

MARLBOROUGH TENNIS ASSOCIATION INC.



RULES FOR SUPER SERIES 2026

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 of the Marlborough Tennis Association ("MTA").
- (d) "Administrator" shall mean the member of the Committee (or administrator) who records all fixture results.
- (e) "Host Team" shall mean the team playing on its own courts or, in the case of the fixture being played at neutral courts, the first team in the Super Series Draw.

2. TEAM ENTRY & MAKEUP

- (a) The composition of the competition shall be made up by teams from the Clubs affiliated to the MTA.
- (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) The 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 their WTN ranking as a guide.

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, guided by the WTN ranking.
- (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 MTA.
- (e) **SCORING**
 - **All doubles matches are best of 3 SETS TO 4 (win by 2 i.e. 5-3), 7 POINT TIE BREAK AT 4-4 with no-advantage deuces (no advantage – at deuce: play deciding point with the receivers selecting which side to receive)**
 - **All singles matches are best of 3 SETS TO 4 (win by 2 i.e. 5-3), 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:
 - One (1) point per SET won, plus one (1) bonus point for the winning team.
 - A default win earns six (6) points total (3 x 2 sets) and no bonus.
 - There are no points for a bye. Where team(s) are disadvantaged by having a bye (when not all teams in the round had a bye) they will be allocated average points (in the round in which the bye occurred).
- (c) In the case of a fixture not being completed due to weather or lack of light, points will be allocated according to the matches completed before conditions stopped play. A minimum of the doubles match must have been completed in order for the fixture result to stand. If only the doubles match is completed, no bonus point shall be allocated.

6. PLAYING DATES, POSTPONEMENTS AND DEFERMENTS

- (a) Fixtures must be played on the day set down in the draw.
- (b) If rain or bad light stops play once a fixture is underway and the first game (doubles) has not been completed, the match will be considered abandoned and no points awarded.
- (c) If rain or bad light stops play once a singles match is underway, provided one set of that game has been completed, players may agree to reconvene the match (from the existing score), place and time to be agreed between players, but this MUST be played within 3 days of the abandoned game. If the first set has not been completed, no points will be awarded.

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 6 points.
- (c) If an ineligible player is used (e.g. someone who is not a financial member of an MTA affiliated Club) so a fixture can be played, then the opposition Captain must be advised of this before the fixture commences. The matches that this player plays must be defaulted on the score sheet.

8. RESULTS

Team captains are responsible for filling in a Super Series Result Sheet. A readable photo of the score sheet should be taken and sent by email to the Administrator at admin@mtatennis.co.nz on the night of the fixture. **No score sheet = no points.**

9. ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS

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-ins are not allowed.

11. DRESS & BEHAVIOUR

- (a) Correct footwear must be worn at grass and hard surface courts.
- (b) Correct footwear referred to in 10 (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 shall have the power to alter, annul or vary these rules from time to time.

13. COMPETITION TENNIS BALLS

The official adopted Tennis Ball of the MTA is Head Tour until advised otherwise.

14. COMPETITION FINAL

The final will be played at the conclusion of the round robin competition and will be between the two teams earning the most points by the end of the competition. It will be held at the Forrest Wines Marlborough Tennis Centre.

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