



TENNIS SENIORS AUSTRALIA INC.

Regulations (full) for the Australian Team Carnival (Revised May 2025)

In view of the national importance of this event, the Host State, under the auspices of TSA, shall conduct the ATC in accordance with the Regulations set out below:

OWNERSHIP The Australian Team Carnival is owned and under the direction of TSA. The AIC is an ITF Masters event played under ITF Masters tour regulations. The ATC and AIC are played in consecutive weeks under the broad title of Australian Seniors Tennis Championships and hosted – in rotation – according to a schedule determined by TSA. It is also acknowledged that circumstances may change from one Host State to another, and these Regulations may be amended or modified with the agreement of TSA.

VENUES When Host States are selecting venues for the Australian Team Carnival and the Australian Individual Championships, full consideration must be given as to whether the available facilities offered (or accessible to them – e.g. within a surrounding area or district), are such that they can enable the Regulations to be complied with in all respects while maintaining an acceptable degree of convenience for players, organisers and controllers alike.

AUSTRALIAN INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS Note the Australian Individual Championships normally follow the Australian Team Carnival - the two events are played in consecutive weeks unless agreed to by TSA. The Australian Individual Championships is an ITF MT1000 tournament and is played subject to the ITF Masters Regulations, as per any other ITF event. This document refers predominantly to the conduct and operation of the Australian Team Carnival although there are some references to the Australian Individual Championships also.

THE REGULATIONS The Regulations are issued under nine headings, namely:

1. The Management and Conduct of the Carnival
2. Structure, format and rules of the Australian Team Carnival
3. Social Program
4. Sponsorship and Publicity
5. Player Transport and Court Location
6. Financial arrangements
7. Reports and Evaluation
8. Tournament Director's Job Description
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INTERPRETATION In these Regulations the following definitions are used:

- “Age Group” means defined player Age Groups in five or ten year increments from 30 to 80+ years, or as decided from time to time by the TSA Executive.
- “State” means any affiliated member Association of Tennis Seniors Australia, which can also be defined as a State or Territory Association, or an overseas representation.
- “HS” means "Host State", Tennis Seniors State, or another Organising Body, approved by TSA to host the ATC.
- “ITF” means the International Tennis Federation.
- “Section” means a Section of teams within an Age Group.
- “TSA” means Tennis Seniors Australia Incorporated.
- “ATC” means the Australian Team Carnival
- “AIC” means the Australian Individual Championships
- "the events" mean the ATC and the AIC jointly
- “OC” means the Host State Organising Committee

1. MANAGEMENT AND CONDUCT

The ATC shall be managed and conducted in accordance with the current Rules of Tennis Australia, and these Regulations.

- i. The Host State shall appoint the **Chairman of the OC**. The Host State takes on the organisation and management of the events with no financial guarantees of any sort from TSA, unless otherwise specifically agreed to in writing.
- ii. The Chairman so appointed shall in turn **appoint an OC** which will be responsible for the progressive organisation of the events and their overall day-to-day direction. This appointment occurs ideally 18 months in advance. The TSA Secretary will provide a **timeline document** as a guide to the key tasks that are required to be performed for the efficient administration of the events, as well as the responsibilities for these tasks. It is essential that the OC complies with these timeline objectives.
- iii. **Each member of the OC** shall be made responsible to the OC Chairman for a particular assigned function/s, and the composition of the OC may vary depending on the circumstances of the particular Host State. Typically, in the past such functions have included:
 - Tournament arrangements – entry forms, entries, balls, draw, results etc
 - Treasurer - budget, financial controls and results, banking, prize money, receipts, insurance etc.
 - Playing venues and ground arrangements
 - Transport
 - Communications and Publicity
 - Player Relations and facilities - player bags and booklet, medical etc
 - Catering and Entertainment, social functions
 - Souvenirs and Sales/Merchandising
 - Tournament Secretary
 - Sponsorship's
- iv. A **Tournament Director (TD)** shall be appointed, who may or may not be a member of the OC, and whose responsibilities are set out later in these Regulations.

