

PENINSULA TENNIS ASSOCIATION INC

Reg No A0042584A

JUNIOR RULES AND BY-LAWS

(All Formats)

1. RULES

- a) The Rules of Tennis as adopted by the Governing Body of Tennis in Victoria shall apply to all matches, except where modified here-in-after. This shall apply to Tennis Etiquette, dress and the Code of Conduct.
- b) The Association has the right to request the use of any affiliated Club courts for Association competition

2. COURTS

- a) The type, condition and surroundings of each competing Club's courts shall be subject to the approval of the Executive
- b) A match can be played on two different surfaces as long as the home supervisor and away team's supervising parent for juniors agree. If there is no agreement, the home team shall have the choice of surface and matches played on the same surface. Finals matches can only be played on one court surface.
- c) The Executive of the Association may request any Club to make repairs to their courts and surroundings that they deem necessary.
- d) Any club failing to make such repairs, to the satisfaction of the Executive may be suspended from the Association.
- e) Any club that feels aggrieved by a decision of the Executive to repair their courts or surroundings may appeal to Tennis Victoria who can be requested to inspect the courts. Any decision by Tennis Victoria to repair or allow the appeal shall be final.
- f) Any costs incurred by the Club appealing to Tennis Victoria and the fee imposed by Tennis Victoria to inspect the courts shall be the sole responsibility of the Club.

3. COMPETITIONS.

The Executive shall arrange all competition play and at all times determine the days, dates and formats of competition match play.

4. ENTERING TEAMS.

- a) Clubs may enter teams in all formats of competitions provided by the Association.
- b) Teams must be submitted on or before the closing date for entries as determined and advised by the executive. Teams must be entered using on line entry only. Each club must nominate the Competition format plus Grade or Section in which it desires to enter a team. Team nomination forms must be fully completed. Any entry not fully completed shall be rejected by the Match

Secretary and returned to the Club to be completed. The amended entry form must be lodged by the closing date. Late entries will not be accepted.

- c) Team entries may not be accepted , if payment is not made by Direct Deposit in an Account as nominated by the Association or by cheque within 48 hours of the entries being submitted.
- d) Any club withdrawing a team after grading has occurred shall incur a fine of \$50.00.

5. REGISTRATION

- a) Prior to the commencement of each season, Clubs must register all teams members using the Competition Software on line team entry **or as directed by the Peninsula Tennis Association Inc.**
- b) Players must be financial members of the club of which they are nominated to play.
- c) Players can only nominate and play with only one (1) affiliated Club in any one format /competition during a season unless granted a clearance in writing by the Peninsula Tennis Association Inc as set out in Rule 6.
- d) **A player may withdraw the nomination to play with a club up until the deadline for submitting teams to the Peninsula Tennis Association has closed.**
- e) **If the closing date has passed any player wishing to withdraw the nomination to play for a club and play for another club must apply for a clearance as per the procedure set out in Rule 6.**
- f) Players must be 18 years, or younger, as at 31st December in the year in which the season commences.
- g) Clubs may seek permission to add to the team list submitted prior to the season and graded by the Grading Committee of a particular section additional players to that list up to and including commencement of round seven of the season being played. Any application to add a player to a team list must be submitted in writing to the Match Secretary stating reasons why the player was not included in the original team and the player's recent playing history.
- h) All players listed in the teams as submitted by the Clubs must play in the grade or section as graded by the Grading Committee. No listed player will be permitted to play in a lower grade or section without prior permission of the Grading Committee.
- i) Clubs may rearrange the grading of players in the bottom two (2) sections of P.T.A. Inc. competition up to, and including, the third round, i.e. prior to the fourth round of competition provided the Grading committee is notified in writing and approved by Grading Committee without payment of the \$20.00 fee.
- j) Any club wishing to change the order of any other team after grading must submit to the Grading Committee, the amended team and the reason for applying to change the order of the team. Such application to be lodged no later than 7 days prior to the first match of the season commencing. A fee of **\$20.00** must be lodged with an application for change of order.
- k) A Club which has more than one team graded in a section must tie the first three (3) nominated players (for Section 2 and below – Boys and Girls Competition) or the first two (2) nominated players (for Moss/Watson, Loretta Thrupp Shields and Sections 1 and 2 Mixed Competition) to that team and they will be ineligible to play in the other team's graded to that section. Where a club has one (1) or more teams graded in a section any emergency or un-nominated players, the fourth (4) and below nominated player (for Section 2 and below Boys and Girls Competition) or the third (3) and below nominated players (Moss/Watson, Loretta Thrupp Shields and Section 1A & 1B & 1C Girls and Boys Competition, and Sections 1 and 2 Mixed Competition) will be tied to

that team after playing three (3) matches for that team and from that point on they will be ineligible to play in the other team's graded to that section.

