

# **RULES FOR 2016-2017 SENIOR INTERCLUB COMPETITION**

This rule book contains the rules for the interclub competitions conducted by Tennis Auckland Incorporated.

## **1. INTERPRETATIONS**

In these rules:

- 1.1 COMMITTEE means those persons appointed by the Board of Tennis Auckland Region Incorporated to administer interclub.
- 1.2 MATCH means one individual singles, doubles, or mixed doubles;
- 1.3 CONTEST means the matches between one team and another team in any grade, section or playoff.
- 1.4 PROMOTION-RELEGATION GRADE means any grade in which promotion and/or relegation occurs.
- 1.5 Words importing one gender shall include the other gender and words importing the singular or plural numbers shall include the plural or singular numbers as the case may be or as the context shall require.
- 1.6 In determining whether a grade or team is higher or lower than another grade or team:
  - (a) The Grades listed in Rules 4.1 and 4.2 are listed in descending order: and
  - (b) Open Grades are lower grades than those referred to in (a) above. Open Grades are numbered according to playing level with Open 1 being the highest Open Grade and
  - (c) Where a Club has more than one team in an Open Grade or competition the higher team shall be the team which had the higher number of team points for its nominated four or eight team members at the time the teams were entered into the Grade or competition.
- 1.7 PLAYER CONSENT FORM: No particular format is required, so long as the form makes it clear that the named player agrees to play for that Club for the coming season and must be signed and dated by the player.

## **2. AMENDMENTS**

These rules may be amended by an ordinary resolution at an Interclub Controllers Debrief meeting of Tennis Auckland and then passed in accordance with the rules governing notices of motion at a Delegates' meeting of Tennis Auckland, provided that an amendment made after the commencement of the interclub contests in any particular year will not take effect until the following year.

## **3. INTERCLUB COMMITTEE**

The Interclub Committee will have the following duties and powers:

- 3.1 To arrange and control all interclub competition;
- 3.2 To interpret these rules;
- 3.3 To decide any matters arising from the competitions not covered by these rules;
- 3.4 To disqualify any club or player or team for breach of these rules or to impose any penalty herein set forth;
- 3.5 In its discretion to order any contest or match to be replayed.

### **3A. APPLICATION OF RULES**

These Rules shall be applied and interpreted in the best interests of the game of tennis. The Committee may waive a Rule or make an exception to the strict interpretation of any Rule where it considers that to do so best reflects the spirit of these Rules and the good of the game of tennis. The Committee shall exercise this discretion sparingly and only in exceptional and genuine circumstances.

### **4. COMPETITIONS**

The following competitions should be held subject to the provisions of Rule 6.5

#### **4.1 Singles Competition Promotion – Relegation Grades**

- 4.1.1 SCARBRO Caro Bowl Men's - Maximum of 8 teams
- 4.1.2 SCARBRO Caro Bowl Women's - Maximum of 8 teams
- 4.1.3 Caro Bowl Reserve Men's - Maximum of 12 teams
- 4.1.4 Caro Bowl Reserve Women's - Maximum of 12 teams
- 4.1.5 First Grade Men's - Maximum of 24 teams
- 4.1.6 First Grade Women's - Maximum of 12 teams
- 4.1.7 Second Grade Men's - Maximum of 24 teams

#### **All Other Singles Grades**

- 4.1.8 Sections of a maximum of 12 Men's Teams graded on the total of four nominated teams member's points from the approved current Configure Rankings Singles Grading List. (The Configure Rankings grading list as at entry closing date). These sections will be called Men's 1, Men's 2 etc.
- 4.1.9 Sections of a maximum of 12 Women's Teams graded on the total of four nominated teams member's points from the approved current Configure Rankings Singles Grading List. (The Configure Rankings grading list as at entry closing date). These sections will be called Women's 1, Women's 2 etc.

#### **4.2 Presidents Mixed Doubles Competition – Promotion Relegation Grades**

- 4.2.1 Ferrier Cup Championship Doubles - Maximum of 12 teams
- 4.2.2 Presidents A Grade - Maximum of 12 teams

#### **All Other Presidents Mixed Doubles Grades**

- 4.2.3 Sections of a maximum of 12 teams graded on the total of eight nominated team members points from the approved current Configure Rankings Doubles Grading List. (The Configure Rankings grading list as at entry closing date). These sections will be called Presidents 1, Presidents 2 etc.

- 4.3 Super Tennis Competition - Refer Rule 20
- 4.4 Twilight Doubles Competition - Refer Rule 18
- 4.5 Twilight Singles Competition - Refer Rule 19
- 4.6 Ladies Singles Competition - Refer Rule 21
- 4.7 Winter Interclub Competition - Refer Rule 22
- 4.8 DELETED
- 4.9 The winner of the SCARBRO Caro Bowl competition shall hold the SCARBRO Caro Bowl for the ensuing year.

- 4.10 The winner of the Ferrier Cup shall hold the Ferrier Cup for the ensuing year.
- 4.11 In the Promotion Relegation grades a pennant will be awarded to the winning team in each grade.
- 4.12 In all other grades a Certificate will be awarded to the winner of each section.

## **5. COMPETITION ENTRIES AND ELIGIBILITY**

- 5.1 Where any grade is played in separate men's and women's sections, reference in the rules to that grade shall be reference to each of the two separate competitions within the grade.
- 5.2 **SCARBRO CARO BOWL**

SCARBRO Caro Bowl shall be the Championship Grade and shall consist of teams from eligible clubs provided that no club may enter more than TWO TEAMS in the SCARBRO Caro Bowl.

  - 5.2.1 At the conclusion of the season the top four teams with the highest points shall play a finals series/playoff to determine the winners of the competitions. The team finishing in the eighth position in the SCARBRO Caro Bowl Men's and the SCARBRO Caro Bowl Women's Grades shall be relegated. Where in any season there are less than eight teams in the competition, no team will be relegated that season.
  - 5.2.2 Special provision shall be made for the SCARBRO Caro Bowl competition to allow coaching while a match is in progress by the team coach or designated coach. Coaching shall only take place during the change of ends and shall not disrupt progress of the match. Each team is allowed no more than one coach or team member at the side of each court.
  - 5.2.3 Except for SCARBRO Caro Bowl the only persons allowed in the court area are the players playing their match. All other players and spectators must be outside the court area.
- 5.3 **Caro Bowl Reserve**