- v. A **Referee** shall be appointed for the ATC who shall ensure that all matches are played in accordance with current rules, regulations and policies as follows: Tennis Australia's Code of Conduct and Member Protection by-laws; Rules of Tennis Officials Australia and these Regulations, as applicable.
- vi. A **Tournament Manager (TM)** shall be appointed (unless specifically agreed otherwise by the TSA Executive) who, in conjunction with the TD, shall ensure that draws are made and updated, results are updated, and matches scheduled so that the events are completed within the designated time frames.
- vii. **Some guidelines** for the OC, TD and TM to follow are:
 - Medals should be presented to the winners and runner up of all events.
 - Unless exceptional circumstances apply no refunds will be given, after teams have been submitted by State Divisions and after the draw is done for the ATC.
 - AIC - spread events over the whole week - all events should finish at the earliest on Thursday
 - All matches within an event in the AIC must be played on the same surface and this should be advised beforehand so that players can practice on that surface.
 - In the AIC, the HS must offer Bonus (Consolation) Singles (ITF Rule)
- viii. A suitable venue and facilities are to be arranged for the **TSA Annual General Meeting** to be held if possible on Thursday evening during the ATC week. The costs of the **AGM** and any other meetings will be for the account of TSA.
- ix. Players entering the ATC must have reached the **required age** for their events by or on 31st December of the year in which the events are played. It is the responsibility of each State to ensure that this restriction is complied with - if it is found that this is not the case, then the penalty clause 2.xxvii "Penalty for ineligible players" could apply at the discretion of the TSA Executive.
- x. The Host State in conjunction with the TSA Executive should finalise, entry fees, players' booklet and any other ancillary **documents**, in accordance with the timeline document.
- xi. **Responsible supervision** must be provided at all playing venues at all times, while play is in progress - ideally a Court Supervisor at each venue being used.
- xii. A **copy of these full Regulations** shall be available at each playing venue and included in the Player Booklet in a short form version.
- xiii. The full **program of matches** (times and locations) is to be displayed prominently at each venue in a position accessible to all. Progressive scores are to be calculated and be on display at each venue for viewing prior to, and during, each day's play. In the AIC results are to be regularly posted on the main scoreboard at the major venue.
- xiv. In respect of any **disagreements or disputes** regarding the interpretation and implementation of these guidelines, rules and regulations, the final decision will rest with the TD in consultation with the Referee for tennis related matters, and with the TSA Executive in respect of organisational/administrative matters.

2. STRUCTURE, FORMAT AND RULES OF THE ATC

- i. Men's and Women's teams from all States are to compete in a round robin type tournament in the various Age Groups.
- ii. The State with the best overall Team Result will be awarded the perpetual TSA Teams Trophy for being the Premier State in the particular year.
- iii. Teams consist of ideally 5/6 players with a maximum of 8 players.
- iv. **Team members representing a particular State** must be permanent residents in that State, or regular playing members of a tennis club in that State and a **registered financial member** of their respective State and registered with their State or Territory Member Association – except that, with the consent of the