- l) In finals, the Peninsula Tennis Association Committee may, where a club requests that a player nominated as per rule 5 (k) and exceptional circumstances exist that result in no other player being available to play as an emergency grant permission for that player to play in the match
- m) Without limiting Rule 5 (h) clubs may alter the order of the graded order of a team at any time during the season as from and including Round 9 of the 2014/2015 season by moving players one position up or down at the club's discretion within that team. eg. Player No 1 can be moved to Player 2 and Player 2 to Player 1.
- n) Each time a club changes the order as set out in Rule 5 (i) the change must be endorsed on the back of the paper score sheet and entered in the match notes box in the Competition Software.
- o) Failure to endorse the change on the back of the paper score sheet and enter the change in the Match Notes Box will result in the team as being deemed to have played out of order and those matches be awarded to the opposition team to Nil.

6. TRANSFERS

- 1) When a Club approves an application for the clearance of a player during the current season, notice shall be forwarded to the Secretary of Peninsula Tennis Association Inc. signed by the Club President or Secretary. A copy of such notification shall be sent to the Secretary of the Club to which the player is transferring.
- 2) No clearance shall be valid until confirmed, in writing by the Peninsula Tennis Association President or Secretary, and sent to both Clubs.
- 3) A player whose clearance application is not processed within 14 days or rejected by his club may appeal in writing to the Peninsula Tennis Association Secretary. Such appeals must then be ruled upon by the Executive within 14 days and all parties advised in writing of the decision.

7. EMERGENCIES

- a) Emergencies must be registered prior to the season commencing.
- b) Emergencies may not play below the Grade or Section for which they are registered and graded, unless prior approval is made to the Match Secretary.
- c) Emergencies will be ineligible to play in a lower section or grade after having played 5 matches in a higher section or grade.
- d) An emergency to be used in the finals must have been nominated on the emergency list lodged by the club prior to the season commencing and graded by the Grading Committee. A player not nominated on the emergency list will be ineligible to play in any finals match unless extenuating circumstances are presented in writing to the Peninsula Tennis Association Inc. Match Secretary at least seven (7) days prior to the match being played and permission is granted by the Peninsula Tennis Association Inc. General Committee.
- e) Emergencies must not strengthen the team. If an emergency is deemed to have unduly strengthened the team, the matches played by the emergency shall be awarded to the opposition to nil.

- f) In the event that a player is injured or suffers a medical condition during the course of a rubber/set, a once only injury time period of up to a maximum of ten (10) minutes will be made available to the player to recover. The player concerned may under supervision leave the court during the period and the match is to recommence immediately at the conclusion of the injury time otherwise the rubber/set will be forfeited to the opposing player. In the event that the injured player is unable to play on for the remainder of the day then an eligible player may be used in accordance with rule 8a. If the player completes the match that he is playing then a substitute player cannot be used to complete any of the injured players remaining matches.

8. POOL PLAYERS.

- 1) Prior to Round seven (7), to participate as a Pool Player, the Committee of the club involved must give permission for nominated players to be submitted to the Score Recorder/Match Secretary.
- 2) If a player is nominated as an emergency on the club's emergency list for that particular competition, that player will be ineligible to nominate for inclusion as a Pool Player.
- 3) A player whose application to be nominated as a Pool Player is not processed within 14 days or rejected by his club may appeal in writing to the Peninsula Tennis Association Secretary. Such appeals must then be ruled upon by the Executive within 14 days and all parties advised in writing of the decision.
- 4) Such appeal must be lodged before the commencement of Round 7 of the season that the player wishes to be listed as a Pool Player.
- 5) A Pool Player can play four (4) matches for any given club. If more than four (4) matches are played for any one club then that player is tied to that club for the remainder of the season in that competition.
- 6) Pool Players are ineligible to play in any finals match without first obtaining permission from the Grading Committee.
- 7) Clubs requesting permission to play a Pool Player in a finals match must submit a list of financial members of the club eligible to play and the reason for requesting permission to use a Pool Player.
- 8) For a Pool Player to be eligible to be requested to play in a finals match, that player must have played a minimum of three (3) matches for that club.
- 9) Clubs using an emergency Pool Player may charge the emergency player a nominal fee. When requesting a Pool Player to play the club must state any fees that the player needs to play.

9. TENNIS ATTIRE

The dress regulations for competition play for the Peninsula Tennis Association are as follows:

- a) Every competition player shall dress and present himself/herself for play in clean customarily acceptable tennis attire and comply with the Tennis Australia Dress and Equipment Regulations
- b) Females are required to wear a dress/skirt or sport shorts or skorts and a top