The Caro Bowl Reserve competition shall consist of teams from eligible clubs provided that no club may enter more than two teams in each of the Caro Bowl Reserve Men's and Caro Bowl Reserve Women's competitions. At the conclusion of the season only the winning team from the Caro Bowl Reserve Men's Grade and the Caro Bowl Reserve Women's Grade shall be eligible for promotion to Caro Bowl. Two men's teams and two women's teams shall be relegated from the respective Caro Bowl Reserve Grades. If the Club that wins the Caro Bowl Reserve Grade does not wish to take up promotion that Club shall put in writing to the Interclub Committee their reasons not to be promoted, but if that Club wins the Caro Bowl Reserve Grade the following season that Club must take up the promotion to Caro Bowl. This amendment will determine the promotion and relegation of teams at the end of the 2015/2016 season and onwards.
- 5.4 **First Grade**

The First Grade competition shall consist of teams from eligible clubs provided that no club may enter more than two teams for First Grade Women and four teams for First Grade Men and promotion-relegation rules shall apply to this grade and at the conclusion of the season, the winning team in each section of the men's and the top two teams in the women's section shall be promoted or at the discretion of the Interclub Committee where a written submission has been received by Tennis Auckland by 15th July for consideration not to take up the option of promotion but remain in the same grade or withdraw from this Promotion / Relegation Grade and the bottom 2 placed teams in each section of the men's and the bottom two teams of the women's shall be relegated from this grade, subject to Rule 5.11.

#### 5.5 Second Grade (Men)

The Second Grade shall consist of teams from eligible clubs provided that no club may enter more than four teams in the Second Grade and the promotion-relegation rules shall apply to this grade. At the conclusion of the season, in the men's competition the two top teams from section 1 and 2 will be promoted or at the discretion of the Interclub Committee where a written submission has been received by Tennis Auckland by 15th July for consideration not to take up the option of promotion but remain in the same grade or withdraw from this Promotion / Relegation Grade and the two bottom placed teams from section 3 and 4 shall be relegated from this grade. In the women's competition the winner of each section shall be promoted and the bottom two teams of each section shall be relegated from this grade, subject to Rule 5.11.

#### 5.6 Open Men's 1 and Open Women's 1

Each grade shall consist of sections of a maximum of 12 men's teams and a maximum of 12 women's teams and at the conclusion of the season, the top four teams in the Men's 1 shall be promoted to Second Grade or at the discretion of the Interclub Committee where a written submission has been received by Tennis Auckland by 15th July for consideration not to take up the option of promotion but remain in the same grade or withdraw from this Promotion / Relegation Grade subject to Rule 5.11. and the top two teams in the Women's 1 shall be promoted to 1st Grade Women's or at the discretion of the Interclub Committee where a written submission has been received by Tennis Auckland by 15th July for consideration not to take up the option of promotion but remain in the same grade or withdraw from this Promotion / Relegation Grade subject to Rule 5.11.

#### 5.7 Ferrier Cup Championship Doubles

The Ferrier Cup Grade Doubles shall consist of teams from eligible clubs provided that no club may enter more than two teams in the Ferrier Cup Grade Doubles and the promotion-relegation rules shall apply to this grade and at the conclusion of the season, two teams shall be relegated from this grade, subject to Rule 5.11.

#### 5.8 President's A Grade Doubles

The President's A Grade Doubles shall consist of teams from eligible clubs provided that no club may enter more than two teams in the President's A Grade competition. The promotion-relegation rules shall apply to this grade and at the conclusion of the season, two teams shall be promoted or at the discretion of the Interclub Committee where a written submission has been received by Tennis Auckland by 15th July for consideration not to take up the option of promotion but remain in the same grade or withdraw from this Promotion / Relegation Grade and two teams shall be relegated from this grade, subject to Rule 5.11.

#### 5.9 Open Presidents 1

This grade shall consist of a section of a maximum of 12 teams graded on the total of the eight nominated team members points from the approved Tennis Auckland doubles grading list (Refer Rule 4.2.3) and at the conclusion of the season, the top two teams shall be promoted to Presidents A or at the discretion of the Interclub Committee where a written submission has been received by Tennis Auckland by 15th July for consideration not to take up the option of promotion but remain in the same grade or withdraw from this Promotion / Relegation Grade subject to Rule 5.11.

#### 5.10 All Other Grades

5.10.1 Each singles grade shall consist of a maximum of 12 men's teams or 12 women's teams graded from a total of the four nominated team member's points from the Configure Rankings singles grading list. (Refer Rules 4.1.9 and 4.1.10).

5.10.2 Each Presidents mixed doubles grade shall consist of a maximum of 12 teams graded from a total of the eight nominated team member's points from the Configure Rankings doubles grading list. (Refer Rule 4.2.3)

## 5.11 Grade Eligibility

Clubs eligible for the promotion-relegation grades shall be those clubs which had teams entered in that particular grade the previous season with the following exceptions:

- (a) The club with the lowest placed team and in the case of grades where more than one team is to be relegated, the clubs with the second lowest and third lowest placed teams the previous season as the case may be, shall be relegated to the grade immediately below and that club or those clubs shall be eligible for the grade immediately below, subject to (b) and (c) of this rule.
- (b) The club with the team winning the grade immediately below and in the case of grades where more than one team is to be promoted the clubs with the second and third placed teams as the case may be shall be promoted to the grade immediately above and that club or those clubs eligible for the grade immediately above.
- (c) Nothing in this rule shall permit a club to enter more than the maximum number of teams permitted to that club in any grade and if for this reason a club or clubs that would otherwise be eligible for promotion to the grade immediately above not be eligible for promotion then the club or clubs with the next placed teams in that grade shall be eligible for promotion to the grade above provided that in grades where one team is to be promoted only clubs with a team that finished in the first three positions shall be eligible for promotion and in grades where two teams are to be promoted only clubs with a team that finished in the first four positions shall be eligible for promotion and in grades where three teams are to be promoted, only clubs with a team that finished in the first five positions shall be eligible.
- (d) For Open Men 1 Grade ONLY – The top four teams to be promoted. If one of these eligible teams does not take up promotion to 2nd grade Men, Tennis Auckland will wait until the following seasons open men's submitted team entries are received and promote the team/s who have/has the highest total team points from these submitted entries.
- (e) Nothing in this rule shall apply to the Promotion / Relegation between Scarbro Caro Bowl men and Caro Reserve Men and Scarbro Caro Bowl Women and Caro Bowl Reserve Women.
- (f) If a club feels it is unable to field a competitive team in a promotion/relegation grade (excluding SCARBRO Caro Bowl) it may request relegation to the immediate grade below. Such requests must be in the hands of Tennis Auckland prior to 15th July in any year.

