



The New South Wales
HARDCOURT TENNIS ASSOCIATION



2019 STL Interdistrict Competition

Open & Junior Cups

Commencing Sunday 28th July

Semi Finals/Divisional Play Offs Sunday 15th September

Finals Sunday 22rd September

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UNIVERSAL TENNIS RATING



Tennis NSW in conjunction with NSW Hardcourt Tennis Association have teamed up to introduce **UTR** to the 2019 Interdistrict Competition.

A **Universal Tennis Rating** is designed to capture results from every competitive match that a person plays, whether that be in competition or tournament and provides a rating.

Each player will receive a **Universal Tennis Rating**, where every match that they play in 2019 Interdistrict Competition will count towards their Rating. This is a change from the Tournament setting, where you receive points based on how far you progress in a Tournament.

College Tennis in the U.S.A. use a player's UTR as one of their main criteria when recruiting players.

How UTR works

UTR is a rating between 1 - 16.5 that reflects your level of play. Three factors go into the rating: Your Competition, The Score, and Recent History.

Competition

Strength of opponent

Score

Based on % of games won

History

Last 30 matches within 12 months



Further information regarding UTR can be found at myutr.com

Interdistrict Competition 2019

Divisional Play-Offs & Semi Finals

Sunday 15th September 2019

(All matches to start at 12.15pm & must finish)

Venues:

Tennis Macarthur: All “Veterans” Cups, Angus & Coote & Esca Stephens Cups

Parramatta City: Blackwell, McAndrew & Crakanthorp Cups

Canterbury B/Town Presidents, Stan Pedersen Cups

Illawarra Irene Matthews, Wade & Neal & Harry Beck Cups.

Finals

Sunday 22nd September 2019

All Finals to be played at:-

Illawarra Association Courts

Chapel St

Rockdale

All Matches to Start at 9.00am

2019 Fixtures

Note:- In all cases the “Home” team is the first named
Approved balls only MUST be used for ALL matches

Schedule for 4 Team Divisions of All Open & Junior Cups

| <u>Round 1</u> | <u>Round 2</u> | <u>Round 3</u> | <u>Round 4</u> | <u>Round 5</u> | <u>Round 6</u> |
|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| 28 July | 4 Aug | 11 Aug | 18 Aug | 25 Aug | 8 Sept |
| 1 v 2 | 4 v 1 | 1 v 3 | 2 v 1 | 1 v 4 | 3 v 1 |
| 3 v 4 | 2 v 3 | 4 v 2 | 4 v 3 | 3 v 2 | 2 v 4 |

Schedule for 6 Team Divisions of All Open & Junior Cups

| <u>Round 1</u> | <u>Round 2</u> | <u>Round 3</u> | <u>Round 4</u> | <u>Round 5</u> |
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| 28 July | 4 Aug | 11 Aug | 18 Aug | 25 Aug |
| 1 v 2 | 4 v 1 | 1 v 3 | 5 v 1 | 3 v 5 |
| 3 v 4 | 2 v 5 | 5 v 4 | 3 v 2 | 4 v 2 |
| 5 v 6 | 6 v 3 | 2 v 6 | 6 v 4 | 1 v 6 |

Home captains to Note:- The Official score sheet signed by **BOTH Captains** must be emailed to reach the Competition Secretary not later than the Monday following the match.

In the event of no play, a notification to this effect must be forwarded

Results of all matches must be telephoned to AAP Reuter before 7.00pm on the day of the match. Phone 93228000 & say 2019 Interdistrict Competition, the name of the Cup & the result.

Blackwell Cup

(Open Mens)

Division Green

1. Gosford
2. Hornsby K'gai
3. Tennis Macarthur
4. Brenan Park 1

Division Red

1. Parramatta City
2. Illawarra 1
3. Brenan Park 2
4. Blacktown 2

Div 3

1. Bulli
2. Canterbury Bankstown
3. Illawarra 2
4. Blacktown
5. Eastwood Thornleigh
6. Bye

Presidents Cup

(Boys 16 & Under)

Sponsored by Illawarra Lawn tennis Assoc

Division Green

1. Illawarra 1
2. Berala Carramar
3. Eastwood Thornleigh
4. Parramatta City

Division Red

1. Blacktown
2. Illawarra 2
3. Canterbury Bankstown
4. Tennis Macarthur

Esca Stephens Cup

(Boys 14 & Under)

Sponsored by Parramatta City Tennis Assoc

Division Green

1. Tennis World SOP
2. Parramatta City
3. Illawarra 1
4. Eastern Suburbs 1
5. Berala Carramar 1
6. Northern Beaches

Division Red

1. Eastwood Thornleigh 1
2. Illawarra 2
3. Brenan Park
4. Berala Carramar 2
5. Eastern Suburbs 2
6. Tennis Macarthur 1

Division 3

1. Illawarra 3
2. Canterbury Bankstown
3. Tennis Macarthur 2
4. Eastwood Thornleigh 2
5. Berala Carramar 3
6. Eastern Suburbs 3

McAndrew Cup

(Boys 12 & Under)