- c) Males are required to wear shorts and a shirt. Shirts without collars may be worn providing they are neat and constitute tennis sportswear
- d) The following items of clothing are specifically not acceptable and are prohibited from being worn –
 - (i) Jeans
 - (ii) Sweat Shorts
 - (iii) Board Shorts
 - (iv) Jogging Shorts
 - (v) Cargo Pants/Shorts
 - (vi) Any article of clothing with advertising or designs in any form (except for sporting company logos or lettering)
 - (vii) Any article of clothing that has offensive writing, diagrams or pictures.
- e) Tracksuits shall not be worn during the course of a match, except at the discretion of the Junior Supervisor or if the Association so decrees.
- f) Tennis shoes shall be worn that are suitable for the type of court surface. Venue clubs may determine which types of footwear are suitable for their court surface, subject to Association approval. No ripple sole shoes and no black or coloured marking soled shoes (on acrylic courts) shall be worn at any time.
- g) Players should wear a hat or cap and use sunscreen at all times.
- h) Players who do not comply with the dress regulations **MUST** be given the opportunity to change their clothing (particularly before a match starts) prior to any action being taken.
- i) Players unable to change their clothing within 10 minutes of being asked shall be given a warning and the player must be reported to their Club and the Association Match Secretary in writing within 24 hours in order for appropriate action to be taken,

10. ELIGIBILITY

- a) No players may play below their approved personal grade
- b) Once a player plays more than three matches in any team, that player cannot play for another team in the same section.
- c) No player will be eligible to play in finals unless they have played a minimum of three matches within that format.
- d) All players registering must be financial members of the clubs registering them.

11. COMPETITION FORMATS.

The Association shall provide but not be limited to the following formats –

- a) **MOSS /WATSON SHIELD for Boys and LORETTA THRUPP SHIELD for girls.** Teams shall consist of a minimum of 2 boys (Moss/Watson Shield) and 2 girls (Loretta Thrupp Shield).

- b) **BOYS Section 1.** Teams shall consist of a minimum of 2 boys.
- c) **GIRLS Section1.** Teams shall consist of a minimum of 2 girls.
- d) **BOYS Section 2** onwards. Teams shall consist of a minimum of 4 boys
- e) **GIRLS Section 2** onwards. Teams shall consist of a minimum of 4 girls.
- f) **BOYS AND GIRLS TRIPLES.** Teams shall consist of a minimum of 3 boys (Boys) and 3 girls (Girls)
- g) **JUNIOR MIXEDSections 1 and 2.** Teams shall consist of 2 players of either gender and in any combination.
- h) **JUNIOR MIXED Section 3 onwards.** Teams shall consist of a minimum of 3 players both boys and girls in any combination.
- i) **UNISEX MIXED.** Teams shall consist of a minimum of 4 players both boys and girls in any combination

12. COMPETITION CONDITIONS OF PLAY BOYS AND GIRLS COMPETITION.

a) **MOSS/WATSON SHIELD, LORETTA THRUPP SHIELD , BOYS AND GIRLS SECTION 1A & 1B& 1C**

- 1) A minimum of one court shall be made available.
- 2) Two pairs of good quality Tennis Australia approved yellow used balls with a minimum requirement that at the commencement of play the brand name be visible shall be provided by the home team.
- 3) The commencement time for matches is 8.15am with matches to finish at 12.30pm. Any game that has commenced prior to the finishing time must be completed.
- 4) Home and away matches and final matches will consist of –
 - Two singles matches – best of two sets. –If one set all. A Match 10 point tiebreak will be played to determine the winner of the match (eg 10 points to 8 wins the match)The score shall be recorded as 7/6 on the scoresheet.
 - One doubles match – best of two sets. - If one set all. A Match 10 point tiebreak will be played to determine the winner of the match (eg 10 points to 8 wins the match). The score shall be recorded as 7/6 on the scoresheet.
- 5) Where a club has nominated three or more players in the team, up to three players may play each week. All players must be in attendance at the venue by 8.15am. Any player arriving after 8.15am shall not be eligible to play.
- 6) Any team with less than two players at 8.15am shall forfeit the first set of the rubber not able to commence. However matches able to be played must commence immediately.
- 7) Any team having less than two players at 8.30am shall forfeit the singles rubber of the player not in attendance.
- 8) The Captain of the visiting team shall have choices to nominate the Singles Rubbers to be played.
- 9) Competition Points will be awarded on the following basis:

- MOSS/WATSON SHIELD, LORETTA THRUPP SHIELD, AND BOYS AND GIRLS SECTIONS 1A & 1B & 1C- RUBBERS COMPETITION – Two (2) points for each rubber won, plus four (4) points for the outright winner.
- If the result is split or matches are not played or completed for any reason other than default, then the undecided point(s) shall be equally divided between the Finals matches will be played in the Home and Away format.

