



TENNIS SENIORS AUSTRALIA

UPDATED CHANGES AND REMINDERS FOR THE TEAM AND INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR JAN 2012

Expanded Age Ranges in the Teams Championships To overcome some of the perceived problems or reasons for players not participating, it is agreed that age groups be expanded to ensure two divisions in each category, ie **35-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70-74 AND 75+** (for both men and women) and that the host state may vary these groupings if number of teams entered do not suit. TSWA is hopeful that it will get enough teams for a third division in age groups and encourages social players to participate.

Please note that the 70+ and 75+ age groups will be separate age groups and that the 80+ will be included with the 75+ players. This information is different to that advised earlier.

Team and Individual event fees Team fees are set at \$575 per team. Fees for the individual events are; singles, \$60, and all doubles events, \$30 per player.

Closing date for all Team entries is Monday, 31st October.

Closing date for Individual entries is Wednesday, 14th December. (This date has been changed to bring it in line with ITF requirements). Players entering the individual Championships will be required to have an IPIN (remember registration for a free IPIN is available until 31st October) In addition, players will need to enter on the ITF website **and** the 92 computing website. Because the procedures are so different from what players have been required to do in the past, details of the procedures and reminders will be sent to Divisions and published on the TSA website during August, September, October, November and December.

Change in the Scoring System in the Teams Championships

The scoring system is changed to 'when at least four sets have been completed in a match and the time limit has been reached, the team in front on sets (or if sets are equal, games) shall be the winner and receive two points. (With sets that have commenced but not completed, each team receives ½ point for each set and the games scored are recorded; where sets have not commenced, each team receives ½ point for each set and three games credit.)

Changes to the scorecard The scorecard is changed by removing reference to the 'losing team' and inserting 'to' between the two lots of scores. In addition, 'draw' to be replaced by the word 'undecided'.

Restriction on the number of matches for the Women's 70+ and the Men's 75+ teams

Due to the number of complaints from both women and men, it was decided to lift the restriction on these age groups playing only six matches for the week. These age groups are to be treated like all other age groups.

Championships Trophy The Teams' Trophy should not continue to be awarded as emphasis should be placed on the fun and participatory aspects of the Teams Championships rather than the competitive aspect.

Teams Championships; Time allotted to matches (no change; to be restated)

There is no clear reference to the length of time for semi-finals in the Teams Championships Regulations. Finals are played to a finish; all other matches, including semi-finals, are played to the length of the time periods determined in the regulations.

Teams Championships; Stalling (no change; to be restated)

Players are reminded that play is continuous. If teams arrive late, then the time limits should be invoked and the listed penalties adhered to and no hit up time permitted; remember when the whistle sounds to start a match, the match should commence. When the whistle blows to finish a match, and the point being played is completed, players must leave the courts promptly to allow the next match to commence on time. Stalling and delaying tactics during matches is poor sporting behaviour and is frowned upon.

Individual Championships Combined Doubles

The following events will be available for the men's Combined Doubles; 95+, 110+, 120+, 130+, 140+, and 150+. For the Women's Combined Doubles, the events will be the 100+, 120+ and the 140+. However, if there are insufficient entries in any event, events may be combined.

Individual Championships; ITF rule on the number of singles matches per day (explanation) The ITF Regulations have been checked and there is reference to the rest periods where players are asked to play several matches in a day. Please see Regulation 39(b) on continuous play. However, there is a restriction on the number of matches to be played in a day being limited to two. In most cases players will be expected to play only one singles per day. However, if unexpected and unavoidable circumstances arise and in an effort to complete tournaments on time, there may be a need to play more than two matches particularly if players wish to enter more than two events. (A copy of the Regulations can be found under the Tournament- Calendar heading on the TSA website)

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