

# GENERAL COMPETITION AND TOURNAMENT BY-LAWS OF ETDTA

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## **1. RESTRICTION ON MEMBERS**

Except where special provision to the contrary is made, all tournaments and competitions of the Association shall be restricted to members.

Where ETDTA and another Association run a joint competition, each player must be a member of one of the Associations.

## **2. TENNIS ATTIRE**

Players are expected to wear clean clothes in good condition. Male players are not permitted to wear singlets. Tennis shoes of an approved type must be worn.

## **3. RULES OF PLAY**

Rules of Play and Code of Behaviour shall be those adopted by Tennis Australia, except as amended by any of this Association's competition and/or tournament by-laws.

## **4. COMPETITIONS**

Competitions follow on continually year round. No play during NSW State School Holidays.

All competitions shall consist of one, two or three rounds with six, eight or ten teams in each division. This may be varied at the discretion of the Competition Secretary/Committee.

## **5. COURT AVAILABILITY**

(a) The courts of all teams affiliated with this Association shall be made available to the Association on an equitable basis and upon reasonable request for the purposes of conducting the annual tournament, until completion thereof. Teams must also make available their courts for semi-finals and finals in all competitions.

(b) Courts will be allocated to teams who enter a competition. All efforts will be made for teams re-entering the next completion to retain this court but there may be occasions where a team will need to be moved to enable the competition to proceed.

(c) Teams will be responsible for the match fee for the duration of the competition.

## **6. ELIGIBILITY**

Players are eligible to play only for the team in which they are registered for each competition, unless permission is granted by the Competition Secretary as covered in By-Law 14.

## **7. REGISTRATIONS**

(a) In order to play in an ETDTA Inc. competition, players must hold current membership of ETDTA Inc., otherwise their registration is deemed to be incomplete. The only exception to this is a person who is a One-Time Player. This player is permitted to play once per competition without becoming a member of ETDTA Inc. Participation in further matches in the same competition necessitates that player becoming a member of ETDTA Inc.

(b) Players should register separately for each ETDTA Inc. competition in which they play, be it as a member of a team or as a pool player and this must be recorded on the result card. Team registrations for all competitions must be on the prescribed entry form, duly completed and accompanied by fees. The Entry Form must contain a list of players with their current email address, telephone number, and in the case of juniors, their birth date. The Captain of the team must

ensure that all those whose names appear on the form have given permission to be listed. Entries must be received at the time and place set down on the ETDTA Inc. website, the exception being teams formed under the supervision of the Competition Secretary. Players named on the original entry form must remain with that team for the duration of the competition, except with the agreement of the Council of Management.

- (c) Any team playing a non-member, other than a One-Time Player, shall have 2 points deducted from their point score.

## **8. LATE REGISTRATIONS**

- (a) If a team is unsure of the eligibility of a player they should check with the Competition Secretary prior to registering this player. If this is not done this player may be disqualified under By-Law 8(b).
- (b) The Competition Secretary will refer late registrations to the Competition Committee if doubt exists as to the eligibility of a player. Ratification of late registrations will be decided at a competition committee meeting if a complaint about the standard of a late registration is received by the Competition Secretary or Divisional Secretary within 48 hours of the player playing their first match. The captain of the team involved will be notified immediately a complaint is received, and then notified within seven days, or as soon as possible, of the outcome of the meeting. If any late registration is not ratified by the competition committee, all sets played by that player will be forfeited.
- (c) Late registrations must be written on the result card, and signed by the team captain, prior to the player's commencement in the match. The opposing team captain is to initial the result card to indicate that they have been so advised. It shall be the responsibility of the team captain to ensure that any late registration, with the exception of Division 1 where no player is ineligible, is in keeping with the grading of the team.
- (d) A player registered in the Reserve Pool may join a team as a late registration (provided the pool player is within the eligible grades for that team and approved by the Competition Secretary (By-Law 15)). Eligibility for the player to participate in Semi-finals and Finals (By-Law 19) will be measured from the date the pool player first played for the team in the current competition. However, matches played as a pool player for other teams will continue to be assessed under By-Law 14.
- (e) A member of ETDTA currently not registered in any team within the competition may play for a team as a replacement player in accordance with By-Law 14(d). The member will be deemed to have registered within that team upon the second time they play for the team.