- 10) For Grand Finals two courts shall be made available.
- 11) For Finals, any Singles player not in attendance by 8.15 am (Moss/Watson Shield and Loretta Thrupp Shield, Section 1A & 1B & 1C (Boys and Girls competition)) shall forfeit the first set of their Singles Rubber.
- 12) For Finals, any Singles player not in attendance by 8.30am (Moss/Watson Shield and Loretta Thrupp Shield and Section 1A & 1B & 1C) Boys and Girls competition shall for forfeit their Singles Rubber. The player will remain eligible to play the Doubles Set subject to play being continuous.
- 13) For Finals, if a player is competing in only the Doubles Rubber and is not in attendance at 9.00 am (Moss/Watson Shield and Loretta Thrupp Shield and Section 1A & 1B & 1C– Boys and Girls Competition) the Doubles rubber will be forfeited.
- 14) In Finals, Singles matches must be played before the Doubles matches.
- 15) All matches, including finals are to be continuous
- 16) The score sheet shall be fully completed prior to any matches commencing.
- 17) To be eligible to compete in finals, players must have played three (3) matches during the current season. Any team which plays an ineligible player in a finals match shall be disqualified and the match awarded to the opposing team.
- 18) For finals, the Peninsula Tennis Association shall supply one can (4) of new balls.

b) SECTION 2 TO 2nd LOWEST SINGLES BOYS AND LOWEST GIRLS SECTION COMPETITION.

- 1) A minimum of two courts shall be made available
- 2) Two pairs of good quality Tennis Australia approved yellow used balls with a minimum requirement that at the commencement of play the brand name be visible shall be provided by the home team.
- 3) Matches shall commence at 8.15am and finish at 10.15am or 10.30am and finish at 12.30pm. Such time to be fixed by the Grading Committee prior to the commencement of each season.
- 4) Home and away matches shall consist of –
 - Two doubles and four singles playing six (6) game tie break sets.
- 5) Any team having less than 4 players at 8.15am in the 8.15am start time and 10.30am in the 10.30am start time shall forfeit their doubles set.

- 6) Any team having less than 4 players at 8.30am in the 8.15am start time and 10.45am in the 10.30am start time shall forfeit the singles set of the player who is not in attendance.
- 7) Any team having less than 3 players at 8.30am shall forfeit the match including any sets already commenced or played.
- 8) Where a club has nominated more than 4 players in a team, up to five(5) players may play each week. For the 8.15am scheduled matches, all players must be in attendance by 8.15am. For the 10.30am scheduled matches all players must be in attendance by 10.30am. Players must play in their graded order.
- 9) In the doubles, the players graded No 1 in each team shall play each other in the first doubles set. The No 1 graded player can play with any other member of the team.
- 10) Any team that plays players out of order in which the team members have been graded subject to Rule 6 (i) shall forfeit the set at which the player should have played plus any other player who as a result has played out of his/her graded position.
- 11) The Captain of the visiting team shall have choices to nominate the Singles set to be played first, the home Captain to nominate the 2nd Singles to be played, the visiting captain the 3rd singles and the home captain the 4th singles. This includes finals.
- 12) Competition points will be awarded as follows: 1 point for each set won, plus 4 points for the outright winner. Sets or matches not completed, each club will share the points.
- 13) To be eligible to compete in finals, players must have played three (3) matches during the current season. Any team which plays an ineligible player in a finals match shall forfeit the matches that player plays to Nil.
- 14) **Finals** matches shall consist of two (2) Doubles and four (4) singles playing six (6) game tie break sets.
- 15) **For finals**, any player not in attendance by 8.15am shall forfeit their Doubles Set.
- 16) **For finals**, any player not in attendance by 8.30am shall forfeit their Singles Set.
- 17) If a player is playing in the Singles only, that player must be in attendance by 8.45am. If that player is not in attendance by 8.45am that set will be forfeited.
- 18) The Score Sheet for Home and Away matches and finals shall be completed prior to any matches commencing and cannot be changed.
- 19) **In finals**, both teams shall nominate a tie break pair which shall be written on the back of the score sheet. The tie break pair must come from players nominated to play in either the singles or doubles matches.
- 20) Should either player nominated as the tiebreak pair be unable to play due to injury then at the sole discretion of the Home Court Supervisor a substitute(s) player may be permitted providing the supervisor is satisfied as to the genuineness of the injury. In the event of the above, or a team fails to nominate a tiebreak pair, the Captain of

the opposing team will select the tiebreak pair or replacement player(s), as the case may be, for them.
- 21) **Finals** matches shall commence at 8.15am.
- 22) A minimum of 1 court shall be made available for semi finals.
- 23) For the Grand Final, a minimum of 2 courts shall be made available

- 24) **In finals**, doubles matches are to be played before the singles matches.
- 25) **In finals** matches, each team shall supply one can (4) good quality used Tennis Australia approved used balls with a minimum requirement that at the commencement of play the brand name be visible.

c) LOWEST SINGLES and MIXED SINGLES BOYS AND UNISEX MIXED COMPETITION.