- OC, any team may include one player who does not meet these criteria. Players wishing to **vary their eligibility for a particular State** must first apply for clearance from their home State and they will be duly advised of the outcome of their application.
- v. Teams from **any country** may compete in the ATC including finals (if played), and are eligible for the perpetual TSA Teams Trophy, provided they have a minimum of 5 teams participating.
 - vi. **Combined teams** may be arranged between States all of whom shall advise the TSA Secretary of agreement for such teams. The teams will be eligible to score points for the perpetual TSA Teams Trophy and these points will be awarded to the State which has the most representatives in those teams. In the event there are equal number of players from two states in a team, the state that arranged the team will be awarded the points.
 - vii. Nominations must be made via the appropriate platform at the time. Players are to be listed in order of their current UTR rating if possible, players ranking maybe be used as a guide.
 - viii. **Refund of team entry fees will NOT be made for teams withdrawing** after the Teams have been submitted by the States and the draw has been made, unless under exceptional circumstances. **Payment** to be forwarded to the TSA Treasurer on receipt of a TSA Invoice for all teams registered from each state.
 - ix. **Changes to teams** after the close of nominations and after teams have been graded into sections, must be approved by the TD.
 - x. **Team gradings** must be submitted and approved by the TD and all competing States. In any situation where there is a lack of agreement on team grading, the TSA Executive shall adjudicate and make the final decision.
 - xi. In respect of the **preparation of the draw**, it is acknowledged that circumstances will vary year to year depending on the number of teams in each age group, and the number of teams in each section within an age group.
 - xii. The following **guidelines will be applied in preparing the draws** by the OC (or a representative thereof) and the TD, whose decision in this regard will be final:
 - The event will be played over 5 days.
 - Teams will ideally play at least 7-8 matches over the week.
 - A situation of teams playing each other 3 times should be avoided if possible.
 - The playing of finals is encouraged, if applicable, finals will be played on the final day of the ATC.
 - Matches will consist of “two six game set, with a seven (7) point masters tie-break at 5 games all.” format.
 - The **match rules** will be updated from time to time. They should be read and understood in conjunction with these Regulations.
 - xiii. Where a **playoff match** does not reach a result as defined in the match rules, due to weather or other adverse conditions, the team that finished higher in the section will be declared the winner.
 - xiv. It is the responsibility of each **team captain** to:
 - Check where they have finished in the round robin for their section and when and where they will be playing in playoff matches, if any
 - Accurately complete each match scorecard including the final result. The full names of all players, including fill-ins, shall be written on the scorecards.
 - Both Team captains must sign their team match scorecard at the venue, the **‘home’** team captain enter results into Match Centre. Results will stand subject to the following regulation.

- xv. **If the TD finds there is a calculation error**, where the total points do not add up to 10, or where the card is incomplete, he/she may at his/her discretion, confer with the 2 team captains in order to rectify and correct the scorecard.
- xvi. **Finals**, if they are to be played, are played to a finish, unless due to weather or other adverse conditions this cannot be achieved. If no result has been achieved i.e. 4 sets have not been completed then the team that finished higher in the section after the round robin will be declared the winner. If a final is completed and the result is drawn on sets/games, the team that won the head to head during the rounds will be deemed the winner.
- xvii. Finals matches, if possible, are to be played at the 1.20pm time slots on the final day of competition and should be played at the main venue.
- xviii. **Court allocation and time draw**
- The first named team in the Time Draw is to be regarded as the **Home Team**. The Home team is also responsible to collect the score card and 4 new balls from the Tournament Supervisor at the particular venue.
 - It is the responsibility of the **HOME team Captain to return the score card and balls** to the Venue Supervisor. In the case of a draw, a cancelled match or an incomplete match, the home team Captain is responsible for returning the score card and balls. In the event that the score card is not returned, all scores will be forfeited by the responsible team.
 - In order to play **four matches each day**, matches will be played during the following **allotted time slots**:

8.00am to 10.30am: 10.40am – 1.10pm: 1.20pm – 3.50pm: 4.00pm – 6.30pm
- xix. Other than for finals if played, **the stipulated 2½ hours per match shall be adhered to**. Alternative or additional playing times will not be scheduled for a match to make up any lost playing time.
- xx. Sections should be drawn so that wherever possible teams play their two matches at the **one venue** on any one particular day. As far as practical, venues should be rotated to give all teams in the various Age Group Sections equal advantage. Wherever possible, the older Age Groups are to be drawn to play on courts of natural grass in preference to synthetic grass, synthetic grass in preference to clay, clay in preference to hard court.
- xxi. Sections drawn to play at the 8.00am and 1.20pm time slots on any one day should be drawn to play the 10.40am and 4.00pm time slots the following day and subsequently alternating where possible.
- xxii. **Weather conditions**
- The Referee and TD shall be responsible to continually **monitor the weather conditions** and determine the suitability for play in conditions of excessive wind, rain, lightning, smoke or heat.
 - The **Referee in consultation with the TD shall have full authority to stop play** if playing conditions are considered unsafe for players.
 - The Referee shall be guided by the provisions of the Tennis Australia "Extreme Weather Policy" which can be sourced at [Extreme Weather Policy](#)
 - The Referee and TD are to suspend play at all affected venues until, in their view and according to the policy, play is safe to resume.