## **9. GRADING**

- (a) All teams will be graded by the relevant Competition Committee.
- (b) Any player who, in the opinion of the competition committee, is of a higher standard than the division their team is graded is deemed to be a graded player. This player may not be borrowed to play below the division the Competition Secretary nominates and must play for their own team a minimum of 5 times in order to be eligible to play in the finals series.
- (c) Teams will be promoted or demoted between divisions for each competition at the discretion of the relevant Competition Secretary/Committee. In general the basis for promotion/relegation will be the team's results from the previous competition.

## 10. RESULT CARD/SHEET

The result card/sheet can be collected at the courts or printed from the Internet, and the home captain is responsible for completion and placing result card for collection by Competition Secretary at the place specified. If a result card/sheet is not received then no points will be allocated until the teams involved in that match deliver the result card to the Competition Secretary or the ETDTA Office/Shop.

## 11. PLAYING PROCEDURE

### (a) Competition Rounds

- i) **Match Fee:** The match fee must be paid prior to the commencement of the match. Tennis balls will be supplied to the home team once the match fee has been paid.
- ii) **Nominating Players:** Players are numbered 1-4 (not seeded) and the result card/sheet are printed with the format. Captains are to nominate numbers prior to the commencement of play and no alterations may be made after commencement of the match. The visiting team is to nominate player numbers first.
- iii) **Toss:** Prior to commencement of warm-up there shall be a toss. The winner of the toss will get the right to elect for the nominated to choose:
  - to be server or receiver in the first game of the set, in which case the opponent(s) shall choose the end of the court for the first game of the match;
  - the end of the court for the first game of the set, in which case the opponent(s) shall choose to be server or receiver for the first game of the match;
  - to compel the opponent(s) to make one of the above choices.

The nominated sets are defined within the competition specific by-laws (By-Law 22).

- iv) **Warmup:** A warm-up is permitted prior to the commencement of the first and second sets. In order to allow matches to finish, this warm-up should be limited to 2 minutes for evening competitions and 5 minutes for daytime competitions. Hit-ups are allowed up to 15 minutes prior to commencement time if courts are available.
- v) **Order of Play:** Sets shall be played as per order of the result card/sheet and cannot be altered unless both captains agree.
- vi) **Commencement of Play:** Each match is to begin at the nominated commencement time. If for any reason play does not commence within 5 minutes (evening competitions) or 10 minutes (daytime competitions), the team unable or refusing to proceed shall forfeit the first set. A second set may not be claimed as forfeit if the match is commenced within 20 minutes of the nominated commencement time. However, the whole match shall be forfeited if play does not commence within 20 minutes of the nominated starting time. If one player is (absent) or running late, the sets that do not involve that player are to be played first, prior to claiming a forfeit for sets unable to be played.
- vii) **Injuries:** If during the competition match a player on the court is injured or ill and unable to continue they may be replaced as per By-Law 14.
- viii) **Umpiring:** There will be no umpires. Each team/player is responsible for all calls on their side of the net. If in doubt, the team/player must give the benefit of the doubt to their opponent. All "out" or "fault" calls should be made promptly after the ball has bounced and must be loud enough for the opponent(s) to hear. The server should announce the game score before starting a game and the point score prior to serving for each point, loud enough for the opponent(s) to hear.
- ix) **Sudden Death:** For evening competitions a sudden death deuce will be played on the first deuce. In a mixed doubles set, the receiver must be of the same gender as the server. In all other sets the pair receiving will nominate the player to receive serve.
- x) **Excessive Heat:** At the start of any set, if the temperature is 35c on the court (not in direct sunlight) then play will not begin unless both captains agree. If the match is abandoned, the remaining points will be shared.

