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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:-

- 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 50 years & over
- Life Members Cup 4 Men 65 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, 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

A6 (cont)

- 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 All teams shall be graded on perceived ability using all aids available.
- b What was referred to as Div1 & Div 2 (depending on entries received) will now be designated by colour (Red/Green) & graded so as to achieve equality between the two groups as far as possible
- c 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
- d 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
- e 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
- f Each Association may nominate any number of teams for each Cup
- g 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 to 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 to 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 emailing 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 Red/Green 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

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 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, if utilised, duly signed by the umpire together with a copy of the Result Sheet
- 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. Grand Council 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:

A21 Clearances (cont.)

(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 sole 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 Red/Green of Ryan, Irene Matthews, Wade & Neal, all divisions of Blackwell, Divisions Red/Green of Tremlett, Presidents and Esca Stephens Cups, where two (2) courts shall be used.
- P4** Only teams from Divisions Red & Green 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: 12:15 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 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.
 - e. 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.
 - f. 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 or court playability.

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

All Divisions of Blackwell, Angus & Coote & Divs Red/Green 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 (3) sets of doubles (**First to 6 games with a 2 game advantage or Tie Break at 6 games all**) using two (2) courts

“Long” deuces are to be used (NO ADD ALL)

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.

“Long Duces are to be used)NO ADD ALL)

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

All teams shall nominate their player rankings prior to the commencement of all matches

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

Semi Finals (All Cups)

- c For Semi Finals where there is only one (1) division of 4 teams NO Semi Finals shall be played & the 2 teams leading on points at the completion of the preliminary round/s shall advance straight to Final. Where a Cup has only one (1) 6 team division the first 4 teams shall qualify for the Semi Finals.

Where there are at least 2 divisions in all Open & Junior Cups the first 2 teams from the Red & Green Divisions shall qualify for the Semi Finals.

The leading team from the Red Division shall play the second placed team from the Green Division & the second placed team from the Red Division shall play the leading team from the Green Division

Divisional Playoffs

- d 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
- e 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
- f 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 pairing 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 1 & 2 (Red/Green) 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 **single Tie Break SET** of doubles 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, McAndrew & Crakanthorp 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
- b. A replacement by a player of a **lower** grading shall be allowed to complete the remaining sets/rubber
 - (i). 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.
 - (ii). If the singles sets/rubbers have not commenced the player's grading shall be progressed as set out in Order of Play.
 - (iii). 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 & divisions 3 & below of all Junior competitions two(2) points for each player not in attendance.
 - (ii) for Blackwell Cup, Angus & Coote Cup & divisions Red/Green of all Junior Cups four(4) 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.

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 Red/Green 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 Red/Green 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 win 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

Approved Championship balls shall be used in all matches

- a. In ordinary rounds the "Home Association" shall provide not less than three (3) new balls for each match except in Division Red/Green 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 NSW Hardcourt Tennis Association SHALL 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 NSW Hardcourt Tennis Association shall provide at least six (6) new balls for each match except Blackwell Cup & Angus & Coote Cup where not less than twelve (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 Red/Green 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