Sponsored by Tennis Macarthur

Division Green

1. Brenan Park
2. Parramatta City
3. Hornsby K'Gai
4. Tennis World SOP 1

Division Red

1. Northern Beaches
2. Bye
3. Eastwood Thornleigh 1
4. Tennis World SOP 2
5. Tennis World SOP 3
6. Illawarra 1

Division 3

1. Eastwood Thornleigh 2
2. Berala Carramar 1
3. Berala Carramar 2
4. Bye
5. Tennis World SOP 4
6. Eastwood Thornleigh 3

Division 4

1. Illawarra 2
2. Blacktown
3. Northern Beaches 2
4. Tennis World SOP 5
5. Eastwood Thornleigh 4
6. Eastern Suburbs 1

Division 5

1. Eastern Suburbs 2
2. Illawarra 3
3. Canterbury Bankstown
4. Berala Carramar 3
5. Tennis World SOP 6
6. Bye

Stan Pedersen Cup

(Boys 10 & Under)

Sponsored by Blacktown Tennis Assoc

Division Green

1. Berala Carramar 1
2. Brenan Park
3. Tennis World SOP 1
4. Eastern Suburbs 1

Division Red

1. Northern Beaches
2. Blacktown
3. Croydon Tennis Centre
4. Tennis World SOP 2

Division 3

1. Canterbury Bankstown
2. Eastwood Thornleigh 1
3. Eastern Suburbs 2
4. Croydon Tennis Centre 2

Div 4

1. Eastwood Thornleigh 2
2. Tennis World SOP 3
3. Eastern Suburbs 3
4. Illawarra

Angus & Coote Cup

(Open Ladies)

Div 1

1. Tennis Macarthur 1
2. Brenan Park
3. Canterbury Bankstown
4. Hornsby K'gai
5. Blacktown
6. Tennis Macarthur 2

Irene Matthews Cup

(Girls 16 & Under)

Sponsored by Illawarra Lawn Tennis Assoc

1. Kooroora Tennis Club
2. Northern Beaches
3. Bye
4. Tennis Macarthur
5. MLC School
6. Illawarra

Harry Beck Cup

(Girls 10 & Under)

Sponsored by Hornsby K'Gai Tennis Assoc

Division 1

1. Eastern Suburbs
2. Brenan Park
3. Bye
4. Tennis World SOP 1
5. Tennis World SOP 2
6. Illawarra

Wade & Neal Cup

(Girls 14 & Under)

Sponsored by Parramatta City Tennis Assoc

Division Green

1. Illawarra 1
2. Eastern Suburbs
3. Berala Carramar
4. Tennis World SOP 1

Division Red

1. The Entrance
2. Northern Beaches
3. Tennis World SOP 2
4. Eastwood Thornleigh

Division 3

1. Illawarra 2
2. Tennis Macarthur
3. MLC School 1
4. MLC School 2

Crakanthorp Cup

(Girls 12 & Under)

Sponsored by Canterbury Bankstown Tennis Assoc

Division Green

1. Bye
2. Eastwood Thornleigh
3. Tennis World SOP 1
4. Illawarra 1
5. Blacktown 1
6. Eastern Suburbs

Division Red

1. Northern Beaches
2. Tennis World SOP 2
3. Brenan Park
4. Blacktown 2
5. Illawarra 2
6. Bye

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Ken Rosewall/Hardcourt Medal

The Rosewall Medal & Hardcourt Medals have been created to recognise the “Best & Fairest” player over the course of the Interdistrict Competition

They are restricted to players in Division 1 of all Open & Junior Competitions (Rosewall Medal) & players in all Seniors Cups (Hardcourt Medal)

Both team captains/managers are required to nominate a player from the opposing team providing they meet the criteria set down. If no nomination is to be made, a notation, “NO Nomination” must be entered on the Result Sheet

Participation is compulsory

The following criteria has been set down to determine the weekly nominees of the respective Medals

“Best”

In 3 set matches the nominee must win his/her singles. In all other matches, the nominee must win at least 50% of his/her sets

“Fairest”

The following are some of the factors which are to be taken into account⁵ when determining the weekly nominee.

Sportsmanship; Team Participation; General Demeanour; Behaviour (both on & off the court);

Abuse of equipment/balls;