- xi) **Wet Weather:** If, after a match has commenced, rain interrupts play before the completion of the first set and no further play is possible then the match will be declared a wet match. If rain interrupts play 30 minutes after the commencement time, players are required to allow 30 minutes before assessing whether play can continue (both captains must agree). If the court becomes unplayable during this time the match ceases automatically. When matches have commenced but do not finish, the points won are allocated to each team but the points remaining are shared.
- xii) **Close of Play:** Play must cease at the nominated time for close of play, with any game in progress to be finished, but not the set.
- xiii) **Result Card/Sheet:** Both captains must sign the result card/sheet at the conclusion of play. The Captain of the home team shall be responsible for submitting the result card/sheet on the day of the match.

(b) Semi-Finals and Finals

The playing procedure for Semi-finals and Finals will be as per By-Law 11(a) above with the following exceptions:

- i) **Home Team:** The higher placed team in each match will be deemed to be the home team. The home team is responsible for supplying a result card/sheet and collecting the balls.
- ii) **Nominating Players:** Captains must exchange a list of their players, numbered 1-4, before the commencement of the match. The result card/sheet is to be updated with names once the exchange has been completed.
- iii) **Sudden Death:** For evening competitions, a sudden death deuce will be played on the second deuce. Rules as per the player to receive serve remain as per By-Law 11 (a) ix).
- iv) **Umpiring:** If requested by the captain of either team, an umpire can be appointed at the discretion of the Competition Secretary.
- v) **Close of Play:** There is no nominated close of play time for Semi-finals and Finals, i.e. match is to be completed on the scheduled date (subject to By-Law 11 (b) vii) below).
- vi) **Drawn Match:** In the event that the match is a draw at the end of regulation play, the match will be determined by a 12 point tie-break i.e. first to 7 points with a 2 point margin required. A toss will be required before the commencement of the tie-break with the winner having the right to serve or receive or choice of end. For competitions other than Thursday night, the players who played the last set are to play the tie-break set. For Thursday night, any two players may play the tie-break.
- vii) **Unfinished Match:** If a match cannot be finished due to unforeseen circumstances (e.g. heat, rain, lighting failure etc.), then it is to resume on the next available playing date for that competition. Play should continue from the score at which play was suspended. By-Law 14 (b) is to apply in the event that the same team members are unable to resume the match.

## 12. FORFEITS

- (a) **Forfeited Set/s.** Entire sets forfeited shall be recorded as such on result card/sheet and must be signed by the Team Captains.
- (b) **Forfeited matches** should be avoided whenever possible. All efforts should be made to find substitute players in order to field a team. The forfeiting team will be responsible for their match fee.
- (c) For round matches only, if no team players are available to play, and 4 eligible substitute players are available, they may play subject to the approval of the Competition Secretary and the opposing team being advised. Details must be recorded on the result card/sheet.
- (d) In the event of a team forfeiting two or more matches, all points for and against that team will be cancelled, unless a satisfactory written explanation is forwarded to the Competition Secretary.

### 13. WITHDRAWALS

If a team withdraws after commencement of the competition, all points scored for and against that team shall be cancelled. A written explanation as to the circumstances that led to team's withdrawal is required by the Competition Secretary/Committee and the withdrawing team will be responsible for the payment of match fee, for the remainder of the competition. Unless this payment is made, members of such team could be debarred from further participation in all Association activities for such time as the Association deems fit. These penalties may vary at the discretion of the Management Committee.

### 14. EMERGENCY

#### (a) Injury or Illness

If during any competition match a player on the court is injured or ill and unable to continue playing, the remaining games in that set being played shall be forfeited. Another registered player may be substituted to play the remaining sets. If a player is injured in the immediate vicinity of the court, they may also be substituted for by another registered player. In the event of a dispute involving an injury off court, the procedure for protests laid down in By-Law 21 should be followed. The substituted player must be a player from the same team (not having taken part in the match), or a pool player, or a player from the same or lower division who has not played in a match in the same competition on the same day or night. A brief explanation as to why a set has been forfeited (especially if due to an injury) must be recorded on the result card signed by the team captains.