The vacant position will be offered to the next eligible club/s in the grade immediately below as per rule 5.11 (c). If the promotion offer is accepted, that club shall be promoted and the club requesting relegation will be relegated to the grade immediately below.

Should no eligible club take up the offer of promotion then the Interclub Committee will ask the club requesting relegation if it wishes to withdraw its team from the promotion/relegation grades. The club then has **3 working days** from the receipt of this advice to advise the Interclub Committee of its decision.

- 5.11.1 Subject to the provisions of Rule 5, additional teams may be eligible for the promotion-relegation grades at the discretion of the committee.
- 5.11.2 Promotion and or relegation need not take place when there is fewer than the maximum permitted number of teams in the relevant grade.

5.12 Ladies' Midweek Grades

Entry conditions are contained in the ladies' midweek competition rules (refer Rule 21).

**6. ENTRIES**

- 6.1 Entries for all grades shall close at the association office on a date to be fixed annually by the association.
- 6.2 The date for commencement of play in each grade shall be fixed annually by the association.
- 6.3 An entry fee payable with the entry for each team shall be set each year by the association.
- 6.4 The committee shall have the power to regrade any entry.
- 6.5 The committee shall have the power to declare any competition abandoned for any season should the committee in its absolute discretion consider that insufficient entries have been received in that particular grade, provided that clubs who have entered in any abandoned grade shall be given the opportunity to make entries in other grades.
- 6.6 The total number of teams entered by any club in interclub shall be restricted as follows:
- 6.6.1 A club may enter one team of eight persons for every 15 full playing members of the club;
- The number of full-playing members to be determined by the affiliation levy returned by the club for the previous season provided that additional affiliations made after the annual general meeting of the association shall not qualify for the assessment of entries.
- 6.6.2 A team consisting of four persons shall be considered to be half a team under this rule.
- 6.6.3 No club may enter four or more teams at any time unless they can provide sufficient courts to accommodate two contests.
- 6.6.4 If a club is newly affiliated, its full-playing membership as advised to the association in the club's application to affiliate shall be the basis for the club's entry of interclub teams and payment shall not eventually be made for fewer members than the numbers so indicated.

**7. TEAM LIST**

- 7.1 Each club will each season submit a Singles and/or Doubles team for each competition into the Configure Ranking electronic system (excluding SCARBRO Caro Bowl)
- 7.1.1 The team lists for SCARBRO Caro Bowl, along with individual Player Consent Forms (1.7 Interpretations) for all players listed, shall be forwarded to the committee in playing order before September 1 in any year, subject to Rule 7.9.
- 7.1.2 The ranking of grades for the purposes of these rules shall be the order as listed in Rules 4.1, 4.2.
- 7.1.3 For all other grades, team lists as submitted on Configure Rankings for singles and/or doubles respectively shall be the list accepted by the committee to be as at the entry closing date notified each year.
- 7.1.4. All team lists shall show 8 regular players for president's grades (4 women and 4 men) or 4 regular players for all other grades from which the grading list points (to be as at the notified entry closing date) will provide the team total. Teams will be placed in sections appropriate to the team composition.
- 7.1.5. The team list shall show the names of sufficient players available to fill all teams entered by that club in all competitions.

- 7.2 The players shown on the team lists shall be subject to Rule 7.1.
- 7.2.1 Players may be shown on a team list for both singles and President's Mixed Doubles competitions.
- 7.2.2 Players shown on a Scarbro Caro Bowl team list are ineligible for President's Mixed Doubles competitions. Players graded in Scarbro Caro Bowl who are 35 years+ are eligible to play Ferrier.
- 7.2.3 Players shown on Caro Bowl Reserve (Men and Women) and First Grade Men's Team lists may play no lower than the Ferrier Cup in the doubles competitions.
- 7.2.4 Players shown on a Second Grade Men's team list may play no lower than Open President's 1 Grade in the doubles competition.
- 7.2.5 Players shown on a 1st Grade Women's team list may play no lower than President A Grade in the doubles competition.
- 7.3 A player shown on the team list for any team may not play in a lower Grade / Team notwithstanding that player may not have played in any contest or contests in the grade in which that player is listed.
- 7.4 In promotion relegation grades, if a club enters more than one team in the same grade, these team compositions can be balanced (for example each team can be made up of two S2 and two S3 players). The teams will be numbered team 1 and team 2 (and where applicable team 3 and team 4) but once these teams have been named players cannot interchange.
- 7.5 Any club may at any time forward an amended team list or add further players to the team list by completing the Tennis Auckland Addition-Deletions form and this will be deemed to be an application to re-grade players under these rules; with the exception of SCARBRO Caro Bowl application for alterations to a club's team list must be received by the committee by the Wednesday following the contest;
- 7.5.1 With the exception of promotion-relegation grades, after the start of the interclub competition, any player who is not registered on the appropriate team list and plays in a team shall be deemed to be on that team list for the duration of the competition.
- 7.6 Application for alterations to SCARBRO Caro Bowl team lists must be received by the Committee by the Wednesday before the contest notwithstanding anything herein contained amendments or additions to the team list or playing order for SCARBRO Caro Bowl shall not be permitted after the 30th October. No player is eligible to play or play up to SCARBRO Caro Bowl if they are not listed on any team list for the club by the Wednesday prior to the contest.
- 7.6.1 For all other Promotion Relegation grades, any player not included on such team list before February 1 in each year may not play in these contests. Any player added to an open grade team list after February 1 may be eligible to play two contests in a Promotion/Relegation grade but may not play a third and subsequent time to become a member of a Promotion/Relegation team. If the committee in its absolute discretion considers that exceptional and genuine circumstances exist it may grant an exemption to this rule.
- 7.6.2 Where a transfer is involved (Rule 9) a player or players may not be added to a team list after November 1 in each year unless the Committee in its absolute discretion considers that exceptional and genuine circumstances exist in which case it may grant an exemption to this rule.
- 7.7 For all President Grades players must be 30 years and over in the current playing season. i.e. from 1st September to 30th April of any season.
- 7.7.1 Where a club enters players who are under 30 years of age on their President's team list, either as a player or as a reserve, they must be declared as under 30 years of age and reasons provided for their inclusion. Such players must be approved for Presidents Grade by the committee whose decision shall be final.

