



ISLTA JUNIOR BRANCH

SATURDAY MORNING WINTER 2022 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).
If the court is deemed unplayable, PLEASE advise the rest of your team.

Results Sheet. At the start of day, players will write their names on the Result Sheet, including any replacement players. For singles matches, write the full name (first name and surname). For doubles matches, write first name only. At the end of day, both teams are to sign the final Result Sheet.

The winning team is to email a photo or scanned copy of the correctly completed Result Sheet (including signatures) to the Results Recorder isltajbcomp@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.

Reserves. All players are to communicate via WhatsApp if they are unable to play for any reason.
Your Captain and the Premier Grade Co-ordinator in your group, will work together to find a replacement.
This could be from your team, from another team or from the reserve list.
If substitutes are called in, please notify your Team Members of their changed start times.
As a courtesy, please contact your team opponent Captain 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 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.

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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 \$190 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. When playing down and by no more than one seeding position.
- c. #5 seeds may play up (any number of times).
- d. Any player may play up as a reserve in another team at any time and down by no more than one seeding position.
- e. 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 coordinator.

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

4. CALLING SUBSTITUTES AND/OR USE OF RESERVES

If a player is not available when rostered on then the player is personally responsible to find a reserve player. Full player and reserve list names and contact numbers are listed in the ISLTA JUNIOR BRANCH PREMIER GRADE teams list.

As a courtesy, players should endeavour to find a player of one seeding lower standard/grading than themselves to fill in as a reserve.

- 1) Try your team member rostered off
- 2) Try a lower seeded player from another team who is rostered off
- 3) Try the ISLTA JUNIOR BRANCH PREMIER GRADE reserve list
- 4) And only then after talking to everyone - contact the Premier Grade Co-ordinators to try to find a sub {Note: the Premier Grade Co-ordinators will not be able to find a replacement if you leave it too late}

If you call a reserve, and the playing order is affected, make sure that all players including the substitute know what time they are playing.

If a #1 seed needs a reserve, and calling lists proves fruitless, then the player may call designated #1 seed reserves. If a #1 seed reserve plays, they must play as the #1 seed of the day.

So that everyone is aware of what is happening on the day

- Advise your substitute of what time they need to arrive, what court they need to go to and who they are playing. Give them a contact number of one of your team members and their opponent
- Advise your team that you have a substitute, including their name and contact number, what time you have asked them to arrive and which seed # they are playing
- Advise your opponent that they will be playing a substitute, give them their name and mobile number
- Advise the Premier Grade Co-ordinators

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 (of 8.00am singles, 9.00am doubles and 10.00am 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

16 points for each match – 2 points for the winning team, 1 point for each doubles set, 1 point for each set won and ½ point for each incomplete/unfinished set.

All singles matches have three (3) points - if a singles match is won 2 sets to nil, 3 points are allocated to the winner.

Winning team is determined by points and if points are equal, on games. If points 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. 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.

In the event of wet weather please call the courts to determine playability. If not playable, please advise the rest of your team. If it is marginal or there's any possibility of playing, turn up to the court and a decision on whether to play will be made by 9am. Matches can start as late as 10am but must finish at normal finish time.

Note that the Ken Rosewall courts are often playable when other courts in the district are not, and we do have a policy of always trying to 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.

Where an official is present at the match, their decisions are final. (The following are considered officials for this competition – Tennis Officials Australia Court Supervisor or Referee, ISLTA Junior Branch Committee Member, **Premier Grade Co-ordinator**, Competition 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.

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.

In the event that a player is unable to play a match (usually only due to last minute illness as they would have arranged a reserve prior), they need to advise via text message to:

- their opponent at least 15 minutes before the match is due to start
- their team captain (seed #1)
- one of the **Premier Grade Co-ordinators** (including reason)

If a player

- has advised their opponent that they are not playing, record FORFEIT on the Result Sheet.
- fails to turn up to their match and not advised their opponent, record NO SHOW on the Result Sheet.
- cannot finish a match due to injury/illness, 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 will play a normal tiebreaker doubles (not a set) to decide the winner.