#### (b) Replacement

In the event of a match being unfinished for any reason and the match is to be completed at a later date, the players originally nominated in a team shall take part in the unfinished sets, subject to the following:

- If a player is prevented for any bona fide reason from participating in an unfinished match, he or she may be replaced with the consent of the Competition Committee by another team member or a pool player nominated by the Committee.
- If the match player unable to continue the match was playing the set when play was halted, their team must forfeit the remainder of the unfinished set (from the last completed point), with the approved replacement player being able to participate in the other sets.
- Details are to be recorded on the result card and initialled by the team Captains.

#### (c) Borrowing a player from the same ETDTA Competition

Before borrowing any player, Team Captains should attempt to contact eligible POOL PLAYERS.

**Except for semi-finals and finals**, a registered player may be borrowed **twice** by any team within the same or lower division with the permission of that Captain. Registered players in the lowest division may be borrowed three times by any team in the lowest division. The borrowed player's name shall be recorded on the result card/sheet. **Exceptions** to this rule can be approved by the Competition Secretary.

If a player is borrowed by a team more than twice (lowest division 3 times), all sets played by that player after a second time, will result in that player's games/sets being forfeited. A player must not participate in more than one match in the same competition on the same day. Notification of using an emergency player must be indicated on the result card/sheet for the match.

(d) Borrowing a player from another ETDTA Competition

Whilst it is the preference of the Council of Management, that Team Captains requiring another player first look to utilise the Reserve Pool or other players from the same competition, it may be necessary to source a player from outside these options in order to avoid forfeiting a match. In these circumstances, Team Captains can approach either:

- a player registered in another ETDTA competition (limited to no more than two matches for a team);
- a member of ETDTA currently not registered in any competition;
- a player who is not an ETDTA member (utilising the one time player option).

Details of the borrowed player are to be recorded on the result card/sheet. It shall be the responsibility of the Team Captain to ensure that any borrowed player, with the exception of Division 1 where no player is ineligible, is in keeping with the grading of the team. Should the borrowed player participate in a second match, the provisions of By-Law 8(e) will apply.

(e) Ratification of Emergency or Borrowed Players

The Competition Secretary will refer emergencies and borrowed players to the Competition Committee if doubt exists as to the eligibility/grading of a player. Ratification of emergencies and borrowed players will be decided at a competition committee meeting if a complaint about the standard of an emergency or borrowed player is received by the Competition Secretary or Divisional Secretary within 48 hours of the player playing their first match. The captain of the team involved will be notified immediately a complaint is received, and then notified within seven days, or as soon as possible, of the outcome of the meeting. If the emergency or borrowed player is not ratified by the competition committee, all sets played by that player will be forfeited.

(f) Semi-finals and finals

A maximum of two emergency replacements, who must be approved by the Competition Secretary, is allowed. Players allocated must not be members of a team that made the semi-finals, nor can they strengthen the team.

If the emergency replacements are used within a handicapped division, their handicap will be further reduced by two points as a penalty.

## 15. RESERVE POOL

Players who are not registered in a team may join the Reserve Pool for any competition for the duration of the current Association Financial Year. To join the Reserve Pool, players must submit their contact details, together with their highest grade played, to the Competition Secretary or the ETDTA Office/Shop. This may be done at any time before or during a competition.

The Competition Secretary will grade pool players according to ability.

The list of Pool Players, their minimum grade eligibility, and their registration status, will be updated and then published on the website at the commencement of each competition. It is the responsibility of the Competition Secretaries to maintain the Pool List for the duration of each competition.

Teams requiring pool players should contact eligible members of the Pool directly. It is the responsibility of the team captain to ensure that the pool player is a financial member of Eastwood-Thornleigh District Tennis Association Inc., and if not, ensure that the membership fee is paid. Failure to comply with this will mean that competition points will be deducted as per By-Law 7c, unless the pool player is utilised as a One-Time Player.