- During the period of suspension of play, all competitors scheduled to play throughout the day must remain at their court venues. Immediately it is decided that play should resume, players must return to their respective courts and resume play from the exact point where play ceased.

xxiii. **Playing Format**

- Players are to report to the allocated court **fifteen minutes before** the scheduled commencement time.
- **Matches shall consist of four (4) doubles rubbers** played on two (2) courts. Each rubber shall consist of two sets, first to six games with a seven (7) point masters tie-break at five games all. During the tie-break, players will change ends after the first point and thereafter every four (4) points in keeping with the ITF Seniors Regulations.
- **Matches must be played to completion within the time allotted** and not stopped earlier because a match decision has been reached. Every set won may affect the team's final position and the State's scoring for the perpetual TSA Teams Trophy.
- **Play shall begin on time.** The start and finish time to a playing session will occur when the **"whistle" blows**. When the start of the match is indicated, players arriving late are not entitled to a practice warm up. Matches must start promptly. When the "whistle" denotes the finish of a playing session, a point "in play" shall be completed and scored.
- Once players are available to start the third and fourth rubbers, i.e. if the third rubber can commence after any of the 1st two rubbers are completed, play shall commence without delay.
- Players are entitled to use the cross over period between rubbers for their **warm-up time**. Once players are available to start the third and fourth rubbers, play shall commence without delay, no hit-up will be permitted ... unless a new player is introduced, or players have to change court surfaces when a 3 minute warm-up is permitted. New players must be ready to commence to warm-up as soon as one of their match courts becomes available. **Time delaying tactics** will not be tolerated. Where this is brought to the attention of the Referee, under time violation rules, may give a warning in the first instance and thereafter impose a penalty point for each subsequent violation.
- If **play has been suspended for more than 30 minutes**, players will be entitled to a warm-up not exceeding 5 minutes for the first match of the day and 3 minutes in subsequent matches.
- If one court finishes first, players for the next match cannot practice on the spare court until the entire match is finalised. Matches **MUST** not start before the scheduled time.

xxiv. **Captains toss**

- The winner shall have the right to choose courts throughout the match. The 'home' Captain shall list on the score card his/her pairings for the first two rubbers. The 'opposing' Captain shall then list his/her pairings. Note that the 'home' Captain may fold the score card back if he/she desires to momentarily 'keep the lid' on his/her pairings
- After the completion of the first two rubbers, the 'home' Captain shall list his/her pairings for the third and fourth rubbers. In turn the 'opposing' Captain shall complete his/her pairings.
- On each court, players shall toss to determine the right to serve/receive or have the choice of ends or give the opponents the right to choose.

- xxv. **Pairings.** Throughout the match Captains may play their **pairings** in any combination, except that the pairings nominated for the third and fourth rubbers must not be the same as those pairings that played the first two rubbers. Any eligible team member may be introduced after the first two rubbers to play in the third and fourth rubbers. **No more than 6 players in a team may participate in any one match for the 30 to 70 age groups. For the 75 and higher age groups no more than 7 players may participate in any one match.**