Audible/Visual obscenities etc etc

See Rule 20

Court Locations

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| <p>Berala Carramar Inclement Weather:- 96497151</p> | <p>Chisholm Rd Auburn (Near Wellington Rd)</p> |
| <p>Blacktown & District Inclement Weather:- Blacktown 96254842 after 11.00am Robyn Castle Centre 0400389234</p> | <p>Rooty Hill Tennis Centre 13-15 Learmonth St Rooty Hill Blackwell Cup Div 3 team plays at Robyn Castle Tennis Centre, Pearce Reserve, Joseph Banks Dr Kings Langley Cnr Solander Rd</p> |
| <p>Brenan Park Inclement Weather Brenan Park 97255240</p> | <p>Brenan Park Cnr Cumberland H'Way & Brenan St Smithfield</p> |
| <p>Bulli</p> | <p>Cnr Gwyther Ave & Quilkey Pl Bulli Inclement Weather 0421087049</p> |
| <p>Canterbury Bankstown Inclement Weather:- Panania 0405015216</p> | <p>Cnr Marco Ave & Childs St Panania (Rear of Panania Diggers Club) Drive through parking area to far end</p> |
| <p>Croydon Tennis Centre</p> | <p>43 Brighton St Croydon Inclement Weather 97474259</p> |
| <p>Eastern Suburbs Inclement Weather:- Eastcourts 96632882</p> | <p>Eastcourts 1 Court Ave Kingsford</p> |
| <p>Eastwood Thornleigh Inclement Weather:- 94810970</p> | <p>Pennant Hills Park. Turn off Pennant Hills Rd at traffic lights near Pennant Hills station into The Crescent. Proceed along Britannia St & turn left into Pennant Hills Park at round-a-bout</p> |
| <p>Gosford</p> | <p>10 Racecourse Rd Gosford Inclement Weather 43252921</p> |
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| Hornsby Kuring-Gai Inclement Weather:- 94821370 | Mills Park, Stratford CI Asquith Take Bobbin Head/Mt Colah exit from M1, turn left & follow Royston Pde, turn left into Dudley St, continue into Eden Drive & turn left into Stratford Way |
| Illawarra Suburbs Inclement Weather:- 95672307 (Pro Shop) | 71 Chapel St Rockdale Princes Hwy to Bay St Rockdale then to Aboukir St which leads to tennis courts in Chapel St |
| MLC School | Britannia St St Burwood (Via underground car park) Inclement Weather 0431930458 |
| Northern Beaches Inclement Weather:- Balgowlah 0418664426 Allambie Tennis Club 0490108852 Mona Vale 0410523726 Belrose 0448906378 | Esca Stephens Div Green, Stan Pedersen Div Red & Crakanthorp Div Red play at Allambie Hts Tennis Club Roosevelt Ave Allambie Hts McAndrew Cup Div 4 plays at Balgowlah Tennis Club Cnr Condamine St & Balgowlah Rd Balgowlah. Irene Matthews Cup plays at Mona Vale Tennis Club Kitchener Park Pittwater Rd Mona Vale. Wade & Neal Div Red & McAndrew Cup Div Red Plays at Wyatt Park Tennis Centre Wyatt Ave Belrose |
| Parramatta City Inclement Weather 96831703 | Parramatta City Courts Barton St North Parramatta (Off Isabella St) |
| Tennis World SOP Inclement Weather 90247628 | Sydney Olympic Park Rod Laver Dr Homebush |
| Tennis Macarthur Inclement weather 46262088 (No decision before 10.30am) | West's Tennis Club 16 Old Leumeah Rd Leumeah (Allow extra travelling time when West's Tigers Rugby League club are at Campbelltown) |
| The Entrance Inclement Weather 0411477654 | Jubilee Park Sutton Ave Long Jetty |
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Rules

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Administration

A1 Management

The competitions shall be under the general control of the Competition Committee which shall exercise the powers of a Referee

The competition is open to all Associations affiliated with the NSW Hardcourt Tennis Association Inc.

A2 Composition

The competition shall consist of the:-

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| •F O Blackwell Cup | 3 Men – Open |
| •Angus & Coote Cup | 3 Women – Open |
| •H Twyford-Jones Cup | 4 Men 35 years & over |
| •Jack McCall Cup | 4 Women 35 years & over |
| •G E Rider Cup | 4 Men 35 years & over |
| •W V Austin Cup | 4 Women 35 years & over |
| •Shea-Wilton Cup | 4 Men 35 years & over |
| George Fletcher Cup | 4 Men 35 years & over |
| •Life Members Cup | 4 Men 50 years & over |
| •G G Tremlett Cup | 3 Boys 18 years & under |
| •D J Ryan Cup | 3 girls 18years & under |
| •Presidents Cup | 3 Boys 16 years & under |
| •Irene Matthews Cup | 3 Girls 16 years & under |
| •Esca Stephens Cup | 3 Boys 14 years & under |
| • J T Wade & H W Neal Cup | 3 Girls 14 years & under |
| •A J McAndrew Cup | 3 Boys 12 years & under |
| •M C Crakanthorp Cup | 3 Girls 12 years & under |
| •Stan Pedersen Cup | 3 Boys 10 years & under |
| • Harry Beck Cup | 3 Girls 10 years & under |

A3 Invitee Associations

- Subject to the approval of Tennis NSW, invitations may be issued to their affiliates who are not members of the NSW Hardcourt Association Inc to participate in this competition
- All Associations entering the competition shall conform to these Rules
- Any decision relative to this matter shall devolve upon the Competition Committee

A4 Playing Dates

The Management Committee shall determine the playing dates of the competition and each Association shall be notified accordingly

A5 Entry Fees

The Management Committee shall determine all fees not later than the February meeting of each year. Payment of the prescribed fees shall be deemed to be acceptance of these Rules in their entirety

A6 Entries

- a All entries shall be lodged with the Honorary Competition Secretary on or before the closing date for entries as decided by the Management Committee
- b All Associations, including Invitee Associations, shall at the time of entry, on the form provided, submit a full list of the players of each team. Such list shall contain the given names, family names ,email addresses and the birthdates of all players in the teams. All teams shall have the players seeded in accordance with the provisions of these Rules
- c For Singles play each Association **must seed its players in order of merit** and forward same to the Honorary Competition Secretary at the time of entry. Such seeding shall be subject to the approval of the Competition Committee and shall not be altered during the progress of the competition without the permission of the Competition Committee
- d Each team shall not contain more than eight (8) players at any one time except for "Seniors" Cups who shall be allowed ten (10) players. Associations may de-register players to meet this requirement but once de-registered a player shall not be permitted to compete in future matches of the current competition
The determination of "players" shall be "active participants". ie They shall have **competed** in at least one (1) match

A7 Late Registrations

The Competition Committee may consider late registration of players after the initial entry. Details of reserve players are to be provided on the Result Sheet together with the new seeded order & are to be forwarded so as to reach the Competition Secretary by the Monday following the match. The Competition Committee may, at its discretion, reject the application for extra registration