Pool players may only play for their nominated division or higher divisions. There is no limit to the number of matches a pool player may play.

Pool Players may be approached to join a particular team on a permanent basis, at any time prior to the completion of the round matches. Permission for a pool player to join a team will be subject to the approval of the Competition Secretary.

Pool Players are not eligible for semi-finals and finals unless allocated to a team by the Competition Secretary. ***This player must not be of greater strength than the player being replaced.***

## **16. WET WEATHER**

Except in extreme circumstances, advised by Centre Manager, matches will not be called off until 1 hour prior to the scheduled starting time. Check "Weather News" on ETDTA website for updates.

If play cannot commence at the scheduled time, players are to wait 30 minutes (evening competitions) or 60 minutes (daytime competitions). If play is then still not possible the match will be declared a wet match.

If less than 50% of the matches in a particular division are started due to wet weather, all matches in that division shall be declared as a wet match. Points will be allocated accordingly, unless the Competition Secretary directs that wet or unfinished matches be rescheduled.

Wet matches may be rescheduled at the Competition Secretary's discretion.

## **17. UNPLAYED MATCHES**

In the event of any match not being played, due to court or lighting conditions, if a match is unable to be moved to another court, both teams will share points, unless provision has been made prior to the commencement of a competition to allow rescheduling of matches.

## **18. UNFINISHED MATCHES**

If a match cannot be finished due to unforeseen circumstances and is unable to be moved to another court, both teams will share the remaining points.

## **19. SEMI-FINALS & FINALS**

### **(a) Six Team Competitions**

Divisions consisting of up to six teams shall play a final between the first two teams in order of points. In the event of there being two or more teams on equal points, the team eligible to take part in the final shall be decided on a count back procedure (see (c) below). The team with the highest percentage shall play in the final. The order of play shall be:

Final: Team 1 v Team 2.

### **(b) More than Six Team Competitions**

For divisions consisting of more than six teams, semi-final and final matches shall be played, with the first four teams in order of points being the teams to take part in the semi-finals. In the event of there being two or more teams on equal points, the team(s) eligible to take part in the semi-finals shall be decided on a count back procedure (see (c) below). Team(s) will be ranked from highest to lowest percentage to determine which team(s) shall play in the semi-finals. The winner of each semi-final will progress to the final. The order of play shall be:

Semi-final: 1 v 4 and 2 v 3.

Final: Winner of 1 v 4 and winner of 2 v 3.



(c) Count Back Procedure

For competitions in which the winning team of a match is based on the number of games won, the count back will be based on the percentage of games won over games lost; if this be equal, the percentage of sets won over sets lost.

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(d) Court Allocation

The competition committee shall select suitable neutral courts for semi-finals and finals.

(e) Home Team

The highest ranked team will be deemed to be the "Home" team.

(f) Eligibility to play

To be eligible to play in semi-final and final matches, it shall only be necessary for the player concerned to have participated in two ordinary round matches for their team, except as provided within By-Law 14. In the case of graded players By-Law 9 (b) there will be the requirement that they have played 5 ordinary round matches for their team.

(g) Wet Weather - Competitions Other Than Thursday Night

If a rescheduled semi-final is washed out, the 2 highest ranked teams automatically progress to the finals.

If a rescheduled final is washed out, then the highest ranked team is the winner.

(h) Wet Weather - Thursday Night

Washed out semi-finals and finals are rescheduled until completed.

## 20. TROPHIES

The winning team in each division shall be eligible for a maximum of six trophies, six vouchers or a monetary team prize. Trophies or vouchers will only be presented to players of winning teams who have participated in at least two matches during the competition, and only one trophy will be permitted for each eligible player. If additional trophies are required by winning teams for eligible players in excess of those set out above, such trophies will be obtained if notice of requirement and the required payment is given within two weeks of the completion of the finals.

## 21. PROTESTS

Council of Management can only consider protests about incidents occurring during competition play. All protests must be lodged in writing (accompanied by evidence) to the Secretary. Protests concerning competition play must be received within 72 hours of the completion of the match.

