



## ISLTA JUNIOR BRANCH

### Saturday Morning Winter 2023 Tennis Competition

#### PREMIER GRADE KEY INFORMATION

##### Match Day

Your team's court numbers are on the draw.

Each team has two "**home courts**" for the day.

When you get to the centre, the venue will be set up as follows;

- \* Gates unlocked and the court ready for play.
- \* Balls, Result Sheets and singles sticks outside the clubroom.
- \* Singles sticks must be set up for all singles matches.

**Wet weather.** We will contact you via WhatsApp to confirm if courts are playable.

If it is marginal or any chance of play, you must turn up to the court and await a decision by 9am.

Matches can start as late as 10am but must finish at the normal finish time of midday (or up to 1pm if courts are available and mutually agreed).

**Match Results** We are transitioning to the Tennis Australia Match Centre website for each player to record their match results <https://matchcentre.tennis.com.au/>. Players will be responsible for recording and confirming their match results on Match Centre after the match has been completed. If only one player enters the score, the results will be automatically confirmed by the system at 8pm.

**Results Sheet.** At the start of day, the Match Centre Scoresheet will be at Clubhouse to collect. It will detail teams and players. As above, we are transitioning to the Tennis Australia Match Centre website for players to record their match results <https://matchcentre.tennis.com.au/> and while players and co-ordinators are getting used to this new system, we will continue to use the manual scoresheets until we are all comfortable with this change. At the end of day, both teams are to sign the final scoresheet, share with their Team WhatsApp group and the winning team is to submit a photo of the fully completed score sheet to [isltapremier@gmail.com](mailto:isltapremier@gmail.com). This must be done by 7pm on the day of play.

**Results will be posted on the Results tab on the ISLTA JB website:**  
[isltajuniorbranchtennis.com/results](https://isltajuniorbranchtennis.com/results).

**Reserves.** All players are to communicate via WhatsApp if they are unable to play for any reason. Your Captain/Manager and the Premier Grade Co-ordinators, will work together to find a replacement. This could be a player from your team or from the reserve list.

If substitutes are called in, please notify your Team Members of their changed start times if required.

As a courtesy, please contact your team opponent Captain using the Premier Winter 2023 Captains WhatsApp Group to notify them of the changes.

**Players contact numbers** – please respect your fellow players' privacy by not sharing their contact details with anyone else (i.e. other players or coaches). If someone needs to contact another player and doesn't have their number, you should pass on a message via the Premier Co-ordinators rather than give them the number. (There might be a reason why they don't want that person to have their number!)

**Grading.** Players will be graded at the beginning of the season and after Week 5 and again after week 10 based on performance, which may include some player seedings changing within the team. (see rule 3)

##### **Rules, Courts, Teams, Players and Draw.**

This will be emailed to you to print. It is also on the ISLTA JB website: [isltajuniorbranchtennis.com](https://isltajuniorbranchtennis.com).

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**ISLTA JUNIOR BRANCH - PREMIER GRADE  
COMPETITION RULES AND CONDITIONS**

*ALL Rules of other grades are as per Junior Branch A-C Grades Rule Book except:*

**1. COMPETITION FEES**

The \$200 per person fee covers team entry fee, team registration, court hire and new balls for each match. These fees MUST be paid on acceptance into ISLTA JUNIOR BRANCH PREMIER GRADE.

**2. TEAMS & COURTS**

The ISLTA JUNIOR BRANCH PREMIER GRADE will have teams of five (5) players, with four (4) playing each week.

All ISLTA JUNIOR BRANCH PREMIER GRADE matches including semi-finals and finals are played at Ken Rosewall Tennis Centre, Roberts Avenue, Peakhurst.

Two courts are to be used for each match of the season. Our designated courts are #1 to #6 (in pairs 1&2, 3&5, 4&6). NO PLAY is permitted on courts #7 and #8 for any warm-up or matches.

**3. SEEDING OF PLAYERS**

Players must play in order of their seeding within the team. If the designated player is unavailable, the first call should be to the non-rostered members of the same team to play if these seeding rules allow.

Seeding rules are;

- a. #1 seed players are allowed to play down as a #2 seed reserve player as long as it is not in competition against their own team, and on no more than three (3) occasions during the competition and by no more than one seeding position.
- b. Any #2, #3 or #4 seed player may play up as a reserve in their own team any number of times. A player can only play down by one seeding position.
- c. #5 seeds may play up (any number of times).
- d. Players called from the (seeded) reserve list should be treated as lower than the same seeded team player (e.g. if the #1 player is sick, and the team #2 seed is playing with a reserve list #2 player, then the team #2 seed shall play as the #1 seed of the day unless otherwise directed by the event co-ordinator).

The Premier Grade Co-ordinators reserve the right to alter seedings within a team at specific points in the competition (1<sup>st</sup> - after week 5 and before week 6 and 2<sup>nd</sup> - after week 10 and before week 11).