- xxvi. **Illness or injury.** During a match, if a **player becomes ill or is injured** during play, and is unable to continue, then that set shall be forfeited. The following specifically applies: if a player becomes ill or is injured in the first set of any rubber, that set is forfeited and another registered member of the team may replace the injured player and play in the second set – or – if after completion of the first set of any rubber a player is unable to play in the second set of the rubber, then the second set of that rubber shall be forfeited. Once an ill or injured player retires from the court, they are ineligible to play again in that particular match. Players who are injured and replaced by another member of their team, their details must be included on the match card. An Incident/Accident Report should be completed and handed to TD/Referee for any future Insurance claim purposes.
- If due to injury, heat exhaustion or emergency, a **team cannot field four of its registered players**, a registered player from the same State from an older Age Group or from a lower graded team of the same Age Group may be substituted provided the replacement player is of the same or lower rating of the player being replaced. The replacement player shall then play the full match. Such replacement requires the prior approval of the TD.
- xxvii. **Ineligible or unregistered players.** If a team introduces an **ineligible or unregistered player** to allow a match to be played, the fact must be recorded on the scorecard, but the team will be penalised according to the penalty clause under “Scoring Method” in clause xxx. below.
- xxviii. **New players may not be introduced to a team** after the second session on Wednesday. Unless under exceptional circumstances where a team cannot field four of their registered members for the remainder of the week. The approval of the Tournament Director (TD) is required.
- xxix. **Players in finals matches must be registered members of their team.** In the event of an emergency, a replacement must be eligible as stated in clause xxvii. above. Such replacement is to be subject to the prior approval of the TD. In the event of uncertainty, the senior representative available from the State concerned must give an assurance that the substitute player is not stronger than the player being replaced.
- xxx. **Scoring Method**
- The top teams in each Section will be determined by the highest total number of match and set points won over the week of competition.
 - **A match is decided** when at least four sets have been completed and the time limit has been reached. The winning team of any match is decided on the number of sets won, and if sets are equal, the number of games shall decide. The winning team shall receive two (2) match points and one (1) set point for each set won and all scores are to be clearly recorded on the match score card. In an undecided match or in a drawn match where points and games are equal, each team will receive one (1) match point.
 - A team receiving a **forfeit** shall receive a credit of two (2) match points plus 8 sets points and 48 games, and the team forfeiting a match shall not receive any credit of sets or games. Two opposing teams failing to play a scheduled match for any reason whatsoever will not receive any credit of sets or games.
 - In the event of wet weather or other stoppage, the following shall apply:
 - A **cancelled match** is one in which there is no play at all. In this case both teams receive a credit of one match point plus 4 sets points and 24 games towards the final result of the round robin competition.
 - An **undecided match** is one where a decision has not been reached i.e. 4 sets have not been completed. Each team will receive a credit for the sets and games they have won plus ½ a set credit for each incomplete or unplayed set and one match point each for an undecided match.
 - **Where a decision has been reached**, the winning team will receive 2 match points and a credit for the sets and games they have won plus ½ set credit for each incomplete or unplayed set.

- **Penalty for ineligible players.** Where a team introduces an **ineligible player** to allow a match to be played, the subsequent actual sets scores involving that player must be forfeited and each scored 0-6 to the opposing team. The team forfeiting sets will receive a credit for the sets and games won by its eligible players.
- Should any team be **unable to provide a pairing(s)** to start either/both of the first two rubbers within 15 minutes of the scheduled starting time of the match, then the rubber(s) shall be forfeited. The 3rd and 4th rubbers must start as soon as practical and without undue delay. If a match cannot commence after one hour of the starting time, that match shall be forfeited.
- To determine **winners or which teams will compete in finals and/or play-offs**, the ranking positions in all age group sections will be determined on the points scored in the round-robin competition. Where the teams are tied on points, sets won will determine the rankings. Where teams are still tied on points and sets, games won will determine the rankings. If teams are still tied on points, sets and games, the head-to-head results will determine the rankings of the tied teams.

xxxi. **Entering Results in Match Centre**

- The **'home'** team shall be responsible for the entry of results in Match Centre, whether the match is won or lost (including by forfeit), drawn, incomplete or not played (ie abandoned or cancelled) shall be submitted immediately at the conclusion of the match. The **'home'** team is responsible for the return of the completed scorecard and balls to the Venue Convenor.
The **'opposing'** team shall be responsible for confirming or disputing of the results in Match Centre within one hour after the conclusion of the match.
The Tournament Director (TD) reserves the right to amend incorrect Match Centre entries.

xxxii. **Uniforms Policy**

- All members representing a State must wear the uniform of that State while playing in matches. The TD in conjunction with the Referee shall be responsible to check and monitor player's dress to ensure players comply with this rule. Teams will be automatically forfeited one set in each match for each player contravening this Regulation. Players from a state who are playing in a team for another state may wear their own state uniform.

