

TENNIS - SINGLES (men and women)

2016

AUS Tennis competitions are conducted in accordance with the rules of the [International Tennis Federation](#) (ITF) except where these differ from AUS sports rules; in which case the latter shall take precedence.

Tennis singles is only contested at regional university games events.

1. Team/squad size

- Minimum registered players – 1
 - Maximum registered players – no limit
- 1.1. Should the event reach capacity due to venue restrictions, university team managers will be asked to rank their players and in turn players will be selected so that there is an even representation from all universities entered.

2. Competition format

- 2.1. The format will be a round robin format for the first round (if entries and time permits) followed by a knockout competition in the proceeding rounds.
- 2.2. All matches shall be played as best of 2 short sets.
- 2.3. Each set will be first to 4 games.
- 2.4. Should the set reach a 4-3 score the player with the four game advantage needs to win one more game to win the set (ie 5-3). At 4-4, the next game is sudden death, the set is won 5-4.
- 2.5. At the scheduled completion time of the match, any game that is still in progress will be completed. If after completing that game the match is still not concluded the following shall apply:
- a) If one player has won the first set and is leading in the second set then that player will be awarded the match
 - b) If one player has won the first set and it is a tie in the second set, then the player who won the first set will be awarded the match
 - c) If one player has won the first set and their opponent is winning the second set, the match will be deemed a draw with the points for the match split 1 set each and 2 points each
- 2.6. In progression or medal matches, if at the completion of the match a match is tied at one set all, a regular tie-breaker will be played, with the first player to reach 7 points (with a two point lead) to be declared the match winner.
- 2.7. New balls will be provided as required in preliminary games and for each medal match.
- 2.8. Scorecards shall be provided for each tie.
- 2.9. Umpires shall be provided at the organiser's discretion.
- 2.10. New balls may be provided at the organiser's discretion if the court surface creates undue wear on the balls.

3. Match time/duration

- 3.1. Each match will be limited to 45 minutes duration with the exception of medal matches.
- 3.2. Players will be allowed 5 minutes warm up commencing from the start time. If the opposing player is not ready to warm up at the start time then a player may use one of their team mates to warm up.

3.3. The match will commence at the end of the 5 minute warm up period.

4. Point score

4.1. Points for each match shall be awarded as follows;

- Winning player: 3 points
- Drawn match/washout: 2 points per player
- Losing player: 1 point
- Forfeiting player: 0 points

4.2. In the event that two or more players have the same number of points at the completion of the preliminary rounds, the higher placed player(s) will be decided when the first of the following criteria in order, favours one player:

- a) Number of matches won
- b) Number of sets won
- c) Number of sets drawn
- d) Number games won
- e) The winner of the match between the two opponents from the preliminary rounds
- f) The best result against the winner of the pool
- g) If players are still tied, a tie breaker set will be played with the first player to reach 4 games deemed the winner

4.3. At the completion of the competition the top 4 competitors from each university will count towards overall mens and womens pennant.

4.4. A pennant will only be awarded if there are a minimum of 6 participants and 3 universities represented.

4.5. Points are allocated relative to number of university competitors:

- 1st number of competitors plus 1
- 2nd number of competitors minus 1
- 3rd number competitors minus 2
- 4th number of competitors minus 3 and so on
- *For example: if there are 20 competitors 1st would get 21pts, 2nd 19, 3rd 18, 4th 17..... etc.*

5. Forfeits

5.1. Tennis is run under the [AUS Guideline – forfeit of competition requirements](#).

5.2. A forfeit will be declared 10 minutes after the scheduled start of play for the match where either player is unable to commence play.

5.3. The forfeit score is 2 sets, 8 games, 3 points to nil (0).

5.4. Should the commencement of a game be delayed due to no fault of either team (as determined by the sport officials), the game shall be played in its full duration if possible. If full game duration is not possible, the recommended revised game duration will need to be agreed upon by both teams.

5.5. In the event of a game being abandoned, the [AUS abandonment guideline](#) will be implemented.

6. Uniform requirements

6.1. Each athlete shall wear the uniform of their university. The university shall submit a description of its uniform if requested.

6.2. The specific uniform requirements for Tennis are as per the national sporting organisation standard with the following AUS uniform requirements:

- Clean and customarily acceptable tennis attire
- Shorts and collared shirt, ladies tennis dress, skirt and top
- No black soled shoes

6.3. Minimum uniform requirements for AUS events must be met:

- A competitor must not use equipment or wear anything that is dangerous to him/herself or another competitor (including any kind of jewellery)
- Long or sharp fingernails are to be trimmed short
- All participating competitors are to be correctly attired in appropriate, matching team uniforms
- Exceptions may be made for some sports in cold weather, providing permission is granted by the appropriate officials. Additionally the exceptions will only be granted providing they are the same colour, and the extra clothing does not cover up any identification numbers or colours
- All numbers on shirts need to be clearly visible, and in a contrasting colour to the dominant colour of the shirt
- Mouth guards are strongly recommended for all sports where there is a potential for collision. It is compulsory to wear a mouth guard in those sports where it is stated
- All participants must retain the one number throughout the tournament (if numbered jerseys are used)
- Numbers on shirts are restricted to one or two digit numbers
- Players should not take the field of play in any costume or part of a costume. If they do, players will be asked to remove costume items or incur a code of behaviour report

7. Team duties

7.1. Team duty requirements for Tennis are:

- Chair umpiring duties (if required) will be outlined to teams by the competition manager at the competition venue

7.2. The person fulfilling the team duty requirements can be any competent person associated with the team or university and does not necessarily have to be a player e.g. team manager.

7.3. Teams that do not fulfil team duties will be fined as per the [AUS Guideline - forfeit of competition requirements](#).

8. Award ceremonies

8.1. Medal ceremonies will be held at the completion of the competition.

8.2. Gold, silver and bronze medals will be presented to those teams finishing 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the competition.

8.3. Pennants will be presented at the closing presentation to the following teams:

- For regional university games events
 - Mens champion
 - Womens champion

Previous rule amendments

May 2010 | May 2012 | May 2014 | February 2015