

TENNIS - TEAMS (men and women)

2017

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 teams is only contested at the Australian University Games.

1. Team/squad size

- Minimum registered players – 4
- Maximum registered players – 6
- Maximum cross registrations – 3

2. Seeding

- 2.1. Captains shall declare their team in seeded order according to their rank in singles play prior to the commencement of the competition.
- 2.2. Teams shall remain in the declared seeded order for the duration of the tournament.
- 2.3. Each team shall nominate 3 singles players prior to the commencement of the tie, and 2 doubles combinations shall be nominated at the conclusion of the third singles match.
- 2.4. Any 3 players may play the singles matches and any combination of players may play the doubles matches, subject to the following guidelines:
 - a) Singles players must play in seeded order i.e. highest seeding plays as no.1, next seed plays as no.2, lowest seed plays as no.3
 - b) Doubles combinations will be ranked based on seeded order with the highest seeded player playing in the top doubles combination
- 2.5. No player may play more than one singles match per tie or more than one doubles match per tie, however any player may play in both a singles and a doubles match or either a singles or a doubles match.

3. Competition format

- 3.1. The tie shall consist of 3 singles rubbers and 2 doubles rubbers consisting of the following:
 - No. 1 team A vs no. 1 team B
 - No. 2 team A vs no. 2 team B
 - No. 3 team A vs no. 3 team B
 - No. 1 doubles A vs no. 1 doubles B
 - No. 2 doubles A vs no. 2 doubles B
- 3.2. All rubbers shall be played as a first to 9 games.
- 3.3. If a match reaches 8 games all, a tie breaker shall be played.
- 3.4. Dead rubbers shall be played during all preliminary round matches.
- 3.5. Dead rubbers are optional during quarter final, semi final and medal matches. They may be abandoned by mutual agreement between the captains.
- 3.6. At the scheduled completion time of the tie, any rubber that is still in process will complete the game currently being played. If after completing that game the match is still not concluded the following shall apply:
 - a) If one player/doubles combination has won 5 games and is leading by at least 3 games then that player/doubles combination will be awarded the rubber. If this is not the case or if the rubber has not commenced then each team will be given a half of one point for the rubber
 - b) If neither team has won 3 rubbers, the points for the tie will be split 2 points each plus the number of rubbers won

- 3.7. New balls shall be provided for all singles matches only in all preliminary round matches i.e. 6 new balls per tie.
- 3.8. All matches in semi finals and medal matches shall receive new balls i.e. 10 new balls per tie. Dead rubbers may be played with used balls.
- 3.9. Scorecards shall be provided for each tie.
- 3.10. Umpires shall be provided at the organiser's discretion.
- 3.11. New balls may be provided at the organiser's discretion if the court surface creates undue wear on the balls.

4. Tie time/duration

- 4.1. The tie shall be played in a continuous session with minimal breaks between matches.
- 4.2. Each tie will be limited to less than or equal to 3 hours duration with the exception of the semi final and medal matches.
- 4.3. Players will be allowed 5 minutes warm up commencing from the scheduled 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.
- 4.4. The match will commence at the end of the 5 minute warm up period.
- 4.5. Doubles matches will commence immediately after the conclusion of all singles matches unless agreed by both captains to start earlier.

5. Point score

- 5.1. Points for each tie shall be awarded as follows;
 - 1 point for each match won (max 5) plus
 - Tie winning team: 3 points (min 6pts / max 8pts)
 - Draw/washout: 2 points per team (each team 4.5pts)
 - Tie losing team: 1 point (min 1pt / max 3pts)
 - Forfeiting team: 0 points
- 5.2. Incomplete ties shall be scored as two and a half matches and four and a half points each.
- 5.3. A drawn tie situation may not occur unless it is deemed to be a washout or incomplete for reasons outside of tournament control.
- 5.4. In the event that two or more teams have the same number of points at the completion of the preliminary rounds, the higher placed team(s) will be decided when the first of the following criteria in order, favours one team:
 - a) Team winning the tie when/if the teams played each other in the preliminary rounds
 - b) Number of matches won
 - c) Number of games won
 - d) The percentage of games won versus games lost across all pool matches
- 5.5. Incomplete matches which may occur due to poor light, weather conditions or other reason shall be treated as a draw / washout unless, one player/doubles combination has won 5 games and is leading by at least 3 games then that player/doubles combination will be awarded the match.

6. Forfeits

- 6.1. Tennis is run under the [AUS Guideline – forfeit of competition requirements](#).
- 6.2. A forfeit will be declared 15 minutes after the scheduled start of play time for the tie where either team is unable to commence play.
- 6.3. The forfeit score is 5 matches, 45 games and 8 points to nil (0).

- 6.4. Should the commencement of a game be delayed due to no fault of either team (as determined by the competition management or AUS), 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. If resolution between the teams is not possible then the Competition Manager (or their delegate) will make the final decision regarding match format, which will not be subject to appeal.
- 6.5. In the event of a game being abandoned, the [AUS abandonment guideline](#) will be implemented.

7. Uniform requirements

- 7.1. Each athlete shall wear the uniform of their university. The university shall submit a description of its uniform if requested.
- 7.2. The specific uniform requirements for Tennis are as per the national sporting organisation standard with the following AUS uniform requirements:
- Clean and tidy tennis attire
 - No black soled shoes
- 7.3. 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

8. Team duties

- 8.1. Team duty requirements for Tennis are:
- Chair umpiring duties (if required) will be outlined to teams by the competition manager at the competition venue
- 8.2. 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
- 8.3. Teams that do not fulfil team duties will be fined as per the [AUS Guideline - forfeit of competition requirements](#).

9. Award ceremonies

- 9.1. Medal ceremonies will be held at the completion of the competition.
- 9.2. Gold, silver and bronze medals will be presented to those teams finishing 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the competition.
- 9.3. Pennants will be presented at the closing presentation to the following teams:
- For the Australian University Games
 - Overall mens champion
 - Mens champion division 2
 - Overall womens champion
 - Womens champion division 2



9.4. The following trophies will be presented to the overall champion teams at the Australian University Games (note that trophies are presented at the closing presentation):

- Mens Overall Champions – AUS Mens Tennis Champions trophy
- Womens Overall Champions – AUS Womens Tennis Champions trophy

Previous rule amendments

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