) Teams shall consist of 2 players, not necessarily from the same club and mixed gender pairings will be accepted
- (c) The Team entry fee will be set by the MTA.
- (d) Team entries including a list of team players, accompanied by Entry Fee, must be submitted on the online form.
- (e) This Committee shall have the right to create or cancel a division, or re-grade any entry.
- (f) The committee will select the division category based on team members ability and using the match hub points scale as a guide

Male Grade	Points	Female Grade	Points	Notes
12	0-299	12	0-199	
11	300-599	11	200-399	
10	600-899	10	400-599	
9	900-1199	9	600-799	
8	1200-1499	8	800-999	
7	1500-1799	7	1000-1199	
6	1800-2099	6	1200-1499	
5	2100-2399	5	1500-1799	
4	2400-2699	4	1800-2099	
3	2700-2999	3	2100-2399	
2	3000-3599	2	2400-2999	
1	3600+	1	3000+	Reserved for WTA and ATP ranked players. A player who loses their Pro ranking will be dropped to S2.

3. FIXTURE DETAILS

- (a) The fixture shall consist of 3 matches:
 - **1 DOUBLES**
 - **1 SINGLES (#1 PLAYERS)**
 - **1 SINGLES (#2 PLAYERS)**
- (b) Players must play in the positions that they are graded for by the committee
- (c) The order of play shall be the doubles match followed by singles matches unless directed otherwise by the Committee.
- (d) Balls will be supplied by the Marlborough Tennis Association.
- (e) **SCORING**
 - **All doubles matches are 3 SETS TO 4 (FIRST TO 4), 7 POINT TIE BREAK AT 4-4 (or win by 2, 5-3) with no-advantage deuces (no advantage – at deuce: play deciding point with the receivers selecting which side to receive)**
 - **All singles matches are 3 SETS TO 4 (FIRST TO 4), 7 POINT TIE BREAK AT 4-4 (or win by 2, 5-3), with long-advantage deuces**

4. COMMENCING TIME

- (a) **All fixtures shall commence at 5.30pm for warm up with 5.45pm start.** on the date set down by the Committee.
- (b) If a team does not have enough players to commence all matches by 6.00 p.m. then that Team must default the game the late player would have played, unless the approval of the opposing team captain has been obtained prior to the commencement of the contest.

5. COMPETITION POINTS SYSTEM

- (a) The team winning the greater number of matches shall be deemed the winner.
- (b) Points scoring system as follows:
 - **One (1) point per game won i.e. a total of 3 points**
- (c) In the case of a fixture not being completed due to weather, points will not be allocated.

6. PLAYING DATES, POSTPONEMENTS AND DEFERMENTS

- (a) Fixtures must be played on the day set down in the draw.
- (b) If rain stops play once a fixture is underway that fixture will be abandoned and will not be played. No scores will be recorded.

7. DEFAULTED FIXTURES

- (a) Where circumstances made it necessary for a team to default, the Captain of the defaulting team must notify the Captain of the opposing team by midday on the day of the Fixture.
- (b) Winning team gets 3 points.

8. RESULTS

- (a) Team captains are responsible for filling in a Super Series Result Sheet. If possible a readable photo of the score sheet should be taken and sent by text to Ant Walkenhorst on 0274555805 on the night of the fixture. Alternatively post the sheet into the office at the Marlborough Tennis Club **No score sheet = no points.**

9. ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS

- (a) The qualification to play in the super series competition requires that a player be a current financial member of an MTA affiliated Club.

10. USE OF RESERVE PLAYERS

- (a) Any reserve used must be financial members of an affiliated Club in Marlborough, ideally coming from the list of reserves as provided by the MTA.
- (b) A reserve must be placed according to ability.
- (c) In the finals a team must be represented by at least one of the original team. Two fill-in are not allowed.

11. DRESS & BEHAVIOUR

- (a) Correct footwear must be worn at grass and hard surface courts.
- (b) Correct footwear referred to in 11 (a) excludes any plastic or match hard soled, ripple-soled or rigid-soled shoe, or any other shoe which could be damaging (including marking) to the court surface. Any player contravening this rule will on notice given by the Captain of the Host team, immediately change into acceptable footwear or forfeit the matches.
- (c) Player behaviour shall comply with the TNZ Player Handbook. Contravention of this code of conduct shall be referred to the Committee in writing by the opposing team captain. The Committee shall rule on such a matter based on evidence at hand and may make a ruling involving deduction of points or suspension of the player from the competition for a specified time period. A hearing may be convened if the Committee feels it is appropriate.

12. DISPUTES

- (a) Subject to the right of any Club to appeal to the Committee whose decision shall be final and binding, the Committee shall have full power to control the competitions and authority to legislate for and determine all matters not specifically provided for by these regulations, to call for and hear comments on any matter pertaining to the Super Series competition and to reprimand, fine or disqualify any team or players for a breach of these regulations.
- (b) The Committee of the Association shall have the power to alter, annul or vary these rules from time to time.

13. COMPETITION TENNIS BALLS

- (a) The official adopted Tennis Ball of the Marlborough Tennis Association is Head Tour until advised otherwise by the Association.