- 7.8 The committee has the power to regrade any player on a team list and may call on a club to produce evidence of match results to justify its grading, and it shall be the committee's duty to regrade a player or players whenever it considers grading is not in accordance with the results of any recent matches or grading.
- 7.8.1 The committee has the power to call on a club to produce evidence as to the availability of a player included in a grading list, and if the committee is not satisfied that the club has reasonable grounds to believe that the player would be available for interclub competition then the committee may delete that player's name from the team list.
- 7.9 If the committee questions any gradings, it may obtain the opinion of the Tennis Auckland selectors and in the event of any subsequent appeal, such opinion shall be available to all parties concerned in the appeal.
- 7.10 A player who is on a team list or has played more than two contests for his club in any one grade/team will not be permitted to play in any lower grade/team in the same competition in the same season without application having first been made to the committee to have such player regraded. Where a player plays more than two contests in any higher grade/team, that player then becomes a member of the lowest team/grade that they played up for (with the exception of Rule 7.6.1).
- 7.10.1 Once a player has been added to a higher team, that player is eligible to play up again in the same season.
- 7.11 The committee may consent to the regrading of a player to a lower grade where it is satisfied:
- 7.11.1 That the club's team lists show sufficient players of superior ability available to fill all teams entered in all higher grades, or of adequate ability for all teams in other divisions or sections of the same grade (whether such teams have yet to play, or have any further matches or not) and either.
- 7.11.2 The player has failed to justify his original grading and has played no more than twice in a higher grade; or
- 7.11.3 Special circumstances exist, details of which must be supplied to the committee in writing together with the application for regrading.

## **8. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY AND QUALIFICATIONS**

- 8.1 Players must be full-playing members of a club affiliated to Tennis Auckland and have paid through their club the levies due.
- 8.2 Age restrictions for eligibility in President's Grade is detailed in Rule 7.7.
- 8.3 A player may play for a different club in each of the following four (4) competitions in any season provided that that player is a financial member of the club for which he or she plays:
- (a) Senior Interclub Competitions as detailed in Rules 4.1, 4.2 and 4.3;
  - (b) Twilight Interclub as detailed in Rules 4.4 and 4.5;
  - (c) Ladies Midweek Doubles as detailed in Rule 4.6;
  - (d) Winter Interclub as detailed in Rule 4.7.
- A player may not, however, play for more than one club in any of the four (4) competitions listed in Rule 8.3 (i) to (iv) above in any season.
- 8.3.1 If a player plays for more than one club contrary to Rule 8.3 that player will for the remainder of the season be deemed to be a member of the club for which he or she was originally listed for. The club for which the player subsequently played shall lose all points for matches won by that player and all points for matches won by any other members of the team who played below the player in question in any contest and those points will be awarded to the opposing team.

- 8.3.2 To play for a different club in the Ladies' Midweek Doubles Competition a player shall comply with the requirements of Rule 3.2 of the Rules for Ladies Midweek Interclub.
- 8.4 In non promotion / relegation grades ONLY
- 8.4.1 Where a club has a player/s for whom they do not have a team or a team of an appropriate level, the Interclub Controller only with the approval of the player/s may submit the name/s of this player/s to Tennis Auckland interclub committee who will endeavour to form team/s with other players that have been submitted and are of a similar ability.
- 8.4.2 The Tennis Auckland interclub committee will:
- (a) Ratify that the player/s concerned do not have an appropriate team to play in their club
  - (b) As above, will attempt to form a team/s with other such players so as to provide competitive tennis.
- 8.4.3 In these situations the Tennis Auckland interclub committee will liaise with all parties to ensure the following:
- (a) Appropriate club and affiliation fees of said player/s are paid
  - (b) Team entry fee is paid
  - (c) What club courts will be used for this team/s
  - (d) Players would continue to use their allocated club player codes.
  - (e) Such teams will have the word (combined) on all their interclub draws.
- 8.5 No player may play for more than one team on any one day, except for juniors who may play both, junior interclub or school tennis in the morning and senior interclub on the same day.
- 8.6 No player may take part in any final, playoff or promotion relegation playoffs
- 8.6.1 In Scarbro Caro Bowl unless that player has already played in at least three contests for his club in that season in the same competition, as defined in Rule 4. (i.e. Rule 4.1 = Singles competition)
- 8.6.2 In the event of a club being unable to field a complete team in any final, playoff or promotion relegation playoffs, a player from a lower singles grade may play provided that they meet the requirements as listed. To be eligible to play, this player must be a current financial member of that club, be listed on a lower team list and have played a minimum of 2 matches in the current season in the same competitions (as per Rule 4.1). They may then return to their original team as per Rule 8.6.3.
- 8.6.3 The Player who plays up in a playoff in an emergency and has already played in the SCARBRO Caro Bowl twice in round robin play, is eligible to return to his original team / grade. This play up does not count.
- 8.7 No player may take part in a contest using other than his or her correct name and player code.
- 8.8 For all grades teams may include an unlimited number of players under the age of 15 years. Where clubs submit more than two juniors under the age of 15 in a team the club must nominate an adult from the club (not a parent) to accompany this team/s. Any juniors playing in the senior competition shall pay a full senior affiliation fee.

## 9. TRANSFERS

- 9.1 Any player who represents any club in interclub competition in a grade to which the promotion-relegation rules apply in any season may not in the immediately following season represent any other club in Interclub competition in a grade to which the promotion-relegation rules apply without first obtaining the consent in writing of the club which that player represented in the previous season and until such consent is obtained no club may include any player on its interclub team list which requires such consent as set out in this rule.
- 9.1.1 If a player does play for another club contrary to Rule 9.1 then
- (a) All points for matches won by that player and all points for matches won by any other member of the team who played below the player playing without consent in any contest shall be deducted and those points will be awarded to the opposing team.
  - (b) That player may play in a promotion-relegation grade only for the Club they played promotion-relegation for the previous season. For the purpose of transfers for the following season that player will be deemed to have played for this club and will therefore require a transfer to play in a promotion-relegation grade for another club in the following season.
- 9.2 The form of consent referred to in sub clause 1 of this rule shall be the completion of an official transfer form or such other form of release as the Interclub Committee shall accept by the club which is required to consent, such form of transfer to be submitted by the player or club seeking the consent to the transfer.
- 9.3 All requests for consent to transfer must be in the hands of Tennis Auckland 14 days prior to entry forms being submitted (2016/2017 season date will be 1<sup>ST</sup> August 2016).
- 9.4 Consent to transfer may not be unreasonably withheld by any club provided that the request is made within the time specified in this rule unless such exceptional and genuine circumstances are demonstrated to and accepted by the Interclub Committee.
- 9.5 A decision in respect of any request for consent to transfer must be communicated to the Interclub Committee and player and club concerned within 7 days of the receipt of the request for consent to transfer. If the decision is not forthcoming within this time then the Interclub Committee may make whatever decision they consider is applicable to the facts as known by the Interclub Committee.
- 9.6 Any player who has agreed to represent any club in a grade to which the promotion / relegation rules apply and to be included on the team list for that club for any season and who then wishes to represent another club in that season must obtain the consent in writing of the club which that player agreed to represent notwithstanding that team lists may not have been submitted to the Interclub Committee for its approval and the onus of showing that the request for consent should be granted shall be upon the player seeking consent notwithstanding anything else contained in this rule.