## 22. COMPETITION SPECIFIC BY-LAWS

(a) By-Laws applying for all competitions

Item	Monday Night	Tuesday Day	Wednesday Night	Thursday Night
<b>Team Structure</b>	4 ladies.	4 ladies.	2 ladies & 2 men.	4 men.
<b>Match Structure</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Doubles only.</li> <li>• Sets played as per order on result card.</li> <li>• 8 sets of 8 games each</li> <li>• Each player serves twice</li> <li>• Change ends after 4 games.</li> <li>• Play should be continuous with minimum time taken between changes of sets.</li> <li>• A set may be claimed as a forfeit if one team cannot provide the scheduled pair of players within 3 minutes from the conclusion of the prior set.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Doubles only.</li> <li>• Sets played as per order on result card.</li> <li>• 8 sets of first to 6 games (a 12 point tie-break is to be played at 5 games all).</li> <li>• Change ends after each odd number of games have been played.</li> <li>• Maximum of 3 minutes break between sets except for sets 2 &amp; 3, 4 &amp; 5, 6 &amp; 7 where no more than 5 minutes may be taken.</li> <li>• A set may be claimed as a forfeit if one team cannot provide the scheduled pair of players within the designated break above.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Doubles only.</li> <li>• Sets played as per order on result card.</li> <li>• 8 sets of 8 games each.</li> <li>• Each player serves twice.</li> <li>• Change ends after 4 games</li> <li>• Play should be continuous with minimum time taken between changes of sets.</li> <li>• A set may be claimed as a forfeit if one team cannot provide the scheduled pair of players within 3 minutes from the conclusion of the prior set.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Doubles only.</li> <li>• Sets played as per order on result sheet.</li> <li>• 8 sets of 8 games each.</li> <li>• Each player serves twice.</li> <li>• Change ends after 4 games.</li> <li>• Play should be continuous with minimum time taken between changes of sets.</li> <li>• A set may be claimed as a forfeit if one team cannot provide the scheduled pair of players within 3 minutes from the conclusion of the prior set.</li> </ul>
<b>Toss</b>	Winner of the toss shall have the right to choose for sets 1, 3, 5 & 7.	Winner of the toss shall have the right to choose for sets 1, 3, 5 & 7.	Winner of the toss shall have the right to choose for sets 1, 2, 5 & 6.	Winner of the toss shall have the right to choose for sets 1, 3, 5 & 7.
<b>Commencement Time</b>	7.30 pm	9.30 am	7.30 pm	7.30 pm
<b>Closing Time</b>	10.30 pm	3.00 pm	10.30 pm	10.30 pm
<b>Result Card</b>	Home team to supply.	Home team to supply.	Home team to supply.	Competition Secretary to supply.
<b>Supper/Morning Tea</b>	Home team to supply.	Home team to supply.	Home team to supply.	Competition Secretary.

