



TENNIS SENIORS AUSTRALIA

SUMMARY OF CHANGES FOR THE AUSTRALIAN TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIPS

The following changes to the conduct of the Australian Teams Championships for 2011 have been approved by the Presidents at their meeting of July 5th.

ITF Seniors' tie break rule: it was agreed to adopt the new ITF tie break rule (change of ends after the 1st, 5th, 9th, 13th, and every additional fourth point) not only for all ITF sanctioned tournaments but also for the Australian Teams Championships.

Teams from overseas with five or more teams are now eligible for the Teams Trophy.

The play off arrangements currently used in 8 team divisions, will not be held. The format is changed to all teams playing each other. The winning team will be the team on top after playing each other team. No finals will be held.

Closing date for team nominations is now the 1st November to allow a further week for ranking of teams. All team lists are to be collated before ranking of teams occurs. These lists are to be sent to the Divisions and TSA for consideration.

The changes to the appropriate tournament regulations (where necessary) will be made in August. The changes will reflect the above decisions.

The following existing regulations and arrangements are reaffirmed

The rating system as previously recommended must be used by all Divisions and each Division must name its bench mark players as per the guidelines by September 30th.

Players forming composite teams: composite teams must be decided in the first week after team nominations are received and after consultation between the Divisions involved. (These players do not need to write seeking permission to play with another Division).

Players wishing to play for another Division must follow the regulations and seek permission from TSA executive one month before the closing date for team applications and before the grading of teams occurs. Presidents are asked to advertise this requirement to all players.

Medal Presentations as introduced and organized this year are to be continued.

On line social function bookings, as introduced this year should be continued.

The present system for calculating the winner of the team trophy will be used. It is considered by Steve to be the fairest system.

EDUCATING PLAYERS TO USE THE NEW TIE BREAK RULE AND other tennis rules

In keeping with the recommendation from the Presidents meeting, all Divisions are asked to advertise the compulsory use of the new Seniors tie break change of end rule.

In addition, Divisions are asked to remind players that, in the Individual events, a rest break is taken after the completion of the first set and after the third game of the second set; not after the first set and again after the first game of the second set.

TEAM FEES FOR THE AUSTRALIAN TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIPS, 2011

Fees for the teams Championships will remain at \$550 per team including GST.

Divisions are asked to keep the fee per player to no greater than \$110 (given that most teams include five players).

All team nominations will be sent to the Tournament Director, Yvonne Stanton. Yvonne will be in touch with all the Divisions with respect to completion of the spreadsheet when entering teams.

Divisions are reminded that nominations close by Monday, November 1st.

All cheques to cover team entries are to be sent directly to Mrs Barbara Mathews, Honorary Treasurer, TSA by November 1st.

Tom Hancy

Honorary Secretary

July 16th, 2010