**4. CALLING SUBSTITUTES AND/OR USE OF RESERVES**

If a player is not available to play when rostered on then the player must notify their team via WhatsApp with as much notice as possible. The Team Captain/Manager and Premier Grade Co-ordinators will liaise to organise a reserve player.

## **5. TIMINGS AND BREAKS BETWEEN SETS**

Play must commence by 8.00am. Maximum 5-minute warm ups are allowed for the players' first match of the day. There is a maximum of three minutes break between matches.

## **6. MODE OF PLAY & SETS**

The first match is (both courts) lower seeded singles players of the day (arrive by 7:45am to start match at 8:00am), followed by the doubles (both courts higher seeded player to arrive by 8:50am ready to start by 9:00am), then the last match of the day is the higher seed singles.

If an eligible player is not able to commence the match by 15 minutes after the advertised start times (i.e. 8:15am singles, 9:15am doubles and 10:15am second singles) then the match shall be forfeited. This should be recorded on the result sheet as a FORFEIT if they have contacted you, a NO SHOW if they just didn't bother to turn up.

Doubles – One set – first to 6 games with a 2-game lead (7-point tiebreak at 6 games all)

Singles – First two sets are first to 6 with a 2-game lead (7-point tie break at 6 games all). If the match is one set all, the third set will be a 10-point tie-break (First to 10 points with a 2-point lead)

## **7. POINTS AND DETERMINING THE WINNER OF A MATCH**

Awarding of points has changed as a result of the Competition transitioning to Tennis Australia Match Centre. The allocation of points outlined below may be subject to change as we gain an understanding of how the system works in all scenarios.

- a. Maximum of 12 points available to each team for each match - 2 points for the day's winning team, 1 point for each doubles set, 1 point for each singles set won and ½ point for each incomplete/unfinished set.
- b. Winning team is determined by points and if points are equal, then it is determined by sets and if sets are equal, then it is determined by games. If points, sets and games are equal, teams share the winning points.

## **8. WET MATCHES**

If any match is declared wet before 8:00am, then points will be split between the teams for that match (6 points each). If matches are started then washed out before 12 noon, the points gained for completed sets will stand and the remaining points split between teams, although this scenario has not been confirmed by Tennis NSW so we are unsure exactly how Match Centre will award the points.

In the event of wet weather please refer to WhatsApp group for update messages from Premier Grade Co-ordinators. If it is marginal or there's any possibility of playing, turn up to the court and a decision on whether play will occur will be made by 9:00am. Matches can start as late as 10:00am but must finish at normal finish time of 12 noon.

*Note that the Ken Rosewall courts are often playable when other courts in the district are not, and our policy is to always play when possible.*

## **9. PARTICIPATION IN SEMI-FINALS AND FINALS MATCHES**

In both the Semi-Finals and Finals all registered and eligible members of the team are required to participate in at least one match (singles or doubles) unless medically unfit or otherwise agreed, in writing before the match, by the Premier Grade Co-ordinators.

Teams must nominate which players will play singles or doubles.

In the event that the team cannot agree, the Team Captain (#1 seed) will decide. The Captain's decision is final.

## **10. RULES AND TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS**

This event adheres to Tennis Australia's **Rules for Self-Umpiring** rules. Familiarity with this guidance from the governing body will also make it easier for you to play at other more formal events and tournaments. Coaching or interference from outside the court boundaries is NOT permitted. The only people who should be on the court are the players in the current set and umpires if being used.

Where an official is present at the match, their decisions are final. (The following are considered officials for this competition – ISLTA Junior Branch Committee Member, **Premier Grade Co-ordinator**, Court Secretary or any other so delegated by ISLTA Junior Branch).

## **11. SPIRIT OF PLAY**

General player support is encouraged, however, parents or supporters must not coach or make any comment to players on the court whilst the match is in play. Spectators must not intervene in play in any way. (Refer rule 10).

## **12. VARIATIONS**

Any requests for variations to the Grade Rules, and in particular the Reserve policy, **MUST** be requested to the Premier Grade Co-ordinators prior to the match.

## **13. FORFEITS**

Players must not forfeit any match or part of a match without adequate reason.

If a player:

- has advised their team via WhatsApp that they are unable to play and the Premier Co-ordinators were unable to find a reserve, then record FORFEIT on the Result Sheet.
- fails to turn up to their match and not advised their team via WhatsApp, then record NO SHOW on the Result Sheet.
- cannot finish a match due to injury/illness, then record INJURY or ILLNESS on the Result Sheet

Do not write 6:0 unless play actually occurred.

The ISLTA Junior Branch Committee reserves the right to withdraw any player

- with 2 or more NO SHOWS or
- with 3 or more FORFEITS or
- with 3 or more NO SHOWS/FORFEITS

## **14. DECIDING THE 'WINNER' OF A SEMI-FINAL OR FINALS MATCH**

In the event of a draw in a semi-final or finals match, the top 2 seeded players from each team will play a normal tiebreaker (7 point with 2-point advantage) doubles (not a set) to decide the winner.