xxxiii. **Teams Trophy**

- The **Premier State** for the year shall be determined at the end of the ATC and is to be presented the perpetual TSA Teams Trophy. Team Trophy standings are NOT to be published after Tuesday evening and must be kept under wraps by the TD until the announcement at the Team Dinner.
- A State must have a minimum of 5 **teams to be eligible to participate** in competing for the trophy.
- **The winning State** will be decided by the best percentage (%) of sets won and credited against sets played and credited during the round robin matches by all teams from that State, including all unfinished and unplayed sets and playoff finals. Actual match points (as distinct from set points) awarded in the minor round matches are NOT to be counted in determining the team trophy.
- In the event of a **tie**, the State with the largest number of teams shall be declared the winner.

3. **SOCIAL PROGRAM**

- i. An Opening Ceremony and welcome function for all players should be held on the day preceding the ATC with the documentation (a players bag including a player booklet for the event being handed to all players).

- ii. The Opening Ceremony will include the Official Opening by the TSA President, representation of sponsors, necessary announcements by a representative of the OC and the National Anthem. The Host State is encouraged to keep the costing of this function to a minimum, and/or to recover costs by way of an attendance fee.
- iii. A Teams Dinner Function is to be held on the Friday night at the conclusion of the ATC, at which the major sponsor is to be asked to participate. To be included in this important event are:
 - Presentation to the Captain or each member of a winning team (asking them to stand to be recognised). A medal presentation identifiable to this event should be held at the venue after matches are concluded for winners and runners-up.
 - Presentation of the three awards: the Australian Senior Player of the Year Award; Australian Senior Administrator of the Year Award, and the Player Recognition Award, by the TSA President or nominee. All nominations made by the States are to be announced.
 - Hall of Fame inductees/elite or legends (if any) are to be awarded their trophy.
 - Presentation of the perpetual TSA Teams Trophy to the winning State. All States/Countries are to be announced in order from the team that finished last to the Winner.
- iv. The Host State is to ensure that the trophies for Australian Senior Player of the Year, Australian Senior Administrator of the Year, Player Recognition and the perpetual TSA Teams Trophy referred to above, are available for presentation.
- v. **AIC Presentation.** Where possible, at the completion of each final match, medals/prizes will be presented by the TSA President, Chairman of OC or major sponsor representative. The TSA President and/or major sponsor representative at the closing ceremony will present medals/prizes not presented at the completion of each final match, which is to be held at the conclusion of the last match.
- vi. **Closing Ceremony.** At the closing ceremony which is normally on the Friday afternoon at the conclusion of the AIC, the President of the Host State will hand the TSA Flag and banner to the TSA President who will hand them to the President/Senior Representative of the State designated as host for the following year.
- vii. **Other Social Functions.** The Host State may arrange other social activities considered desirable.

3. SPONSORSHIP AND PUBLICITY

Maximum exposure is to be given to sponsors in any published material and at playing venues and functions with the major sponsor receiving top billing. Every effort should be made to gain maximum media publicity before, during and after the events.

4. PLAYER TRANSPORT

Details of the special transport arrangements made by the OC, addresses of venues and approximate travelling times between playing venues are to be included in the Players booklet. The charging of a nominal fee for this transport is recommended.

5. FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

- i. The TSA Treasurer will liaise with the OC regarding financial arrangements for both the ATC and the AIC. The entry fees received for both events will be split between TSA and the Host State as per signed Deed of Agreement, with the objective of achieving a satisfactory financial outcome for both parties. All other costs including costs for TD, TM and Referees, are normally for the account of the Host State. (other than those for TSA meetings referred to earlier in this document).

