

MTA Winter Singles League 2023

Rules and Guidelines



This year we have two competitions: a Men's and a Women's. Great to have more people playing this year.

Men's Competition

- There are two groups of equal strength, Red Group and Green Group, one with ten players, one with nine. Players' MatchHub rankings were used to determine seedings and the format of last year's ATP Finals was followed to allocate players between groups.
- After round-robin matches within each group are completed, semi-finals and a final will be played to determine the Men's Champion. The semi-finals will involve the top finisher in Red Group playing the second-best finisher in Green Group, and the top finisher in Green Group playing the second-best player in Red Group. The winners of these two matches will then play the final.

Women's Competition

- Six players in this group will play each other in a round-robin format. After the round robin competition there will be semifinals and finals for the top four players (for the semi-finals the top player will play the person in fourth place while those in second and third place will play each other. The winners of these matches will play the final).

Determining the Round-robin Winners

- The player with the most points wins the round-robin. If there is a tie, the player who has lost the fewest sets will be the winner (with a super tiebreak counting as one set). If there is still a tie, the player who has lost the fewest games will be the winner.

Match Format

- All matches should be best-of-three sets (each set to 6 games, with seven-point tiebreaks at 6-6). However, if both players agree before the match starts, a 10-point super tiebreak can be played instead of a third set.
- New or near-new balls should be used for each match. Players are encouraged to share the cost.

Match Schedule

- Like last year, a schedule of matches has been arranged for each competition, giving players two weeks to play each of their matches. It will then be up to the players to organize their matches at a time convenient to them within that two-week window.

- However, if for any reason it is not possible to play the scheduled match within that window (e.g. injury, bad weather, holidays) that match can be played later, provided it is played before the final cut-off date for completion of round-robins. Matches can also be played earlier than scheduled if both players agree.
- The semi-finals and final for the competitions will be played on a Saturday, tentatively scheduled for late September, although the final date will be determined closer to the time, depending on player availability.

Court Use

- The MTA has an ongoing agreement with the MTC for court use. As this is an authorised MTA competition, matches can be played at the MTC courts without payment of court fees, even if one or both players are not MTC members. This is during daylight hours.
- If both players are non-members of MTC then they should contact Daniel Riordan (021 085 77505), who will facilitate access and also email details of players, dates and times to the MTC.
- If MTC members wish to play in the evening (i.e. when lights are needed) they will need to book a court (FOC) via the MTC website and pay for the lights (\$10.00 an hour) online. Non MTC members will need to contact Bill Taylor on 027 868 0691 and he will facilitate it so the same terms apply (court FOC but \$10.00 p/h for lights). **If a booking has been made for an evening session but needs to be cancelled players MUST contact Bill so that he can cancel the booking (otherwise the lights will come on automatically).**
- Players may use any court except courts 1 and 2 which must be kept available for MTC members at all times. In fixing a date and time players should view the MTA calendar on the MTA website (<https://www.mtatennis.co.nz/calendar>) so as to avoid pre-planned events. There may also be coaching onsite, which will take precedence, but with 14 courts there should not normally be a problem.

Recording the Results

- Winning players will need to enter the result on Tennis NZ's MatchHub. Please follow the instructions provided.
- Match Hub automatically generates a points table which players will be able to refer to. Points to be allocated: **2 points for a win; 1 point if a set has been won.**
- Any issues or disputes between players should be referred to the Association which will adjudicate as appropriate.

Enjoy!