## 10. TEAM CONTENT AND PLAYING ORDER

- 10.1 Singles teams will consist of four persons and each contest will consist of four singles and two doubles matches; every member of the team will play one singles and unless a specialist doubles player is used, one doubles match. In SCARBRO Caro Bowl there is no limit to the number of specialist doubles players that can be used in any one contest. In all singles grades with the exception of SCARBRO Caro Bowl only ONE doubles specialist can be used in any one contest. Where a specialist doubles player has been named, the specialist doubles player/s must be graded as per their singles grading list and comply with Rule 10.1.1. SCARBRO CARO BOWL must comply with Rule 10.3.

10.1.1 Excluding SCARBRO Caro Bowl

If a specialist doubles player is used and is in a higher singles grading band than the listed players that are playing singles, this player must play in the top doubles. Where the number one singles player plays in both the singles and doubles in any contest, that player must play in the top doubles.

10.2 President's Grade teams will consist of four men and four women and each contest will consist of two men's doubles, two women's doubles, four mixed doubles; every member of the team will play one men's or one women's doubles match as the case may be and one mixed doubles match.

10.3 The playing order of players in the SCARBRO Caro Bowl shall be:

10.3.1 Singles - the approved playing order must be observed.

When a player is required to play up from a lower team on any given day this player must play below the players on that teams approved playing list regardless of their Configure Ranking Grade. If two players are required on any given day then these two players must play below the teams approved playing list but as per Rule 10.4.1 If both these players are in the same grading band either one can play above the other player or the lower graded player must play below the player in a higher grading band. If a player has played up three times as per Rule 7.10 they become a member of this team and the selectors will approve this players order on the team list.

10.3.2 Doubles - the highest graded player from the approved playing order must play in the number one doubles;

10.4 Caro Bowl Reserve, First & Second Grade, Ferrier Cup and Presidents A

10.4.1 In Caro Bowl Reserve, First and Second Grade competitions, players may play singles in any order within their grading band but a lower graded player must play below players in a higher grading band.

10.4.2 The player who plays in the number 1 singles position must play the number 1 doubles in any contest. (Refer Rule 10.1.1 if specialist doubles player plays)

10.4.3 In Ferrier Cup and Presidents A for the men's and women's doubles, a player from the highest grading band must play in the number one doubles combination on any given day.

For the Mixed Doubles, the number one men's doubles player must play in the number one mixed doubles on any given day and the remaining men shall play within their grading band (i.e. D4 above D5) and the women can play any mixed doubles combination.

10.5 All Other Grades

10.5.1 In all Open Grades including Open Men's 1 and Open Women's 1 a player from the highest grading band must play in the number 1 singles position. All other players may play in any order. The player who plays in the number 1 singles position must play in the number 1 doubles in any contest. (Refer Rule 10.1.1 if specialist doubles player plays)

10.5.2 In all Open Presidents grades including Open Presidents 1, for the men's and women's doubles, a player from the highest grading band must play in the number one doubles combination on any given day.

For the Mixed Doubles, the number one men's doubles player must play in the number one mixed doubles on any given day and the women can play any mixed doubles combination.

10.5.3 Tennis Auckland to check the playing order of Open Men 1, Open Women 1 and Open Presidents 1 (same as Promotion / Relegation grades). All other grades will be self-policing. A club will have two weeks from the date of a fixture to submit to Tennis Auckland in writing any complaints regarding the playing order of an opposing team.

- 10.6 When a player plays out of order in a contest, the number of offences shall be determined by the number of matches that gain a theoretical advantage by that action.
- 10.7 Unless otherwise directed by the Committee, the order of play in contests shall be:
- 10.7.1 Singles Competitions (4.1): No.2 doubles, No.1 doubles, No.4.singles, No.3 singles, No.2 singles, No.1 singles, provided that at club venues the host club shall decide on the playing of doubles or singles first;
  - 10.7.2 President's Grades: No.4 mixed doubles, No.3 mixed doubles, No.2 mixed doubles, No.1 mixed doubles, No.2 doubles, and No.1 doubles.
  - 10.7.3 No game shall be defaulted provided that there are sufficient players available to fill the assigned courts and games are not held up.
- 10.8 In any grade, in which the committee considers there are too many teams entered for the grade to be played in one section, they shall be divided into two or more sections.

## **11. SECTION AND GRADE WINNERS**

- 11.1 Points shall be awarded to teams taking part in each contest in the following manner;
- 11.2 Each team shall receive one point for every match won by that team in the contest. The team winning the greater number of matches in the contest shall receive two additional points. Should the teams win an equal number of matches then a count back of sets won shall determine the winner of the contest and allocation of the two additional points. If on a count back the sets are equal then a count back of games shall determine the winner of the contest and allocation of the two additional points. If on a count back the games won are equal then the additional two points shall be shared one each. A 3rd set SUPER tiebreaker is counted as a set when a set count back is required. If sets are even and a count back of games is required then the Super Tie Breaker Is then counted as a game therefore the Super Tie Breaker could potentially have two values.
- 11.3 The team gaining the greater number of points in all contests during a season shall be the winner of that grade or section. If a competition is played in more than one section or the grade is to include a final series, the committee shall hold a playoff or final series to determine who shall be the winner of the grade.
- 11.4 For all grades EXCEPT SCARBRO CARO BOWL should teams finish equal on points at the end of a competition where Promotion or Relegation and winning of a grade is involved, then all the contests involving the tied teams shall be recounted. The total sets won less the sets lost shall be calculated and if necessary games won less games lost shall be counted. If this procedure fails to produce a clear winner or loser and a tie therefore eventuates there shall be a playoff arranged. In these calculations a tiebreaker played in lieu of the third set shall count as one set and in the event of a game count back being required as one game.
- 11.4 1 For SCARBRO CARO BOWL ONLY – Should teams finish equal on points at the end of the round robin, the team that won the most ties will be deemed to be first. If teams have the same number of winning ties then the decision will be made on who beat who when they played each other in the round robin. If still equal then a count back of all contests in the round robin of sets and games will be required. This also applies for relegation of teams.
- 11.5 All playoff matches shall be the best of three tiebreaker sets. Should any playoff result in a tie between teams then a count back as provided in Rule 11.4 shall take place.
- 11.6 Every team in a section shall play every other team in that section.