A8 Eligibility of Players

- a All players must be registered members of the Association he/she is chosen to represent and affiliated members of Tennis NSW
(For Clearances refer to Rule A21)
- b No player shall represent more than one Association /Club during any one competition
- c Eligibility for Angus & Coote and Blackwell Cups is a minimum age of 15 years as at 30th September in the year of the competition, as is the eligibility date for other competitions
Any alteration to this Rule is subject to twelve months notice
- d A player once ruled ineligible shall not compete in any future matches in the current competition
- e Players who have competed in a Play Off, Semi Final or Final match of one Cup shall not be eligible to play in a Play Off, Semi Final or Final match of another Cup in the same competition

A9 Grading

- a After the preliminary grading of teams by the Competition Committee each Association will be advised & asked for comment where they may advise on grading. The Competition Committee is not bound to comply with such requests but will consider each request on its merits
- b Where there are two teams from the same Association in the same division of a Cup they will be drawn in the earliest possible round
- c Junior players are required to participate in their own age group except where they are chosen to represent in the No 1 team of any higher age group. Junior players may be selected in the Association's 2nd team in a higher age group but are only permitted to advance one age group. Juniors may play in any team of the Blackwell & Angus & Coote Cups providing they have attained the age of 15 years as at 30th September in the year of the competition
- d Each Association may nominate any number of teams for each Cup
- e Where the number of entries does not meet the constraints of the draw, the Competition Committee may seek additional teams or reduce the number to meet these constraints

A10 Match Results

- a The official Score Sheet, signed by both captains, must be emailed so as to reach the Competition Secretary, no later than the Monday following the match
- b Results of all matches shall also be telephoned to A A P Reuter before 7.00pm on the day of the match
- c Results of last round matches must be emailed so as to reach the Competition Secretary by 8.00pm on the day of the match
- d In Divisional Play Off matches & Semi Finals the “Host Association” shall be responsible for forwarding the results to the Competition Secretary by 7.00pm & notifying AAP Reuter the results by 7.00pm on the day of the match

A11 Court & Equipment

One suitably & properly equipped hardcourt for each two teams, except in ALL Blackwell & Angus & Coote & divisions 1 & 2 of Tremlett Cup, Presidents Cup, Esca Stephens Cup, Irene Matthews Cup & Wade & Neal Cup, where two (2) courts shall be made available by each Association.

Such courts shall as far as possible comply with the conditions of a Championship court, but if these are unavailable, the courts provided should have a minimum run back of 3.5 metres & not less than 2 metres of side play. An umpire's stand, centre band & singles sticks are to be provided for each court

It is desirable that each Association should endeavour to provide facilities or appointments for visiting players. eg Showers, dressing room

A12 Trophies Provision of Trophies

The NSW Hardcourt Tennis Association Inc will provide a maximum of four (4) trophies for Open & Junior events & five (5) trophies for Veterans for each team entitled to receive trophies of whatever category. Any player who participates in Finals matches and who has played at least three (3) other matches in that Division shall qualify for a trophy. Trophies shall be awarded to Cup Winners, Runners Up & Divisional winners but no player or team shall be awarded more than one (1) trophy or set of trophies.

Associations may purchase additional trophies

A13 Safe Custody of Trophies

- a The NSW Hardcourt Tennis Association shall arrange for the engraving of all trophies immediately after the conclusion of each year's competition
- b Trophies will be presented to winning teams and Associations on the completion of the Finals

A14 Behavioural Complaints

All matters concerning behaviour and breaches of the Code of Conduct shall be referred to the Hon General Secretary, PO Box 597 Castle Hill 2154 on or before the Wednesday following the match in which alleged incident took place and shall immediately be referred by him to the Disciplinary Committee for adjudication

A15 Championship Shield

The NSW Hardcourt Tennis Association shall award the George McKerihan Championship Shield to the Association recording the highest number of points from the Interdistrict Competition. Points are to be allocated as follows

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| Winners - | All Cups | 10 points |
| Runners Up- | All Cups | 7 Points |
| Losing Semi Finalists (Min 6 teams entered) | | 2 Points |
| All Divisional Winners | | 2 Points |
| All Divisional Runners Up | | 1 Point |

(Divisional Winner & Finalist points are NOT additional to Cup Winner, Runner Up or losing Semi Finalist points)

A16 Disputes & Protests

- a. All matters under dispute shall be forwarded to the Honorary Competition Secretary on or before the Wednesday following the day on which the match was set to take place and shall be referred by him to the Competition Committee for decision. The Association against whom the complaint is made shall, within 14 days, forward a written reply to the complaint to the Competition Secretary. A fee of \$5.00 must accompany all such protests, which shall be forfeited, if the protest is deemed frivolous.
- b. The team protesting must forward, at the same time, a copy of the protest to the Secretary of the Association whose team is protested against.
- c. In all Cases of protests upon the result of a match, or on a decision during the match, the Home Association shall forward the score book, duly signed by the umpire.
- d. A Referee appointed by the Competition Committee will adjudicate on any disputes that might arise during the progress of playoffs, semi finals and final matches.

A17 Appeals

- a. An Association dissatisfied with any decision of the Competition Committee may lodge an appeal with the Executive Committee of the NSW Hardcourt Tennis Association Inc. The Executive may proceed to determination or refer the appeal to the Management Committee for determination.
- b. Such appeal must be lodged with the Honorary Secretary in writing within three (3) days of the promulgation of any decision of the Competition Committee Such appeal shall be accompanied by a fee of \$5.00 which is forfeited if the appeal is held to be frivolous.
- c. The appeal shall set out the grounds upon which the appeal is made. The Competition Committee shall furnish to the Executive Committee the reason for any decisions that are subject to appeal.
A member of the Competition Committee shall not sit as a member of the Executive Committee on any such appeal

A18 Interpretation of Rules

- a. The interpretation of these Rules shall devolve upon the Competition Committee, which shall have the power to adjudicate upon any matter not specifically covered by these Rules. Any adjudication so made shall operate as a decision on the Rules and the right of appeal shall lie in the same way.
- b. The Management Committee may also promulgate any special Rule at the commencement of any competition series by circular to all participating Associations.
- c. The Competition Committee shall have the power to alter the format of the "Final" if necessary due to stress of weather or failing light.