- 1) A minimum of two (2) courts shall be made available.
- 2) Two (2) pairs of good quality Tennis Australia approved yellow used balls with a minimum requirement that at the commencement of play the brand name be visible shall be provided by the home team. **Teams in the Unisex mixed competition shall use green balls.**
- 3) Where the lowest section of the boys and girls format is the singles competition, the lowest section shall use the green balls in all matches including finals irrespective of the age of the players in that section or at the discretion of the PTA Committee.
- 4) Matches shall commence at 8.15am and finish at 10.15am or 10.30am and finish at 12.30pm. Such time to be fixed by the Grading Committee prior to the commencement of the season.
- 5) Home and away matches shall consist of –
 - Two doubles and four singles playing six (6) game straight sets. (first to 6 games shall win the set.)
- 6) Any team having less than 4 players at 8.15am in the 8.15am start time or 10.30am in the 10.30am start time shall forfeit their doubles set.
- 7) Any team having less than 4 players at 8.30am in the 8.15am start time and 10.45am in the 10.30am start time shall forfeit the singles set of the player who is not in attendance
- 8) Any team having less than 3 players at 8.30am in the 8.15am start time or 10.45am in the 10.15am start time shall forfeit the match including any sets already commenced or played.
- 9) **Where a club has nominated more than 4 players in a team, up to five(5) players may play each week. For the 8.15am scheduled matches, all players must be in attendance by 8.15am. For the 10.30am scheduled matches all players must be in attendance by 10.30am. Players must play in their graded order. Any player not in attendance by the scheduled time shall be ineligible to play.**
- 10) In the doubles, the players graded No 1 in each team shall play each other in the first doubles set. The No 1 graded player can play with any other member of the team.
- 11) The Captain of the visiting team shall have choices to nominate the Singles set to be played first, the home Captain to nominate the 2nd Singles to be played, the visiting captain the 3rd singles and the home captain the 4th singles. This includes finals.
- 12) Any team that plays players out of order in which the team members have been graded subject to Rule 6 (i) shall forfeit the set at which the player should have played plus any other player who as a result has played out of his/her graded position.
- 13) Competition points will be awarded as follows: 1 point for each set won, plus 4 points for the outright winner. Sets or matches not completed, each club will share the points

- 14) To be eligible to compete in finals, players must have played three (3) matches during the current season. Any team which plays an ineligible player in a finals match shall forfeit the matches that player plays to Nil.
- 15) **Finals** matches shall consist of two (2) Doubles and four (4) singles playing six (6) game straight sets.(first to six games shall win the set.)
- 16) **For finals**, any player not in attendance by 8.15am shall forfeit their Doubles Set.
- 17) **For finals**, any player not in attendance by 8.30am shall forfeit their Singles Set.
- 18) If a player is playing in the Singles only, that player must be in attendance by 8.45am. If that player is not in attendance by 8.45am that set will be forfeited.
- 19) The Score Sheet for Home and Away matches and finals shall be completed before any matches commence and cannot be changed.
- 20) A minimum of 1 court shall be made available for semi finals.
- 21) For the Grand Final, a minimum of 2 courts shall be made available
- 22) **In finals**, both teams shall nominate a tie break pair which shall be written on the back of the score sheet. The tie break pair must come from players nominated to play in either the singles or doubles matches.
- 23) Should either player nominated as the tiebreak pair be unable to play due to injury then at the sole discretion of the Home Court Supervisor a substitute(s) player may be permitted providing the supervisor is satisfied as to the genuineness of the injury. In the event of the above, or a team fails to nominate a tiebreak pair, the Captain of the opposing team will select the tiebreak pair or replacement player(s), as the case may be, for them.
- 24) **Finals** matches shall commence at 8.15am.
- 25) **In finals**, doubles matches are to be played before the singles matches.
- 26) **In finalsmatches**, each team shall supply one can (4) good quality used Tennis Australia approved used balls with a minimum requirement that at the commencement of play the brand name be visible.

d) TRIPLES – BOYS AND GIRLS COMPETITION'

- 1) A minimum of two (2) courts shall be made available.
- 2) Two (2) pairs of good quality Tennis Australia approved yellow used balls with a minimum requirement that at the commencement of play the brand name be visible shall be provided by the home team.
- 3) Matches shall commence at 8.15am and finish at 10.15am or 10.30am and finish at 12.30pm. Such time to be fixed by the Grading Committee prior to the commencement of the season.
- 4) Home and away matches and finals will consist of three (3) Doubles and three (3) singles matches playing 6 game tie break sets.
- 5) Any team having less than three (3) players ready to play at 8.15am for the 8.15am start time of 10.30am for the 10.30am start time shall forfeit the singles set of the player not in attendance