## **12. SUBSTITUTES**

- 12.1 If a player in a team is unable to play, a substitute (being a player qualified to play in that team according to the team list) may be played in a position in that team. A player who is not a nominated team member may reserve in a team/teams as long as their grading band (i.e. S2, D3 etc) is not higher than the top graded player on that teams submitted team list.

- 12.2 If a substitute cannot be obtained then all players must be moved to the highest positions possible in the team.
- 12.3 With the exception of SCARBRO Caro Bowl no player may be substituted once that player has commenced to play a match in the contest.
- 12.4 The only exception to Rule 12.2 is where the contest has commenced before a team is aware that a substitute is required, in which case those players who have not commenced their matches shall play in the highest possible positions and a substitute can then be played providing the order of play is in accordance with Rule 10.3 to 10.5. But if these rules cannot be complied with then the team must default such matches where the order cannot be complied with.
- 12.5 If in a contest a match is defaulted in other than the bottom position, or a player fails to complete a match due to an injury received prior to the match, then the club concerned must satisfy the committee that it was unaware that a substitute would be required.
- 12.6 If a player is injured or falls ill during his first match in a contest and has to default this match, this player is still eligible to play in their second match in that contest.
- 12.7 If a team has to default a doubles match on any given day then the doubles match to be defaulted is the bottom doubles. This applies to all singles competitions, Twilight and Super Tennis. In Presidents Grades the doubles relevant to the combination that the defaulting player is named in would be the doubles combination to be defaulted.

### **13. CAPTAINS AND TEAMSHEETS**

- 13.1 A captain must be nominated with each entry and should a captain not be so nominated then the first man or woman in the team shall act as captain.
- 13.2 With the exception of SCARBRO Caro Bowl, fifteen minutes before a contest commences each captain shall hand to the other captain a team sheet showing the playing order for singles, doubles and mixed doubles, and this team order may not be departed from unless a substitute is played in accordance with Rule 12.
  - 13.2.1 For all SCARBRO Caro Bowl contests captains will name the playing order for the first matches to be played be it singles or doubles, fifteen minutes before a contest commences. At the conclusion of these matches the teams shall have a maximum of 10 minutes to name their team for the remainder of the contest. Rule 10.3.1 and Rule 10.3.2 must be adhered to.
- 13.3 The captain or nominated person from the winning team will enter the results into the Configure Ranking electronic system by 5:00pm the Tuesday following the contest. The correctly completed team sheets must be signed by both captains and include the player codes. Such team sheets are to be kept for 4 weeks after the end of the competition and to be made available to the committee at the association office within 5 working days if requested to do so by the committee.

### **14. CONTESTS**

- 14.1 The starting time for contests shall be the time specified on the draw.
  - 14.1.1 Earlier starting times may be agreed on by the captains of each team in special circumstances.
- 14.2 No contest shall be commenced or continued if the weather or court conditions are not suitable for play: at club courts, the ground committee or its representative, and at association courts, the representative of the association shall be the sole judge as to whether conditions are suitable for play.
  - 14.2.1 With the exception of contests commencing at 3pm, no match may commence after 5pm without agreement of both teams.
  - 14.2.2 In the event of inclement weather no contest shall be postponed before two hours after the scheduled commencement time. e.g.: Interclub starting at 12pm should NOT be postponed before 2pm.

- 14.3 If any contest between teams containing six or more members, three or more matches have been completed and if in contests between teams containing four members, two or more matches have been completed before play ceases for the day, then the contest shall be completed within sixteen days of its commencement from the point at which play ceased; where fewer than this number of matches have been played, contests shall be cancelled, the committee must be advised immediately and it shall arrange another contest for a later date.
- 14.4 If a contest is required to be completed under Rule 14.3, the team captains shall arrange the playing of the remaining matches, provided that either captain advises the committee by 5:00pm the Tuesday following the contest. If it considers that the opposing captain is not cooperating in the arrangement of any match; the committee shall then assume control of the contest and may transfer any match to any other venue if this is necessary to complete the contest.
- 14.5 Except for SCARBRO Caro Bowl and playoff matches (refer Rule 11.5) all doubles and mixed doubles matches shall be decided by the best of two tiebreaker sets (first to seven (7) points with a two (2) point advantage), the tiebreaker shall apply at six games all in any set; A SUPER TIEBREAKER (first to 10 points with a two point advantage) will be played to decide the winner of a match if the score is one set all.
- 14.6 ALL singles matches shall be decided by the best of three 12-point tiebreaker sets; the tiebreaker shall apply at six games all in any set.
- 14.6.1 ALL SCARBRO Caro Bowl doubles matches shall be the same as ITF, ATP and WTA – shortened format. Sudden death deuce and the 3rd set to be super tiebreaker.
- 14.7 The knock-up for any match shall not exceed 5 minutes.
- 14.8 Any player may require an umpire for a match who shall in that case be arranged by agreement between the captains.
- 14.9 The Tennis New Zealand Code of Conduct shall be read and interpreted as part of these rules and shall apply to all contests under these rules.
- 14.10 If a player has been selected in a Tennis Auckland senior or junior representative tennis team, either as a player or as first emergency, but has declined selection for any reason, then that player cannot take part in interclub contests on the dates set down for such representative match and a substitute must be played by the club concerned.
- 14.11 If any team has half or more than half it's players selected in or officially representing Tennis Auckland or Tennis New Zealand or who have been directed by Tennis New Zealand to attend a pre-selection tournament or has three players involved in a combination of the above, then that team shall be granted a postponement and/or a new date for the contest which shall be scheduled on application to the committee at least seven days before the original scheduled date for the contest.
- 14.12 Default
- 14.12.1 Clubs shall notify the committee and the opposing team of any team or teams that must default a contest or contests at least 24 hours before the time set down for the playing of such contest or contests. Failure to so advise will result in a fine of \$50. If a team defaults a third time it will be withdrawn from the competition and relegated at the end of the season. When a team withdraws from a competition after a draw has been published it will be fined \$100 and relegated at the end of the season.
- 14.12.2 If no member of a team is ready to commence a contest within 30 minutes of the starting time, then that team shall lose the contest by default.
- 14.12.3 Unless with the mutual consent of both captains should a team not have available at the allocated courts to commence play the player or players first in the prescribed order at the prescribed starting time then that team shall lose that match by default, and should a team not have available to commence play the player or players second In the prescribed order within 10 minutes of

the prescribed starting time then that team shall lose that match by default and should a team not have available to commence play the player or players third in the prescribed order within 20 minutes of the prescribed starting time then that team shall lose that match by default, and if 30 minutes from the fixed starting time no play has taken place and matches have been won only by default then the contest will be awarded in accordance with the contest score at that time and the balance of matches awarded to the leading team, and where the contest score is level the remaining matches shall be evenly divided between the teams.

