

MEMO TO: TSA NATIONAL RANKING SENIORS TOURNAMENTS
FROM: GAIL BATES – TSA RANKINGS COORDINATOR.
SUBJECT: 2018 TSA NATIONAL RANKING SENIORS TOURNAMENT
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Dear Seniors Tournament Directors,

Happy New Year and Congratulations on your Seniors tournament being included in the TSA National Ranking Seniors Tournaments Calendar for 2018. When compiling your Entry Form please place **“TSA National Ranking Seniors Tournament Nat.6 or Nat.7”** on the front page your entry form.

TSA requirements to conduct a National Rankings Seniors Tournament is that the TP computer software **MUST** be used. If you require any assistance with a licence or training please contact your State Body (MA) or Seniors Assoc.

FORMATS: Round Robin or Knock out formats may be used at the discretion of the Tournament Committee. Attached below is a template of how round robin tournaments are to be conducted for National Ranking Tournaments. Please use this format to assist in the correct points being allocated to players participating in your tournament.

SEEDINGS FOR TOURNAMENTS: TSA require the TSA National Ranking Singles & Doubles Lists to be used where possible with the seedings for your tournament, you may also wish to consult the ITF Rankings. You may need to seek help from your state seniors secretary for access to your state seniors selectors for assistance. TSA Ranking Lists are available at www.tennisseniors.org.au. Please allow 3 working days for the selectors to advise you of their decisions before doing the draws.

REFEREE: All tournaments should have an official referee in attendance, please refer to your state MA's requirements for a sanctioned tournament.

REPORTING: In order for me as the TSA Rankings Coordinator to allocate points to the players who participated in your tournament, **TSA request that within 7 days after the completion of your tournament (sooner if possible)** you email me a backup of your TP tournament. This requirement is in addition to reports etc. required by the MA's or Seniors body in your state.

LEVY: The states involved in the **“TSA Participation Levy (PFP Scheme) at \$2.00 per player per event, being all states except QLD and WA, please check with your state seniors body for their requirements on collection of these fees.**

DRAWS: It is important to have the first and last names of players, plus their state (for Australian players) or country (International players) and all scores on the draw sheets. If a player withdraws after the draw has been made, please indicate on the draw the circumstances of the withdrawal i.e. w/o injured, ill, or no show, if a player forfeits during a match please record the score as it stood when the player retired i.e 4/3 retired injured etc.

ROUND ROBIN SETUP IN TP: In order to determine the correct winners and place getters, click on Properties, then the Round Robin tab, Standings Calculations order – 1. Match Points, 2. Set Difference, 3. Games for, 4. Games Difference, 5. Head to Head and in Scoring – Points Per Match, match won 1, match draw 0, match loss 0.

It is also very important in round robin events that a result of each match is determined. In National Ranking Events DO NOT play 8 game where a result can be 4 all. If you choose to use this format, players will not receive ranking points if there is a 4/4 result.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me on P: 07 3264 3556, M: 0409 639 124, or E: maxgailbates@bigpond.com

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GUIDELINES FOR SENIOR ROUND ROBIN TOURNAMENTS IN AUSTRALIA:

Seeding: The Tournament Director should contact their Tennis Seniors State Secretary regarding assistance from their State Selectors with seeding.

Events should be seeded as follows:

4 plus players	2 seeds minimum
10 plus players	4 seeds minimum
15 plus players	6 seeds minimum
20 plus players	8 seeds minimum

Seeded players should be drawn to play their last set against each other. (Where there is more than one section, winners of each section should be available for semis/finals as soon as practicable).

Seeded players placement:	2 sections	Section 1	No 1 seed v No 4 seed
		Section 2	No 2 seed v No 3 seed
3 sections	3 sections	Section 1	No 1 seed v No 6 seed
		Section 2	No 2 seed v No 5 seed
		Section 3	No 3 seed v No 4 seed
4 sections	4 sections	Section 1	No 1 seed v No 8 seed
		Section 2	No 2 seed v No 7 seed
		Section 3	No 3 seed v No 6 seed
		Section 4	No 4 seed v No 5 seed
Finals: (incl. Semi's)	3 sections	Winner of Section 1 straight to Final	
		Winners of Section 2 & 3 playoff (semi)	
Finals: (incl. Semi's)	4 sections	Winner Section 1 vs Winner Section 4 (semi 1)	
		Winner Section 2 vs Winner Section 3 (semi 2)	

Finals: (incl. Semi's) First to 6 games, tiebreak at 5 games all.

Playing Format:

- 3 players/pairs - play each player/pair twice, first to 6, tiebreak 5 all
- 4 players/pairs - 1 section, first to 8, tiebreak at 7 all
- 4 players/pairs - 2 sections first to 7, tiebreak at 6 all.
- 4 players/pairs – 3 or 4 sections, first to 6, tiebreak at 5 all
- 5 or 6 players/pairs - first to 6, tiebreak at 5 all.

Events with uneven players/pairs, place the greater number of players/pairs in Section 1 with the no.1 seed. (i.e. 9 players/pairs - 5 in Section 1 and 4 in Section 2 OR 13 players/pairs – 5 in Section 1 and 4 in Sections 2 & 3 – refer to the seedings placement above)

Maximum players/pairs per section of each event:

6 player/pairs maximum in each section – except for special format for one Section with 7 players ONLY (see below).

SPECIAL FORMAT FOR 7 PLAYERS/PAIRS:

7 players/pairs in one section, **if courts are available (3 courts required)** tournaments may play this format: 7 players/pairs, first to 5 games, tiebreak at 4 all.

Tiebreak Rule: The Seniors tie-break rule must be used during TSA NR Senior tournaments, play one point and change ends and then change after every four points

Players should not be relocated in an event more than 10 years below the age nominated by them, without notification. Also players must be notified if a lack of entries cancels their event.

Winners Formula: SETS WON, if equal – games won, if equal – games against, if equal – winner when the player/pairs played each other.

Court allocation formula: (minimum)

4 players/pairs	1 court
5 players/pairs	1½ courts (3 adjacent courts)
6 players/pairs	2 courts
7 players/pairs	3 courts

Commencement time: Morning session 8.00a.m. Afternoon session 1.00p.m. No morning matches/finals to commence after 12.30p.m. Any morning matches/finals not completed will be played at the completion of the afternoon matches on the same day and under lights if necessary.