Item	Monday Night	Tuesday Day	Wednesday Night	Thursday Night
<b>Match results</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Winner decided on games won.</li> <li>• Must win at least 33 games or 32 games and a majority of sets.</li> <li>• If games &amp; sets equal, match drawn (except for semi-finals and finals – refer by-Law 11(b)).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Winner decided on sets won.</li> <li>• Must win at least 50% of sets.</li> <li>• If sets equal, on games.</li> <li>• If sets &amp; games equal, match drawn (except for semi-finals and finals – refer by-Law 11(b)).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Winner decided on games won.</li> <li>• Must win at least 33 games or 32 games and a majority of sets.</li> <li>• If games &amp; sets equal, match drawn (except for semi-finals and finals – refer by-Law 11(b)).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Winner decided on games won (adjusted for any handicaps).</li> <li>• If games equal, on sets.</li> <li>• If games &amp; sets equal, match drawn (except for semi-finals and finals – refer by-Law 11(b)).</li> </ul>
<b>Wet Weather</b>	<p>Wet matches may be rescheduled at the Competition Secretary's discretion.</p> <p>The Competition Secretary must nominate the number of wet matches that can be rescheduled prior to the commencement of each competition.</p> <p>If a designated wet match is rained out, it <b>will not</b> be rescheduled and points will be allocated accordingly.</p>	<p>Wet matches may be rescheduled at the Competition Secretary's discretion.</p> <p>The Competition Secretary must nominate the number of wet matches that can be rescheduled prior to the commencement of each competition.</p> <p>If a designated wet match is rained out, it <b>will not</b> be rescheduled and points will be allocated accordingly.</p>	<p>Wet matches may be rescheduled at the Competition Secretary's discretion.</p> <p>The Competition Secretary must nominate the number of wet matches that can be rescheduled prior to the commencement of each competition.</p> <p>If a designated wet match is rained out, it <b>will not</b> be rescheduled and points will be allocated accordingly.</p>	<p>Wet matches may be rescheduled at the Competition Secretary's discretion.</p> <p>The Competition Secretary must nominate the number of wet matches that can be rescheduled prior to the commencement of each competition.</p> <p>If a designated wet match is rained out, it <b>will</b> continue to be rescheduled until played.</p>
<b>Allocation of Points Non-Handicapped Divisions</b>	<p>Ten (10) points per match:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 point for each set won.</li> <li>• ½ point for each set drawn, incomplete or unplayed set.</li> <li>• 5 points for each team for an unplayed match.</li> <li>• 2 points to the team that has won 33 games or more; or if they have 32 games and even in the case of an unfinished match, they have an unbeatable lead in sets.</li> <li>• 1 Bonus point each if 31 games or less; or 32 games each and sets even.</li> <li>• 10 points to the team who wins due to a forfeit.</li> </ul>	<p>Ten (10) points per match:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 point for each set won.</li> <li>• ½ point for each incomplete or unplayed set.</li> <li>• 5 points for each team for unplayed match.</li> <li>• 1 point to the team who wins on sets. If sets are drawn, then ½ point to each team.</li> <li>• 1 point to the team who wins on games. If games are drawn, then ½ point to each team.</li> <li>• 10 points to the team who wins on a forfeit.</li> </ul>	<p>Ten (10) points per match:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 point for each set won.</li> <li>• ½ point for each set drawn, incomplete or unplayed set.</li> <li>• 5 points for each team for unplayed match.</li> <li>• 2 points to the team that has won 33 games or more; or if they have 32 games and even in the case of an unfinished match, they have an unbeatable lead in sets.</li> <li>• 1 Bonus point each if 31 games or less; or 32 games each and sets even.</li> <li>• 10 points to the team who wins due to a forfeit.</li> </ul>	<p>Twelve (12) points per match:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 point for each set won.</li> <li>• ½ point for each set drawn, incomplete or unplayed set.</li> <li>• 6 points for each team for unplayed match.</li> <li>• 4 points to the team that has won 33 games or more; or if they have 32 games and even in the case of an unfinished match, they have an unbeatable lead in sets.</li> <li>• 2 Bonus point each if 31 games or less; or games and sets even.</li> <li>• 12 points to the team receiving a forfeit: no points to the team giving the forfeit.</li> </ul>

(b) Additional By-Laws for Handicapped Divisions

i) Allocation of Points

Eight (8) points per match, with the winning team receiving points as stated below and the balance of the points going to the losing team:

Points	Winning Margin
8	More than 16 games
7	11 to 15 games
6	6 to 10 games
5	1 to 5 games

Both teams receive 4 points where the match is tied (or where the games difference is less than or equal to the amount of games remaining to be played) i.e. either side could still win.

In the event of the match being incomplete, and there is a definite winning team, the winning margin is reduced by the number of remaining games.

ii) Handicap Revisions

Players new to the competition will have their original handicap reviewed and adjusted (if the statistics warrant a change) after their first 5 matches.

All players will have their handicaps adjusted, if deemed necessary, after 5 rounds (if a six team division) or 7 rounds (if an 8 team division) have been played and at the end of each competition.