6. REPORTS AND EVALUATIONS

- i. A final report on the ATC and the AIC, together with details of all results, are to be forwarded by the Host State to the TSA Secretary within twenty-one (21) days of the conclusion of the events, and in a format as determined by the TSA Executive.
- ii. **Financial Report.** It is essential that the Host State also furnish a full Income and Expenditure report on both the ATC and the AIC to the TSA Executive within 3 months of the event, again in a format and with detail as requested by the TSA Executive.
- iii. **Upon completion of the ATC the score cards shall be forwarded to the TSA designated person responsible for maintaining the historical record of the event.**

7. TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR'S JOB DESCRIPTION - ATC and AIC

- i. **Responsibilities**
 - **The TD is appointed to administer both the ATC and the AIC and is responsible and accountable for all aspects of the tennis activities including calling of entries, draws, time draws, court allocations and schedules, supply of balls, court supervision of matches, recording and publication of all results.**
 - **The TD has the responsibility to ensure that all results from the ATC and AIC are accurately recorded and reported.**
- ii. **Staffing**
 - The ATC and AIC have now grown to a significant size. The TD should therefore be experienced in conducting major tennis tournaments. Sufficient staff should be available to carry out the numerous tasks involved. This staff should be fully trained prior to the start of the events.
 - The Organising Committee may appoint a Tournament Manager, with the requisite skills to set up all draws and carry out all day-to-day recording of match results, ongoing scheduling and reporting during the tournament. This appointment should also be for both the ATC and the AIC.
- iii. **Facilities and Equipment**
 - The tournament office should be in an isolated position from players and others - quite separate from any tournament control box.
 - **Equipment:** Generally, the TD and TM will provide their own computer technology and programs, but ideally the Tournament Office should be equipped with printers, photocopiers, internet access and any other requirements as agreed. Walkie-talkies are also necessary for use by tournament officials.

8. CHECKLIST FOR AUSTRALIAN TEAM CARNIVAL and AUSTRALIAN INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

- i. **OC CHAIRMAN:** The holder of this position has a substantial workload and responsibility and should ideally not hold a major position such as President or Secretary of the Host State. The holder needs to be a well-organized person with a capacity to delegate to responsible and appropriate persons, prepared to make sacrifices of his/her time. Generally, it is a once in a lifetime position whose dedication is such as to ensure the success of the event.
- ii. **TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR:** Heads the match committee. This person requires patience, tact and dedication in dealing with entries, requests for partners, late withdrawals etc. Close liaison with the appointed TM and Referee is required. Additional helpers are needed during team's week in checking scorecards. It is also important to have several court supervisors at the main venue equipped with walkie-talkies and one at each other venue. TD may not play in the MT1000 (ITF Rule).
- iii. **TOURNAMENT MANAGER:** On/off site management of the Carnival. Creates the Carnival draw from information supplied by States/TSA/Tournament Director. For the AIC, accepting all payments online and publishing confirmation lists. On/off site management of the AIC.