- 6) Any team having less than 2 players at 8.30am for the 8.15am start time and 10.45am for the 10.30am start time shall forfeit the match including any sets already commenced or played.
- 7) Any team that plays players out of order in which the team members have been graded subject to Rule 6 (i) shall forfeit the set at which the player should have played plus any other player who as a result has played out of his/her graded position.
- 8) Competition points will be awarded as follows: 1 point for each set won, plus 4 points for the outright winner. Sets or matches not completed, each club will share the points
- 9) To be eligible to compete in finals, players must have played three (3) matches during the current season. Any team which plays an ineligible player in a finals match shall forfeit the matches that player plays to Nil.
- 10) **Finals** matches shall be played in order of the scoresheet.
- 11) The scoresheet shall be completed prior to any matches commencing.
- 12) The Tie-break pair must be nominated prior to the commencement time of the day's play. Only players named on the Score Sheet will be eligible to play the Tie Break set. The names of the Tie Break pair must be written on the back of the Score Sheet.
- 13) Should either player nominated as the tiebreak pair be unable to play due to injury then at the sole discretion of the Home Court Supervisor a substitute(s) player may be permitted providing the supervisor is satisfied as to the genuineness of the injury. In the event of the above, or a team fails to nominate a tiebreak pair, the Captain of the opposing team will select the tiebreak pair or replacement player(s), as the case may be, for them.
- 14) Where a club has nominated three or more players in the team, up to four players may play in the finals. All players must be in attendance at the venue by 8.15am. Any player arriving after 8.15am shall not be eligible to play and will forfeit their match/matches
- 15) To be eligible to compete in finals, players must have played three (3) matches during the current season. Any team which plays an ineligible player in a finals match shall be disqualified and the match awarded to the opposing team.
- 16) **In finals** matches, each team shall supply one can (4) good quality used Tennis Australia approved used balls with a minimum requirement that at the commencement of play the brand name be visible.

e) DOUBLES SECTIONS GIRLS AND BOYS COMPETITION.

- 1) A minimum of two (2) courts shall be made available.
- 2) Two (2) pairs of good quality Tennis Australia approved used yellow balls with a minimum requirement that at the commencement of play the brand name be visible shall be provided by the home team.
- 3) Matches shall commence at 8.15am and finish at 10.15am or 10.30am and finish at 12.30pm. Such time to be fixed by the Grading Committee prior to the commencement of the season.
- 4) Home and away matches will consist of six (6) Doubles playing a six (6) game straight set in the following order. 1 & 2 vs 1 & 2, 3 & 4 vs 3 & 4, 1 & 3 vs 1 & 3, 2 & 4 vs 2 & 4, 1 & 4 vs 1 & 4, 2 & 3 vs 2 & 3.

- 5) Any team having less than 4 players at 8.15am in the 8.15am start time or 10.30am in the 10.30am start time shall forfeit the doubles set of the missing player.
- 6) Any team having less than 4 players at 8.30am in the 8.15am start time or 10.45am in the 10.30am start time shall forfeit the doubles set of the player who is not in attendance
- 7) Any team having less than 3 players at 8.30am in the 8.15am start time or 10.45am in the 10.30am start time shall forfeit the match including any sets already commenced or played.
- 8) Any team that plays players out of order in which the team members have been graded subject to Rule 6 (i) shall forfeit the set at which the player should have played plus any other player who as a result has played out of his/her graded position.
- 9) Competition points will be awarded as follows: 1 point for each set won, plus 4 points for the outright winner. Sets or matches not completed, each club will share the points
- 10) To be eligible to compete in finals, players must have played three (3) matches during the current season. Any team which plays an ineligible player in a finals match shall forfeit the matches that player plays to Nil.
- 11) **Finals** matches shall be played in the same order to that of Home and Away matches.
- 12) The Score Sheet for Home and Away matches and finals shall be completed before any matches commence and cannot be changed.
- 13) **In finals**, both teams shall nominate a tie break pair which shall be written on the back of the score sheet. The tie break pair must come from players nominated to play in either the singles or doubles matches.
- 14) Should either player nominated as the tiebreak pair be unable to play due to injury then at the sole discretion of the Home Court Supervisor a substitute(s) player may be permitted providing the supervisor is satisfied as to the genuineness of the injury. In the event of the above, or a team fails to nominate a tiebreak pair, the Captain of

the opposing team will select the tiebreak pair or replacement player(s), as the case may be, for them.
- 15) **Finals** matches will commence at 8.15am
- 16) Where doubles is the lowest section of the boys and girls format, low compression (75%) balls shall be used by the lowest section irrespective of age of the players in the section. or at the discretion of the PTA Committee.
- 17) **In finals**, each team shall supply one can (4) good quality Tennis Australia approved used balls with a minimum requirement that at the commencement of play the brand name be visible.

13. COMPETITION CONDITIONS OF PLAY - MIXED COMPETITION.

a) SECTIONS 1 and 2 MIXED COMPETITION.

- 1) A minimum of one court shall be made available.
- 2) Two pairs of good quality Tennis Australia approved yellow used balls with a minimum requirement that at the commencement of play the brand name be visible shall be provided by the home team.
- 3) The commencement time for matches is 8.15am with matches to finish at 12.30pm Any game that has commenced prior to the finishing time must be completed.