A19 Tennis Attire

The correct tennis attire as determined by Tennis NSW from time to time shall be worn by both sexes.

Tracksuit Jackets

Tracksuit jackets may have the identification in writing on the back of the jacket of the Association each player is representing. The Association crest/logo may also be displayed on the front left hand side.

Tracksuit (Jackets and/or pants) May be worn in extreme weather conditions at the discretion of the Host Association.

Tennis Attire Not Permitted

- i. Leisure suit slacks or similar garments when playing
- ii. Clothing bearing lettering, writing or other illustrations obviously designed as advertisements. Provided that piping, small manufacturers motifs and monograms are permissible.
- iii. Sleeveless singlets for men.
- iv. Scoops, scamps, stubbies or any kind of similarly designed clothing.

A20 Venue for Play Offs, Semi Finals & Finals

The Competition Committee shall select courts for Play Off, Semi Finals and Finals matches. If the Association on whose courts the Finals are being played has spare courts available, these courts may be used to help finalise all matches on one day, at the discretion of the Competition Committee/Referee. Each player participating in play off, semi final or finals matches is required to provide a plate of refreshments.

A21 Clearances

Players shall be residentially qualified in the area controlled by the Association in whose team he/she is nominated. Players not residentially qualified may be nominated for an Association they are not residentially qualified for providing the player has the approval in writing of the Association within whose boundaries he/she resides, and further that the Competition Committee grants its approval.

Provided that a player having left an Association during the period not exceeding three (3) months prior to the date of commencement of the competition, may represent that Association he/she would otherwise be eligible to represent, provided that a player who is:

(a) not residentially qualified, or is within the boundaries of an Association not entering teams in the respective competition in question may play with another Association subject to the approval of the Competition and
(b) a player registered with and participating in the competition of an Association other than that for which he/she is residentially qualified, may represent that Association provided the player has the approval in writing of the Association within whose boundaries he/she resides and further that the Competition Committee grants its approval

- i. Players registered with the NSW Catholic Association may represent the latter subject to the provisions of these Rules and obtaining a permit from the Association with which he/she is residentially qualified.
- ii. A player who has been resident within the boundaries of a member Association and has been registered with and participating in the competition of such Association for a period of ten consecutive years, may continue to play with and/or represent such Association until such time he/she obtains registration with another Association.
- iii. Where clearances are required, they must be submitted to the NSWHTA Competition Committee prior to the first match of the competition. If clearances are not received by the required date, all sets played by an unqualified person shall be forfeited. If a clearance is required for any player not registered with the original team, a clearance must be received by the NSWHTA Competition Committee within (1) calendar month of such player competing. Copies of all clearances must be forwarded to the NSWHTA Competition Committee.
- iv. Players not registered with any Association in the previous twelve (12) months may represent any Association without a clearance.

A22 Duty Officer

It is a condition of entry to the Interdistrict competition that each Association shall provide a Duty Officer for all Home matches.

Playing Rules

- P1** The Association Secretary or representative shall be the authority to approach the NSWHTA on any matters relating to the Interdistrict competition.
- P2** During the progress of a set/rubber, neither the captain, manager, nor any other person, shall coach, advise or instruct any player participating in that particular set/rubber.
- P3** All matches shall be played on one (1) court in ordinary rounds, divisional play offs, and semi finals except all divisions in the Angus & Coote & Divisions 1 & 2 of Ryan, Irene Matthews, Wade & Neal, all divisions of Blackwell, Divisions 1 & 2 of Tremlett, Presidents and Esca Stephens Cups, where two (2) courts shall be used.
- P4** Only teams from Divisions 1 & 2 shall compete for the "Cup". All other divisions shall compete for divisional trophies, with points being awarded towards the George McKerihan Shield.

P5 Commencement of Play

- a. Ordinary Rounds: 12:15 and not before that time
- b. Divisional Playoffs & Semi Finals: 12:15pm and must finish (with the aid of lights, if necessary)
- c. Finals: As indicated in Fixture Book or notified to participating Associations.
- d. If a team does not have a pair on the court at the scheduled starting time, the opposing team shall be awarded the first set 6-0 or
- e. rubber 6-0 6-0
Thereafter, whilst a team continues in default, a further set or rubber shall be awarded at 30 minute intervals. Should a team be unable to proceed with a match as laid down by the rules for 2hrs 30mins, the whole match shall be forfeited. The decision to claim a forfeit shall be left to the teams concerned & once a decision has been made the set or rubber claimed shall not be played.
- f. In the event of any match not commencing by 1:15pm in round matches because of inclement weather, the match shall be declared abandoned, and the points shall be shared between both teams.
- g. The "Home/Host Association, or in the case of "Finals", the duly appointed Referee shall be the Sole Arbiter as to matches being called off due to inclement weather.