- iv. **REFEREE:** For the ATC, the Referee shall ensure that all matches are played in accordance with current rules, regulations and policies. For the AIC, the Referee shall be a qualified Silver/Gold Badge referee. (ITF rule for MT1000). An ITF White Badge certified Referee may be permitted by the ITF but only where the individual has refereed the event in previous years. (ITF Rule)
- v. **TOURNAMENT CONTROL BOX:** All venues require a set area for the distribution and return of scorecards etc. Completed scorecards should not be accepted unless accompanied by the four balls. Sale of used balls can be a good source of income. A separate ball coordinator may be required to be responsible for distribution and return of balls from all venues. Balls and match cards can be sent out with first bus transport and returned with last bus.
- vi. **ORGANISING COMMITTEE MINUTES:** A copy of the minutes of Organising Committee Meetings are to be sent to TSA Secretary.
- vii. **PRACTICE COURTS:** Allocate practice courts for each State and advise times and courts on the Sunday prior to start of play on the Monday of the ATC. Practice balls should be provided by HS.
- viii. **TIMELINE DOCUMENT:** It is imperative that the OC follows and adheres to the timeline document that will be provided to them by TSA. It is suggested that progress against the timeline is recorded as part of OC meeting minutes.
- ix. **OPENING CEREMONY:** In conjunction with the TSA Executive, agree on VIPs to attend and issue invites, prepare the program and run sheet, do invitations to representative team members. Official party to comprise VIPS, Presidents of States or their deputies, the TSA Executive, any other special guests. Send out invitations to members of the Official Party including Presidents - specify type of clothing to be worn. Provide food/drink following the Opening Ceremony. Arrange a suitable celebration taking account of cost considerations. Levy a small attendance fee if necessary. Consult with the TSA Executive re special area for VIPs – this may or may not be considered necessary.
- x. **STATE FLAGS:** State/Country flags are to be “marched” on by flag-bearers as part of the Opening Ceremony. Ensure that flags are sourced for all States/Countries and that flag poles are available including Australian and Indigenous Flags. HS to march on last.
- xi. **MIDWEEK SOCIAL EVENTS AND SENIOR DINNERS:** Arrange a suitable “casual” event, not too expensive but appropriate for all participants. If appropriate also hold BBQ or other events during the week, preferably at the main venue. Monday and Tuesday nights are usually State Dinner nights.
- xii. **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:** In conjunction with TSA Executive arrange a suitable venue for AGM. Venue to fit the TSA Executive, delegates from each State plus other attending members. Arrange provision of drinks/tea/coffee and a light supper at conclusion of meeting, the cost to be met by TSA.
- xiii. **TEAMS DINNER DANCE:** Reserve suitable venue to hold up to 600 persons. Arrange printed Menu to include an order of proceedings, and possibly a full list of team’s events to be presented. Ensure well in advance that all Trophies are available. Winning team Captains may be presented with medals if not done previously.
- xiv. **TRANSPORT:** Transport between all playing venues is required. An appropriate cash donation for each trip should be encouraged. Ensure departure times are well publicised.
- xv. **MEDICAL SERVICES:** It is imperative that a physiotherapist/massage specialist is available during both weeks of the event, and a doctor should also be available on call. A fully equipped medical kit should be provided at each venue - bandages, antiseptic, strapping and ice packs etc. Including each venue should have a defibrillator on hand. Note: The HS must also meet ITF Regulations in relation to medical services and these should be checked by the HS.
- xvi. **SOUVENIR PROGRAM/MATCH DRAWS:** Arrange an appropriate Program which should include a Summary of Regulations relating to the ATC, messages of welcome, details of draws, transport, social and any other “housekeeping” details, list of competitors.
- xvii. **PLAYER PACKS:** Arrange items for inclusion such as tourist brochures, Souvenir Program, gifts with a local flavour, sunscreen, pens etc. HS Members will be required to assist with packing bags and to hand out on

Practice Day prior to the Opening Ceremony. Players who will be competing only in the AIC are also given a Player Pack on their arrival.

- xviii. **MERCHANDISE:** Host venue to decide if merchandise will be sold. Be conservative with the number of items and amount of each item. Preferable to not have a year printed so leftover items can be used at a later time.
- xix. **INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS WEEK:** Generally, it has been found that no formal social events are required but this is subject to agreement year by year. BBQs or other entertainment could be held at the main venue if there is sufficient interest.
- xx. **PRIZE MONEY AND AWARDS:** **AIC** Prize money is given (or collection of players bank account details) to winners and runners-up in all events unless the number of entrants in an event does not warrant a runners-up prize. This must be specified in advance. Medals should be given to all winners and runners up. Prizes need to be available in sufficient time so that after the completion of finals on any day the presentations can be made prior to players leaving.
- xxi. **PRESENTATION OF PRIZES:** A function is held on the final day. It is preferable to not state a time in advance and this should only be determined after final day's draw is ready. The Presentation Ceremony must not begin until the final match has been completed. Do not delay finals in case of rain or heat the following day. Arrange the most appropriate area at the main courts for the presentation including a working PA system. Drinks (at bar prices) and nibbles to be provided for players at conclusion.
- xxii. **CATERING:** Substantial catering is required at all venue(s). This should be available from 8.30am until completion of third time slot. During the ATC demand comes in bursts – before and after commencement of second and third time slots. Sandwiches/rolls should be prepared in advance. Small venues should have tea-making facilities at least on a DIY basis.

Some catering is required on the practice day prior to the start of the team's matches. The ATC finals day is a very big day requiring additional food and staff.