- 4) Home and away matches and final matches will consist of –
 - Two singles matches – best of two sets. –If one set all. A **Match** 10 point tiebreak will be played to determine the winner of the match (eg 10 points to 8 wins the match) The score shall be recorded as 7/6 on the scoresheet.
 - One doubles match – best of two sets. - If one set all. A **Match** 10 point tiebreak will be played to determine the winner of the match (eg 10 points to 8 wins the match). The score shall be recorded as 7/6 on the scoresheet.
- 5) Where a club has nominated three or more players in the team, up to three players may play each week. All players must be in attendance at the venue by 8.15am. Any player arriving after 8.15am shall not be eligible to play.
- 6) Any team having less than two players at 8.30am shall forfeit the singles rubber of the player not in attendance.
- 7) The Captain of the visiting team shall have choices to nominate the Singles Rubbers to be played.
- 8) Competition Points will be awarded on the following basis:
 - RUBBERS COMPETITION – Two (2) points for each rubber won, plus four (4) points for the outright winner.
 - If the result is split or matches are not played or completed for any reason other than default, then the undecided point(s) shall be equally divided between the Finals matches will be played in the Home and Away format.
- 9) **For Grand Finals, a minimum of two (2) courts shall be made available.**
- 10) **For Finals, any Singles player not in attendance by 8.15 am Sections 1 and 2 Mixed Competition shall forfeit the first set of their Singles Rubber.**
- 11) **For Finals, any Singles player not in attendance by 8.30am Section 1 and 2 Mixed competition shall forfeit their Singles Rubber.** The player will remain eligible to play the Doubles Set subject to play being continuous.
- 12) **For Finals, if a player is competing in only the Doubles Rubber and is not in attendance at 9.00 am Sections 1 and 2 Mixed Competition the Doubles rubber will be forfeited.**
- 13) **In Finals**, Singles matches must be played before the Doubles matches.
- 14) All matches, including finals are to be continuous.
- 15) The score sheet shall be fully completed prior to any matches commencing.
- 16) To be eligible to compete in finals, players must have played three (3) matches during the current season. Any team which plays an ineligible player in a finals match shall be disqualified and the match awarded to the opposing team.
- 17) **For finals**, the Peninsula Tennis Association shall supply one can of new balls.

b) CONDITIONS OF PLAY – SECTION 3 – 3RD LOWEST SECTION MIXED COMPETITION.

- 1) A minimum of one court shall be made available.

- 2) Two pairs of good quality Tennis Australia approved yellow used balls with a minimum requirement that at the commencement of play the brand name be visible shall be provided by the home team
- 3) Matches shall commence at 8.15am and finish no later than 12.30pm.
- 4) Home and away matches and finals will consist of three (3) Doubles and three (3) singles matches playing 6 game tie break sets.
- 5) Where a club has nominated three or more players in the team, up to four players may play each week. All players must be in attendance at the venue by 8.15am. Any player arriving after 8.15am shall not be eligible to play
- 6) Any team having less than three (3) players ready to play at 8.15am shall forfeit the singles set of the player not in attendance.
- 7) Any team having less than 3 players at 8.30am shall forfeit the sets of the player who is not in attendance.
- 8) Any team having less than 2 players at 8.30am shall forfeit the match including any sets already commenced or played.
- 9) Any team that plays players out of order in which the team members have been graded subject to Rule 6 (i) shall forfeit the set at which the player should have played plus any other player who as a result has played out of his/her graded position.
- 10) Competition points will be awarded as follows: 1 point for each set won, plus 4 points for the outright winner. Sets or matches not completed, each club will share the points.
- 11) To be eligible to compete in finals, players must have played three (3) matches during the current season. Any team which plays an ineligible player in a finals match shall forfeit the matches that player plays to Nil.
- 12) **Finals** matches shall be played in order of the scoresheet.
- 13) The scoresheet shall be completed prior to any matches commencing.
- 14) **In finals**, the Tie-break pair must be nominated prior to the commencement time of the day's play. Only players named on the Score Sheet will be eligible to play the Tie Break set. The names of the Tie Break pair must be written on the back of the Score Sheet.
- 15) Should either player nominated as the tiebreak pair be unable to play due to injury then at the sole discretion of the Home Court Supervisor a substitute(s) player may be permitted providing the supervisor is satisfied as to the genuineness of the injury. In the event of the above, or a team fails to nominate a tiebreak pair, the Captain of the opposing team will select the tiebreak pair or replacement player(s), as the case may be, for them.
- 16) **Finals** matches will consist of three (3) doubles and three (3) singles 6 game tie break sets.
- 17) Where a club has nominated three or more players in the team, up to four players may play in the finals. All players must be in attendance at the venue by 8.15am. Any player arriving after 8.15am shall not be eligible to play and will forfeit their match/matches as per rule 11 (b) (5) and (6) and (7).
- 18) To be eligible to compete in finals, players must have played three (3) matches during the current season. Any team which plays an ineligible player in a finals match shall be disqualified and the match awarded to the opposing team.

