



SCHOOL SPORT VICTORIA

HUME REGION

TENNIS

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These rules apply to State, Region and Division competitions. Any variations to these rules at Region and Division levels will be found on the relevant page on the SSV website.

Match Format: For Regions and Division match format, please consult the relevant page on the SSV website or contact the relevant Coordinator.

Team Size: A team consists of 4 to 8 players.

Region Format: Round Robin

Region Match Schedule: There will be a Pre-Championships Briefing for all competitors prior to the first round of matches

See the Tennis Draw, on the SSV website, for the Match Schedule

Region Match Format: All are to consist of 6 sets, 4 singles & 2 doubles.

Year 7 and 8 Tennis will be first to 4 games, sudden death at deuce and tiebreak at 3 all (first to 5 points)

Where players have an Australian Ranking, individuals must be seeded according to their current ranking. They must also list their Australian Ranking on the team sheet.

To search for and check on player Australian Rankings go to <http://tournaments.tennis.com.au/ranking/find.aspx?id=10297>

All seedings must be adhered to. Any player playing in the order below their correct seeded order will forfeit their rubber 0:4.

Each player in rank order will play one Singles Rubber [first to 6 games] with a tiebreak at 5 games all [first to 7 points]. Sudden Death deuce will be played in all matches

Any pairings may be used for the doubles to comprise a First Pair and a Second Pair.

Players are restricted to one singles game and one doubles game in each match.

Teams must nominate their doubles pairings before the start of play in each match.

Pairs may only be changed following the singles by mutual agreement of the two coaches involved.

The Convener has the right to halt play in any match once a result has been determined.

Region Match Winner: Winners will be determined on number of sets won. If equal, then games won. If still equal, then a draw shall be declared.

Region Round Robin Winner:

The Region Round Robin Winner will be decided on matches won. If, at the end of the round robin, two teams are equal on matches won, then the winner of the face to face match will be declared the winner. If their face to face match was a draw, then each team shall nominate one doubles pair to play one tie-breaker set.

If more than two teams are equal on matches won, then total sets won from the matches involving the other tied teams will be compared. If still equal, total games from the matches involving the other tied teams will be compared.

Conditions:

See the School Sport Victoria '[General Conditions of Competition](#)'.

All players, teachers, spectators and officials are bound by the '[SSV Codes of Conduct](#)'

A girl cannot play in a girls' team and a boys/mixed team in the same sport.

The level of competition chosen by a student at Division level remains binding through to Region and State levels.

Rules:

Tennis is conducted under the rules of the International Tennis Federation unless otherwise stated.

Hitting Up

The maximum time permitted for a hit-up before commencement of each rubber is 5 minutes including serves from each player. Following the rubber warm-up, players are not permitted to sit down however they may go back to their chair/seat for a drink but the player must be ready to play within 1 minute of the conclusion of the warm-up.

A maximum of 5 minutes is permitted between the conclusion of the singles rubbers and the commencement of the warm-up of the doubles rubber.

Coaching:

Coaches/teachers are not permitted on court and must not coach or communicate with players during play.

Dress:

Competitors must be dressed in their school sports uniform or in neat tennis clothing.

Tracksuits may not be worn during play.

Board shorts (surf shorts) are not acceptable.

Shirts with designs, large manufacturer's logos or advertising are not acceptable.

Tennis shoes with flat tread must be worn.

Players not correctly dressed will not be permitted to compete.

Lateness Penalty:

If a team is late for the start of their match for reasons beyond their control and the team communicates with the convener, then the convener will try to accommodate the team as best he/she can.

If a team is 30 min late without notice or communication **or** in the convener's opinion their lateness makes the draw impracticable, then they will forfeit the first 2 rubbers. This continues for each 30 min.

Equipment to Bring:

Competing schools must provide:

- Match balls will be provided for the Region Final, teams will need to bring their own practice balls.
- A first aid kit.



NOTE: An up to date team sheet must be handed to the convener on the