- 14.12.4 In all grades where a default has a bearing on the Promotion / Relegation positions or the winning of a grade; at the end of the season where a team has gained the maximum points from a default then the team/s that have been jeopardized by this default will also be credited with the maximum points from the contest when they played the defaulting team. A team that defaults from a contest on the date scheduled by the committee shall be fined \$50.
- 14.12.5 The committee has the power to order any match or matches defaulted to be replayed or the whole contest to be replayed and to impose the penalties contained in these rules including those contained in Rule 14.

## 15. COURT REQUIREMENTS

- 15.1 Clubs shall be required to provide courts for each interclub contest as provided for in Rules 15.1.1, 15.1.2 and 15.1.3, the host club to decide which courts are to be used for each contest; a club may elect to make courts available for additional contests at its courts and it shall indicate before the draw is made on which interclub days it can take additional contests.
  - 15.1.1 A club with less than four teams as provided for in Rule 6.6 shall be required to take one contest only on its courts each interclub day.
  - 15.1.2 A club with four or more teams as provided for in Rule 6.6 shall be required to take one contest and may be required to take two contests at its courts on each interclub day.
  - 15.1.3 A club with eight or more teams as provided for in Rule 6.6 may be required to take three contests on each interclub day.
- 15.1.4 At clubs the host club at their discretion has the right to change the court allocation on any given day.
- 15.2 Clubs shall be required to make the following number of courts available for the following contests:

Presidents Mixed Doubles competitions between teams of 8 members - 2courts; Singles and doubles competitions between teams of 4 members - 2courts;
- 15.3 Where a club proposes to use courts other than their club courts for interclub, such courts and its facilities must first be approved of sufficient standard by the committee.
- 15.4 Teams playing in the Tennis Auckland interclub competition shall use the adopted ball in the grades specified by the association, unless the club has arranged special dispensation from the committee. Unless by mutual agreement between the team captains one pair of new first grade tennis balls currently approved by the association shall be provided for each match, the cost to be shared by the clubs concerned. (2015/2016 – Wilson Australian Open ball)
  - 15.4.1 For SCARBRO Caro Bowl ONLY – unless by mutual agreement between the team captain/ manager- teams to supply three new first grade tennis balls for each match (the balls that are currently approved by the Association).

## **16. RETURNS**

- 16.1 If requested all team lists, team sheets, appeals and other returns required by these rules to be forwarded by clubs and teams, shall be posted or delivered to the committee at the Tennis Auckland office; P O Box 18 378, Glen Innes, Auckland 1743 or delivered to Scarbro Tennis Centre, 69 Merton Road, Glen Innes.

## **17. OFFENCES**

- 17.1 Every club commits an offence against these rules if it or its representative commits any breach of these rules.
- 17.2 Every player commits an offence against these rules who commits any breach of these rules or of the Tennis New Zealand Code of Conduct.
- 17.3 Every club that in the opinion of the committee commits an offence against these rules shall be liable at the discretion of the committee to any number of the following penalties:
- 17.3.1 A fine not exceeding \$50 and where the offence is a continuing one, to a fine of \$50 on every occasion on which the offence is committed.
- 17.3.2 To suspension of a team or teams from contests for whatever period the committee decides.
- 17.3.3 To the loss of points gained in contests involving a breach of these rules and the awarding of these points to the opposing team.
- 17.4 Every player who in the opinion of the committee commits an offence against these rules shall at the discretion of the committee be liable to either or both of the following penalties:
- 17.4.1 Suspension from contests for whatever period the committee decides;
- 17.4.2 Suspension from all or any events conducted by the association for whatever period the committee decides.
- 17.5 The penalties provided in this rule shall be in addition to any other penalties herein provided.
- 17.6 Where the Committee considers that a club or person has committed an offence against these Rules that club or person shall be advised forthwith of the alleged offence by the Committee by telephone, email or otherwise, and shall be given a reasonable opportunity to submit a case to the Committee if they so wish either in writing or in person or through a representative.
- 17.7 Any club that fails to pay a fine within one month of the imposition thereof or in the case of an appeal within one month of the final determinations of the appeal shall automatically be suspended from taking part in all contests until the fine has been paid.

## **18. TWILIGHT DOUBLES COMPETITIONS (Rule 4.4)**

Twilight midweek men's and ladies' doubles. Clubs may enter four-person teams in this competition which is separate from the main Saturday interclub competition and is additional to the total interclub allowance for each club. Any matter arising not covered in this rule shall be covered by the interclub rules before mentioned or by Rule 3.3.

- 18.1 Competition is open to entries from clubs.
- 18.2 Committee will structure the competition according to entries received.
- 18.3 Committee will limit entries if necessary.
- 18.4 Competition will be held during the weeks of summertime.
- 18.5 Reporting Time 6.15pm.
- 18.6 Contests start at 6.30pm.

- 18.7 Four-person teams: 1 & 2 and 3 & 4 play the first two doubles, 1 & 3 and 2 & 4 play the second two doubles. Players may play in any order from contest to contest.
- 18.8 Clubs must supply team lists showing the four regular players grading list points from the approved current grading list (Configure Rankings list supplied to clubs). Teams will be placed in sections of 12 for men's, 10 for women's (numbers permitting).
- 18.9 Contests shall be held on Mondays and Tuesday evenings. Entries shall specify a preference for the day. Players may play in both days if they wish.
- 18.10 SCARBRO Caro Bowl players are excluded.
- 18.11 Clubs must provide two courts for each contest and 1 pair of balls per team per contest.
- 18.12 Each match shall be two sets only using the sudden-death deuce concept. If one set all a SUPER TIEBREAKER will determine the result and in the event of a count back such a tiebreaker shall count as one set and if sets are even then the Super Tiebreaker is counted as a game.

## **19 TWILIGHT SINGLES COMPETITIONS (Rule 4.5)**

Twilight midweek men's and ladies' singles. Clubs may enter teams in this competition which is separate from the main Saturday interclub competition and is additional to the total interclub allowance for each club. Any matter arising not covered in this rule shall be covered by the interclub rules before mentioned or by Rule 3.3.

