

Rules and Regulations

To register a team, school's need to have an adult available to manage and be present at all matches that are played. You can have other parents assist the manager, but one adult must be there at every match to supervise the players.

There is a charge of \$10 per player, which will be invoiced to the school upon receipt of your online entry. The event fee will go towards purchasing new balls (please remember to mark them so that you can identify that they are yours) and court hireage.

Format

- Singles: (1 vs 1) (2 vs 2) (3 vs 3) (4 vs 4)
- Doubles: (1 & 2 vs 1 & 2) (3 & 4 vs 3 & 4)

Two courts will be given per match. Teams will remain on those courts for the entire fixture. Matches will start with doubles and then the players will take turns to play their singles. When a court becomes free, children still waiting to play their singles can use the courts.

Scoring

- Each match is the first to 7 games. If tied at 6 all, then there will be a tie-break to decide the winner.
- In singles there will be normal deuce. However, in the doubles, there will be sudden death deuce. If tied at 40 all, then the winner of the next point wins the game. The receiver is allowed to choose which side to receive the serve.

Tie Breaker

- Numerical scoring is used in a tie-breaker.
- To win a tie-breaker the first player to 7 wins the tie-break. However, they must get to 7 and win by 2 clear points i.e. 7-5. If tied at 6 all, then the first person to get 2 points ahead wins.
- To start a tie-breaker, whoever is due to serve has one serve only from the right side of the court.
- Thereafter each player serves twice and starts serving from the left-hand side.
- Players change ends after every six points i.e. at 6-0, 5-1, 4-2, 3-3 or 6 all.

Umpiring Rules

- Children are to score and self-umpire. Parents/Managers can help if players are struggling.
- Players are only able to call the ball in or out on their side of the court.
- If a player is unsure whether the ball is in or out, then that ball is IN. No points to be replayed.
- Server should call the score out loudly before each serve.
- Should you find that you are serving on the wrong side. Keep the score as it is but change to the correct side.

Basic Tennis Rules

- Ball on the line is in.
- Do not touch the net.
- Players/Parents on the side-line should not distract the players whilst they are in the midst of a rally.
- To get a ball that has rolled onto another court, make sure you wait until they have finished the point.
- When walking to your court make sure you do not walk on a court whilst a rally is taking place.
- Fair play at all times.
- All Tennis is played under the Tennis NZ rules -
<https://www.itftennis.com/technical/publications/rules/overview.aspx>

Results

- i) Please, use the scoresheets, which can be downloaded off the website (or in your folder) and make sure to add the names in and write clearly.
- ii) Please then take a picture of the scoresheet and then email it to the Competition Organiser. If you are happy to pay the cost, then you can also text that picture to the Competition Organiser's Mobile.
- iii) As games won are important – please total the games won by each team and add them to the scoresheet.
- iv) Results must be sent in by Tuesday lunchtime, which is the day after the match is played.

Points System

- One point is awarded for each match won.
- At the end of the competition if teams are tied, then the following steps will be taken to decide the winner
 - a) Winner of their match played between the tied teams is the winner.
 - b) If that does not make a winner, then a countback on the number of games won will be used to decide.

Default Matches or Short on Numbers

Any team who defaults must give at least one day's warning to the opposition school & Leanne Hutchinson by making direct contact. Teams are expected to be at the venue by 3:15pm for a prompt 3:30 start. Teams who live further out, will be there as soon as possible. If you are running late please contact the opposition manager. Should you be short of players for a fixture please follow these steps.

- i) A replacement **must** be from your own school. And in the correct Grade. B Grade can play up, but A Grade can't play down.
- ii) If you have 3 players that match should go ahead. Please, let the school know that you only have three players. This will mean that one singles match and one doubles match will go down as a defaulted result.
- iii) Should both teams only have three players – then 3 singles and one doubles match can take place and only results from those four matches will stand. Maximum of 4 points.

Bad Weather & Cancellation Time

In the event of bad weather, we will contact Schools and Managers at 2pm. In addition to this we will do the following:

Website: We will add a message on the Tennis Eastern Website – Notice board on the home page. Managers and players can look here to see what is happening with the competition.

Please note:

- Should a fixture be cancelled due to weather, it will not be re-arranged and both teams will receive 3 points each.
- If a fixture is part played and the rain falls, only matches that are completed will get points.

Contact details

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Our priority is to ensure that children have fun and
enjoy the game of tennis.