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To: All Players, Managers, Captains of teams in the 2018 STL/Interdistrict Competition

Welcome to the 2018 STL/Interdistrict Competition conducted by the NSW Hardcourt Tennis Association and supported by Tennis NSW.

You are participating in a great teams competition that was first conducted in 1921 for the open men (Blackwell Cup) and open ladies events (Angus & Coote) Cup. These Cups have been competed for annually ever since, except for a period during World War II when the competition was suspended. The Interdistrict Competition caters for players of all ages from 10 and under to Veteran events for players 80 or 90 and under.

Over the years many household name players have represented their Associations in this competition such as John Bromwich, Dinny Pails, Adrian Quist, Lew Hoad, Ken Rosewall, Bill Bowrey, Kim Warwick, John Alexander, Phil Dent, Jan Lehane, Beryl Penrose, Evonne Goolagong, Diane Fromholtz and Lesley Turner - just to name a few.

In 2016, Hardcourt agreed to run the competition under the Sydney Tennis League (STL) umbrella with the co-operation of Tennis NSW.

The NSW Hardcourt Tennis Association Inc was formed in 1924 and has been representing grass roots tennis as well as organising tennis in the Metropolitan area ever since. It is a not-for-profit organisation and is a volunteer run organisation.

Like any competition or tournament there are rules to be observed. The following reminders will assist you in being a team manager or participant:

Be on time - Play must commence at 12.15pm when the first point **must be played**. Allow plenty of time to arrive at destination, even at home. Players should arrive no later than 11.45am. Teams in Division 1 & 2 who play on 2 courts must have **all 3 players** ready to play the first sets. Teams will claim forfeits if you are not ready to start on time. Make sure you have your umpire and players ready. Play must stop at 6.00pm.

Seeded Order - Players must play in the seeded order as submitted on your original entry. It is not permissible to alter these seedings during the course of the competition without the permission of the Competition Committee

Behaviour - Remember you are representing your Association, Club, School or Coach. Bad behaviour will not be tolerated (this means no yelling, screaming, belting balls or throwing of racquets etc). No interference or coaching from parents.

Afternoon Tea - Each player is to provide 2 plates of afternoon tea when playing at home. It is the responsibility of parents/players (not Managers) to help and organise afternoon tea.

Wet weather - Most Associations will not make a decision until 11.00am. If you cannot get a decision and are not sure....you must **GO**.

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Tennis Attire - If you have been provided with a uniform – it must be worn. If no uniform is provided approved tennis attire must be worn. You will not be allowed to play in tracksuit pants unless extreme weather conditions.

Reserves - If you need a reserve please contact your Captain/Manager as soon as possible. Do not leave it until late Saturday night or Sunday morning. It is expected that you play every match unless you are sick.

Draw – Please check carefully. There are 4 separate draws in the book so make sure you look at the correct one.

Tennis Balls – Captains or Managers should collect tennis balls, score sheets and result cards prior to the start of the match at 12.15pm.

Result Cards - You must check that the result card is filled in correctly and signed by both Captains. Players first and last names must be listed on the Result Sheet. Please keep a copy of your result sheets on your phone just in case there is a problem down the track. Results must be emailed to the Competition no later than the Monday morning following the match. Torani45@hotmail.com

Rosewall Medal - If you are in Division 1 ONLY you must allocate points for the Rosewall Medal. Point will be deducted if you fail to do this. You can write NO nomination if the only person to win their singles was not worthy of the nomination due to bad attitude etc

Contact Details of team members -It is a good idea to exchange mobile phone numbers of all the players in your team.

Problems - If there are any problems during the match, speak to the duty officer straight away. Do not leave it to the end of the day and then complain. All courts “should” have a duty officer

At the end of the day....ensure that result sheet is correctly completed and make sure captain returns them to the duty officer when at home. If your team is in Division 1 you must allocate points for the Rosewall Medal. Failure to do this will result in loss of a point from your match.

NEVER forfeit a match. There is a fine for a team that forfeits. Play as many sets as possible.....remember that you get a point for each set won.

At the end of the day just check that all players know the venue for the following week. Check the draw & dates carefully.

We hope you enjoy your Interdistrict Experience. All queries during the Competition should be directed to Ian Campbell, Competition Secretary on 0416 989 722.