- 19.1 Competition is open to entries from clubs.
- 19.2 Committee will structure the competition according to entries received.
- 19.3 Committee will limit entries if necessary.
- 19.4 Competition will be held during the weeks of summertime.
- 19.5 Reporting Time 6.15pm.
- 19.6 Contests start at 6.30pm.
- 19.7 Players may play in any order from contest to contest. The contest shall comprise of two singles matches and one doubles match. Up to four persons may play in any one contest.
- 19.8 Clubs must supply team lists showing the regular players grading list points from the approved current grading list. Teams will be placed in sections of 12 for men's, 10 for women's (numbers permitting).
- 19.9 Contests shall be held on Mondays and Tuesday evenings. Entries shall specify a preference for the day. Players may play in both days if they wish.
- 19.10 SCARBRO Caro Bowl players are excluded.
- 19.11 Clubs must provide one court for each contest and 1 pair of balls per team per contest
- 19.12 Each match shall be two sets only using the sudden-death deuce concept. If one set all a SUPER TIEBREAKER will determine the result and in the event of a count back such a tiebreaker shall count as one set and if sets are even then the Super Tiebreaker is counted as a game.

## **20. SUPER TENNIS**

- 20.1 Team Format
  - 20.1.1 There are four players in each team who can play in any order. Each player will play three doubles matches, one with each team member, as time permits.
  - 20.1.2 The four players who start a contest are the only players able to be used in that contest.

- 20.1.3 To play in any play-off or finals series, a player must have played in this competition at least twice during the season.
- 20.1.4 1 pair of balls per team to be supplied for every contest.
- 20.2 Length of Matches
  - 20.2.1 Each match will consist of one set with the first to eight games being the winner. A SUPER tiebreaker will be played at 7 games all.
  - 20.2.2 A three minute hit up period shall apply to all matches.
  - 20.2.3 At the scheduled completion time (3.00pm or 6.00pm) play shall continue until the game in progress is completed, at which stage the pair with the most games is the winner of that set. If the games in this set are equal, then one point of the next game shall be played to determine the winner of that game and thus the set. The receiving pair shall decide which player receives the serve for this one point.
  - 20.2.4 The captain of the home team shall be the judge of when the scheduled completion time has arrived.
  - 20.2.5 If the contest is not finished at the scheduled completion time and the court being used is available for further play, then the contest may continue if both teams are in agreement.
- 20.3 Contest Points
  - 20.3.1 Each doubles match is worth one point to the winning pair.
  - 20.3.2 The team with the most points is the winner of the contest and will be awarded two bonus points.
  - 20.3.3 In the event that the points are tied at the end of a contest, then a count back of games won shall determine the winner of the contest and allocation of the two bonus points. If on a count back the games won are equal then the bonus points shall be shared one each.
  - 20.3.4 In the event of a time shortened match where neither pair has reached five games or more, then for count back purposes, the number of games won in this match shall be multiplied by two.
- 20.4 Late Arrival
  - 20.4.1 If a team pair is not available to commence play at the scheduled start time, then the pair can be penalised one game for every 5 minutes that they are late. If a pair is not available for play 15 minutes after the scheduled start time, then they lose that match by default. The start time for the second match is then 30 minutes after the scheduled start time.
  - 20.4.2 If a team has not arrived within 45 minutes of the scheduled start time, then that team loses by default.
  - 20.4.3 In the event of inclement weather the contest shall be postponed by the two teams at the scheduled venue at 12pm and or 3pm.
- 20.5 If courts are available at a home venue and if both teams agree, they can play at home courts – but must advise Tennis Auckland.

**21. LADIES MIDWEEK DOUBLES COMPETITIONS**  
(PLEASE REFER TO THE MIDWEEK LADIES RULES)

Ladies' tennis rules govern ladies' tennis, but where no special rule applies, the general rules of interclub tennis apply.

## **22. WINTER INTERCLUB**

There are two competitions, Competition one - singles and doubles, and Competition 2 - mixed doubles. These competitions are played on alternate Sunday's weekends during the winter months.

- 22.1 Play starts at 10:00am, earlier if by mutual agreement. Default time is 11:00am.
- 22.2 Each match consists of two tie breaker sets (first to 7 points with a two point advantage), third set to be a SUPER tie breaker (first to 10 points with a two point advantage).
- 22.3 Each match is worth one point. Bonus of two points to team winning overall. In the event of a draw at the end of a contest, then a count back of sets shall determine the winner of the contest and allocation of the two bonus points. If on a count back the sets are equal then a count back of games shall determine the winner of the contest and allocation of two bonus points. If on a count back the games won are equal then the two bonus points shall be shared one each.  

A 3rd set SUPER tiebreaker is counted as a set when a set count back is required. If sets are even and a count back of games is required then the Super Tie Breaker is then counted as a game therefore the Super Tie Breaker could potentially have two values.
- 22.4 Rain Outs - team captains to arrange alternative dates if no play occurs or less than half the matches have been completed. In this case the complete contest is replayed.
- 22.5 Incomplete Contests - if half the matches or more have been completed, the match is deemed to be completed and the remaining points will be shared, unless both teams agree to complete the contest at a later date using the same players. Half points will not be awarded.
- 22.6 Each team is to provide two pairs of balls.
- 22.7 The captain or nominated person from the winning team will enter the results into the Configure Ranking electronic system by 5:00pm the Tuesday following the contest. The correctly completed team sheets must be signed by both captains and include the player codes. Such team sheets are to be kept for 4 weeks after the end of the competition and to be made available to the committee at the association office within 5 working days if requested to do so by the committee.
- 22.8 All players must be financial members of the club they represent.
- 22.9 The committee reserves the right to change grades/combine grades or formats should entry numbers demand.

## **23. DELETED**

## **24. RIGHT OF APPEAL**

Any club shall have the right of appeal against any decision of the Interclub committee as follows:

- 24.1 Within 10 working days of the receipt in writing of the Interclub committee decision the club can request a mediation meeting with the Interclub committee, representatives from the club/s and an independent mediator. In the absence of an agreement the next stage will occur.
- 24.2 If the club wishes to appeal the decision from point (1) this must be done within 7 days of the receipt in writing of the mediation decision that is made. This appeal should be submitted to the Centre Judiciary Committee of Tennis Auckland.
- 24.3 A further right of appeal can be made against the decision of the Centre Judiciary Committee of Tennis Auckland to the Tennis New Zealand Judiciary Committee: such an appeal to be made in writing and within seven days of the receipt in writing of the decision of the Centre Judiciary Committee.