P6 Continuity of Play

- a. Play shall be continuous for the entire match, and no interval is permissible, except in the case of inclement weather. Teams may, by mutual consent, take a 15/20 minute break for afternoon tea. No more than three (3) minutes, including a hit-up (there shall be no hit-ups after the second doubles) shall elapse between the conclusion of any set/rubber and the commencement of the next set/rubber. The captains of both teams shall be jointly responsible for the observation of this rule.
- b. Matches suspended for more than one (1) hour, due to inclement weather may be called off by either captain/manager. Duty Officers/Associations shall be the sole arbiter in determining whether play shall cease and/or recommence. In matches where three (3) set singles are the format, play shall be deemed to have commenced/restarted provided that play is possible on at least one (1) court within the prescribed period.
- c. **N.B.** Time wasted between sets/rubbers or consequent upon prolonged hit-ups is often responsible for unfinished matches which is undesirable. Captains should have their players ready to commence the next set/rubber, and strictly observe this rule. Teams will be allowed to claim a forfeit if opposing player(s) are not ready to commence play within three (3) minutes of the completion of the previous set/rubber.
- d. The “Home/Host” Association, or in the case of “Finals”, the duty appointed Referee shall be the sole arbiter as to matches being called off due to inclement weather.

P7 Termination of Play – Round Matches

Unless both captains/managers agree to cease play due to failing light, then play shall cease at 6:00pm (with the aid of lights if necessary). Any game in progress at 6:00pm must be completed.

P8 Abandoned Matches

All teams shall be on the grounds whatever the weather, excepting where a team captain/manager has telephoned the number listed and received the decision that the court is unplayable from the person listed. This decision must be made by 11.00am

No postponements will be allowed for any reason

**P9 (i) Format of Play – Round Matches,
Div Play Offs & Semi Finals:-**

- a Two (2) rounds **or as determined** by the Management Committee shall be played in each type of Cup
- b For all singles play, seeded players shall meet the corresponding seeded player of the opposing team. Where sets are played out of order as seeded, the sets are to be forfeited by the defaulting team. Promoted or additional players must be seeded in the new team on merit

Blackwell, Angus & Coote & Divs 1 & 2 of Tremlett, Ryan, Presidents, Irene Matthews, Esca Stephens & Wade & Neal Cups shall consist of three (3) best of three (3) set Singles with a Tie Break at 6 games all & three ordinary sets of doubles (**First to 6 games with a 2 game advantage or Tie Break at 6 games all**) Each match requires two (2) courts

The following FIXED format shall be followed:-

The first two (2) matches shall be the No 1 Singles players & the doubles between 2&3 V 2&3

At the conclusion of the first doubles, the remaining two (2) singles matches are to be played with the No 2 players first followed by the No 3 players.

The remaining doubles shall then be played with the No 1 players being paired with whichever of the above singles finishes first, followed by the No 1 players with the remaining players

Div 3 & Below of Tremlett, Ryan, Presidents, Irene Matthews, Esca Stephens, Wade & Neal together with ALL divisions of McAndrew, Crakanthorp, Stan Pedersen & Harry Beck Cups shall consist of three (3) single sets of singles & three (3) single sets of doubles with the normal Tie Break (first to 7 with a 2 point advantage) being applied at 6 games all using a single court.

The following Fixed Format shall be followed:-

The first 2 sets shall be doubles, 1&2 V 1&2 followed by 2&3 V 2&3 followed by the No 1 Singles followed by the No 3 Singles followed by the No 2 Singles followed by the remaining doubles 1&3 V 1&3

P9(i) Format of Play Round Matches, Div Play Offs & Semi Finals (Cont)

Seniors Cups

- a All teams shall nominate their player rankings prior to the commencement of all matches
- b Matches shall consist of eight (8) Tie Break sets of doubles played on 1 court in the following order
1&2 V 1&2, 3&4 V 3&4, 1&3 V 1&3, 2&4 V 2&4, 1&4 V 1&4,
2&3 V 2&3, 1&2 V 3&4, 3&4 V 1&2
- c There shall be no semi finals where any Seniors Cup comprises only 1 division of 4 teams. The 2 teams leading on points at the conclusion of the preliminary round/rounds shall advance to the Finals.
- d For Semi Finals where there is only one (1) division of 6 teams, the first 4 teams shall qualify for the Semi Finals. Where there are 2 divisions the first 3 teams from Division 1 & the leading team from Division 2 shall qualify for the Semi Finals
- e For Divisions 3 & below a Divisional Play Off shall be played between the 2 teams leading on points at the completion of the preliminary rounds in each division
- f Should matches be washed out or are incomplete due to stress of weather or failing light at Divisional Play Off or Semi final stage, the team leading in the point score at the conclusion of the preliminary rounds in Division 3 & below shall be declared the Division Winner and the 2 teams from Division 1 with the highest point score at the conclusion of the preliminary rounds shall advance to & compete in the Final
- g In Divisional Play Offs & Semi Finals matches are decided solely on sets won against sets lost. If sets are equal games are taken into account. If sets & games are equal a Tie Break **SET** of doubles shall be played to determine the winner. (Teams may nominate any pair to play the deciding set)

P9(ii) Eligibility for Div Play Offs Semi Finals & Finals

a P9(ii) Eligibility for Div Play Offs, Semi Finals & Finals;-

In Divisional Playoffs, Semi Finals & Finals, no player shall be eligible to play unless he/she has **competed** in at least two (2) matches in the preliminary rounds of the Cup they are competing in .except that should a team receive a total forfeit or teams have a complete wet match or Bye they may nominate the players who would have participated under normal circumstances. Notification of players in these circumstances must be received by the Competition Secretary no later than 7pm on the Monday immediately following the match. Players can be credited with only one (1) match for either a Bye, forfeit or wet match in any competition period

b Players who have competed in a Playoff, Semi Final or Final match of one Cup, shall not be eligible to play in a Playoff, Semi Final or Final match of another Cup in the same competition.

