



MARLBOROUGH TENNIS ASSOCIATION

SECONDARY SCHOOLS TENNIS COMPETITION RULES & INFORMATION 2023-24 SEASON

- 1) Matches to be played on Friday evenings from 5.00pm to 7.00pm from Friday 27th October until Friday 11th December. The competition will resume after Christmas on 9th February (finish date to be confirmed). All matches will be played at the Marlborough Tennis Club.
- 2) Open to all College players of mixed ability. The competition is also open to Year 8 players who are receiving coaching.
- 3) There will be a grading day on Friday, 20th October.
- 4) Notification of any cancellations due to weather will be sent out by text.
- 5) Cost: entry fee of \$35.00 per player (\$25.00 if a member of a tennis club). Payment direct to the MTA account is preferred:
03 1355 0647094 00 (reference: surname, College Comp.)
Alternatively bring cash to the grading day (in an envelope marked for the MTA).
- 6) The winning player is responsible for submitting the score. Result sheet and tennis balls to be handed in to the coach on duty prior to departure.
- 7) Tennis balls will be supplied for the matches.
- 8) The College Competition Trophy will be awarded to the winner of division one. There will also be prizes for the runner-up in division one and the top two players in division two.
- 9) Results from division one matches will be recorded on Tennis New Zealand's Match Hub ranking system. **All players playing in this division must be MTA affiliated via membership of a Marlborough Club.**

Division One

- ❖ There will be a warm up doubles and then a competition singles match (only the singles results will be recorded).
- ❖ A draw will be circulated prior to the start of the competition. It will be a round robin competition.
- ❖ Format: best of three sets, with the third set being a 10 point super tie. Long deuce.
- ❖ If a player is going to be away then he/she must arrange to play the match at another time, **prior to the following Friday**. If the match is not played then points will be allocated to the player who was defaulted to. If a player fails to turn up for the match (and no alternative arrangements have been made) then the opponent will be regarded as the winner by default. Winner still needs to submit the result as above.
- ❖ In the competition results table, 3 points will be awarded for each singles match won (1 point per set won plus a bonus point; the loser will get 1 point if a set is won)
- ❖ If two players finish on equal numbers of points, the head to head result will determine the winner. If still equal an additional deciding match will be played.

Division Two (and Three if numbers permit)

- ❖ Players will play doubles only.
- ❖ Format: two sets. Sets to consist of the first to six games, with NO advantage, sudden death deuce to be played (i.e. at 40 all the next point decides the game). Matches can be won 6-5 (as per the primary school competition rules).
- ❖ Points: the coach running the competition will put players into groups of four each week. After the first set the players will change partners and points will be awarded according to how many games an individual player wins each week.
- ❖ At the end of the competition if two players are on equal points then they will play a single set of singles (up to 6) to determine the winner.