P10 Format of Play - Finals

Only teams competing in Divisions Red&Green or Seniors Competitions are eligible to play off for the appropriate Cup

- a In Finals matches the result shall be decided solely on sets won against sets lost. If sets are equal, then games will be taken into account to determine the winner. If both sets and games are equal a Tie Break **SET** of doubles (as appropriate to the Cup) shall be played to determine the winner (Teams may nominate any pairing to play the deciding set)
- b In all Finals matches where play does not commence or is stopped by stress of weather, the Referee or the Competition Committee may abandon the match & the team which was higher placed after the Semi Finals shall be declared the Cup Winner
- c **Angus & Coote, Ryan, Irene Matthews, Wade & Neal, Blackwell, Tremlett, Presidents, Esca Stephens** shall play one (1) single round match played on one (1) court.
The following Fixed Format shall be used:- Doubles 2&3 V 2&3 followed by the No 1 Singles followed by the No 2 Singles followed by the No 3 Singles followed by doubles 1&2 V 1&2 followed by doubles 1&3 V 1&3
- d **Crakanthorp, McAndrew, Stan Pedersen& Harry Beck Cups** shall play one (1) Single Round match followed by an additional three (3) single sets of singles.
The following Fixed Format shall be used:- The first two (2) sets shall be doubles 1&2 V 1&2 followed by 2&3 V 2&3 followed by the No 1 Singles followed by the No 3 Singles followed by the No 2 Singles followed by the remaining doubles 1&3 V 1&3 followed by the No 2 Singles followed by the No 1 Singles followed by the No 3 Singles
- e **“Seniors” Cups**
All teams shall nominate their players rankings prior to the commencement of play.
“Seniors” (35years & over) Cups shall play 10 sets in the following order:
1&2 V 1&2, 3&4 v 3&4, 1&3 V 1&3, 2&4 v 2&4, 1&4 V 1&4, 2&3 V 2&3, 1&2 V 3&4, 3&4 v 1&2, 1&2 v 1&2, 3&4 v 3&4,
Choice of Serve (To be read in conjunction with Rule P11
Visiting Team Sets 1, 2, 5, 6, 9 ,
Home Team Sets 3, 4, 7, 8, 10

P11 Tossing

Before Play Off, Semi Final or Finals matches commence, the respective captains shall toss for the choice of being either the Home or Visiting team, and both captains shall declare their team players, after which no player/s may be changed unless Rule P13 “Substitution of Players” applies.

Then team captains (**except for Seniors Cups where Rule P10e(ii) shall apply**) shall then toss to determine which team has the CHOICE in the first set of:

- a. The right to be Server or Receiver, in which case the other team shall choose the END; or
 - b. The END, in which case the other team shall choose the right to be Server or Receiver; or
 - c. Request the OPPOSING TEAM to make the choice of (a) or (b).
- The CHOICE alternates with each set. That is, winner of the toss has the CHOICE for ODD numbered sets, with the loser of the toss having the CHOICE on EVEN numbered sets.

P12 Promoted Players

- a. In the event of an Association entering more than one (1) team in any one Cup a player in a lower team may, if necessity arises, play in a higher team. Promoted players may return to their original team only if they have played in three (3) matches or less in the higher team.
- b. Players who are originally graded in Blackwell Cup, Angus & Coote Cup, Ryan Cup, Tremlett Cup, Irene Matthews Cup, President’s Cup, Wade & Neal Cup & Esca Stephens Cup are NOT permitted to play in a lower age group in the current competition. (Seniors Cups are considered to be a lower grading than Blackwell Cup and Angus & Coote Cup).

P13 Substitution of Players

- a. In the event of a player becoming incapacitated during the progress of a match, he/she may NOT be replaced by another player in that particular set/rubber in which he/she was participating & the incapacitated player shall take no further part in the match being played
- b. A replacement by a player of a **lower** grading shall otherwise be allowed to complete the remaining sets/rubber.
- c. If the singles sets/rubbers have commenced the substituted player shall take the place and grading of the player for whom he/she is substituting subject to b above.
- d. If the singles sets/rubbers have not commenced the player's grading shall be progressed as set out in Order of Play.
- e. Any player who is substituted, shall not take any further part in that match.

P14 Forfeits - Withdrawals

- a. Should a team forfeit any part of a round match for reasons other than illness or injury suffered by one or more of its players during the playing of a match, the team shall be fined as follows:- (i) For all "Seniors" competitions, All divisions of McAndrew, Crakanthorp, Stan Pedersen & Harry Beck Cups & divisions 3 & below of remaining Junior competitions one (1) point for each player not in attendance. (ii) for Blackwell Cup, Angus & Coote Cup & divisions green & red of all Junior Cups two (2) points for each player not in attendance.
- b. Should the Association not be at fault but the player or some of them are responsible for the forfeit then the players concerned may be disqualified from participating in the Interdistrict competition for four (4) matches inclusive of Divisional Playoffs, Semi Final and Final matches.
- c. In the event of a team forfeiting two (2) or more matches it shall be disqualified from further competition.
Should a team withdraw or be disqualified from the competition during the first round, all points for and against shall be deleted. Should a team withdraw or be disqualified from the competition during the second round, all points for and against shall be deleted for the second round only.
- d. Any player who is registered in any team which either withdraws or is disqualified shall not be permitted to participate in any other team.

P15 Point Scores - Within Rounds Only

All matches shall be decided solely on SETS WON AGAINST SETS LOST.

If equal on sets, games shall be taken into account to determine the winner. Blackwell, Angus & Coote, Div 1 & 2 of Tremlett, Ryan, Presidents, Irene Matthews, Esca Stephens & Wade & Neal Cup shall be allocated fourteen (14) points per match .

All "Seniors" matches shall be allocated 10 points per match & McAndrew, Crakanthorp, Stan Pedersen & Harry Beck Cups together with divisions 3 & below of remaining Junior matches shall be allocated 8 points per match

Points shall be allocated as follows:

- a. **Winning team:** 2 points, plus 1 point for each set won (Blackwell, Angus & Coote & Divs 1&2 of all Junior Cup matches have three (3) points allocated for each singles). If a singles is won 2 sets to nil, 3 points are allocated to the winner, .
- b. **Losing team:** 1 point for each set won and ½ point for each incomplete/unplayed set
- c. **Drawn matches:** 1 point to each team and 1 point for each set won.
- d. **Unfinished matches:** 1 point each team and 1 point for each set won and ½ point for each incomplete or unplayed set. If either team has won **HALF** of the scheduled sets and the games accumulated amount to one (1) more than the opposition could have possibly won in this match, then the result would be scored as a winning team as detailed in (a). [In 3 set matches it is assumed 3 sets would have been necessary in singles matches and the points are to be shared accordingly]
- e. **Forfeited Matches:** All points allotted to team receiving forfeit - no points to team giving the forfeit.
- f. **Unplayed Matches** (other than Forfeit) Allotted points to be shared equally between each team.

P16 Declaration of Winners - Divisions 3 & Below

- a. Each team in a Cup or in a Division of a Cup shall meet each of the other teams therein twice during the ordinary rounds, or as determined by Grand Council The two (2) teams with the highest number of points at the conclusion of the preliminary rounds shall play a match against each other, the winner being declared the Divisional winner.
- b. In the event of two (2) or more teams being equal on points at the conclusion of the preliminary rounds their respective positions for the right to contest the play-off match will be determined on averages i.e. Sets won over Sets played, and if the sets averages are equal, then the games will be taken into consideration.
- c. All forfeited sets must be noted on result cards, and such sets will not be recorded in averages where applicable

P17 Umpiring Responsibilities

Umpiring of preliminary round matches is to be shared by both teams. The “Home” team will umpire first set/rubber and then alternate with the exception: that in all “Senior” Cups, Angus & Coote, Blackwell, D J Ryan, Tremlett, Presidents, Irene Matthews (other junior cups to umpire all sets) umpires may be confined to singles only. Ball persons from the team not umpiring must be provided for all singles matches. However, in any match where one team requests an umpire at any stage of the match the other team must agree to participate. The “Home” team will umpire the first set/rubber where an umpire is requested.

For “Finals” matches, endeavours will be made for the NSWTA Umpires’ Association to provide umpires, otherwise the opposing captains shall mutually agree upon umpires.

P18 Provision of Balls

- a. In ordinary rounds the “Home Association” shall provide not less than three (3) new balls for each match except in Division 1 & 2 of Blackwell Cup, Tremlett Cup, Presidents Cup, Esca Stephens Cup, Angus & Coote Cup, Ryan Cup, Irene Matthews Cup & Wade & Neal Cup where not less than six (6) new balls shall be provided.
- b. For Divisional Playoff and Semi-Final matches the “Host” Association must provide as specified in (a). The cost of these balls shall be borne by the NSW Hardcourt Tennis Association Inc..
- c. In Final matches the “Host” Association shall provide at least six (6) new balls for each match except Blackwell Cup & Angus & Coote Cup where not less than nine (9) new balls shall be provided. The cost of these balls shall be borne by the NSW Hardcourt Tennis Association Inc.

P19 Tiebreak Procedures

Singles

- a. A player who first wins seven points shall win the game and the set provided he/she leads by a margin of two points. If the score reaches six points all, the game shall be extended until this margin has been achieved. Numerical scoring shall be used throughout the tie-break game.
- b. The player whose turn it is to serve shall be the server for the first point. His/Her opponent shall be the server for the second and third points and thereafter each player shall serve alternately for two consecutive points until the winner of the game and set has been decided.
- c. From the first point, each service shall be delivered alternately from the right and left courts, beginning from the right court.
- d. Players shall change ends after every six point and at the conclusion of the tie-break game.
- e. The tie-break game shall count as one game for the ball change.
- f. The player (or pair in the case of doubles) who received first in the tie-break game shall serve in the first game of the following set.

Doubles

In doubles, the procedure for singles shall apply, the player whose turn it is to serve shall be the server for the first point. Thereafter each player shall serve in rotation for two points in the same order as previously in that set until the winners of the game and set have been decided.

P20 Rosewall Medal & Hardcourt Medal

- a. The *Rosewall Medal* shall be competed for annually by all players participating in Division 1 of all Open & Junior "Cups".
- b. Participating is compulsory.
- c. The Rosewall & Hardcourt Medals shall be competed for following the guidelines as set down from time to time by the Management Committee.
- d. Failure to participate shall lead to the deduction of one (1) competition point from any team in the competition not complying with Rule P20.
- e. The *Hardcourt Medal* shall be competed for annually by all players competing in Seniors/Vets Cups
- f. Rules P20 b, c & d apply for this award