- 19) **In finals** matches, each team shall supply two (2) good quality Tennis Australia approved used balls with a minimum requirement that at the commencement of play the brand name be visible.

c) CONDITIONS OF PLAY – 2ND LOWEST AND LOWEST SECTION MIXED COMPETITION

- 1) A minimum of one (1) court shall be made available
- 2) Two pairs of good quality Tennis Australia approved yellow used balls with a minimum requirement that at the commencement of play the brand name be visible shall be supplied by the home team. The lowest section shall use green balls irrespective of the age of the players in that section in the home and away matches and finals matches or at the discretion of the PTA Committee.
- 3) Matches shall commence at 8.15am and finish no later than 12.30pm
- 4) Home and away matches and finals will consist of three (3) Doubles and three (3) singles matches playing 6 game straight sets. (1st to 6 games wins the set)
- 5) **Where a club has nominated three or more players in the team, up to four players may play each week. All players must be in attendance at the venue by 8.15am. Any player arriving after 8.15am shall not be eligible to play**
- 6) Any team having less than three (3) players ready to play at 8.15am shall forfeit the singles set of the player not in attendance.
- 7) Any team having less than 3 players at 8.30am shall forfeit the sets of the player who is not in attendance.
- 8) Any team having less than 2 players at 8.30am shall forfeit the match including any sets already commenced or played and a fine of \$20.00 shall be imposed.
- 9) Any team that plays players out of order in which the team members have been graded subject to Rule 6 (i) shall forfeit the set at which the player should have played plus any other player who as a result has played out of his/her graded position.
- 10) Competition points will be awarded as follows: 1 point for each set won, plus 4 points for the outright winner. Sets or matches not completed, each club will share the points.
- 11) To be eligible to compete in finals, players must have played three (3) matches during the current season. Any team which plays an ineligible player in a finals match shall forfeit the matches that player plays to Nil.
- 12) **Finals** matches shall be played in order of the scoresheet.
- 13) The scoresheet shall be completed prior to any matches commencing.
- 14) **In finals**, the Tie-break pair must be nominated prior to the commencement time of the day's play. Only players named on the Score Sheet will be eligible to play the Tie Break set. The names of the Tie Break pair must be written on the back of the Score Sheet.
- 15) Should either player nominated as the tiebreak pair be unable to play due to injury then at the sole discretion of the Home Court Supervisor a substitute(s) player may be permitted providing the supervisor is satisfied as to the genuineness of the injury. In the event of the above, or a team fails to nominate a tiebreak pair, the Captain of the opposing team will select the tiebreak pair or replacement player(s), as the case may be, for them.
- 16) **Finals** matches will consist of three (3) doubles and three (3) singles 6 game straight sets.

- 17) Where a club has nominated three or more players in the team, up to four players may play in the finals. All players must be in attendance at the venue by 8.15am. Any player arriving after 8.15am shall not be eligible to play and will forfeit their match/matches as per rule 11 (b) (5) and (6) and (7).
- 18) To be eligible to compete in finals, players must have played three (3) matches during the current season. Any team which plays an ineligible player in a finals match shall be disqualified and the match awarded to the opposing team.
- 19) **In finals** matches, each team shall supply two (2) good quality Tennis Australia approved used balls with a minimum requirement that at the commencement of play the brand name be visible.

13. SUPERVISORS

- 1) The Supervisor from the Home Club must be in attendance by **8.00am** for the 8.15am start time and **10.15am** for the 10.30am start time and have the courts prepared for play, subject to prevailing weather conditions. Failure to comply will incur a fine of \$50.00.
- 2) A senior person from each participating club must be in attendance at all times. Failure to comply will incur a fine of **\$50.00**
- 4) In accordance with Tennis Australia guidelines all Home Club Supervisors must have a current Working With Children Check.
- 3) For finals, a senior person from the Host Club must be in attendance by 8.00am and have the courts prepared for play, subject to the prevailing weather conditions. Failure to comply will incur a fine of **\$50.00**
- 4) The Home Supervisor shall be responsible to –
 - Ensure all players arrive on or before the scheduled starting time.
 - Ensure matches commence by the scheduled starting time
 - Supervise all matches throughout the morning's play
 - Ensure play is continuous on all courts
 - Ensure scores are entered on the score sheet after each match
 - Adjudicate on any dispute that arises during the course of play
 - Report any incidences of misconduct between players or spectators and breaches of the Code of Conduct Regulations.
 - At the completion of all matches, check both the home and away team's score sheet, ensure all additions are identical, all names are entered and sign both score sheets.
- 5) Where finals are rescheduled, ensure the rescheduled date and other information as required on the back of the score sheet is completed and secure the score sheet in a safe place until the play recommences on the rescheduled date. Where matches have commenced, score details shall also be recorded on the back of the score sheet.
- 6) Where finals are rescheduled, the host club shall ensure a Supervisor is in attendance as per Rule 12 (1) of these rules.
- 7) The Home Supervisor is required to wear the orange supervisors vest during the course of the morning until all matches are completed and all score sheets have been checked and signed. Failure to do so will incur a fine of **\$20.00**

14. FORFEITS

- 1) Teams receiving forfeits shall score maximum to nil. The result shall be entered on line by 5pm on the Monday following the match. The result shall be confirmed by the forfeiting team by 5.00pm on the Wednesday following the match. If the match result is not entered by the team receiving the forfeit by 5.00pm on the Monday following the match, points will then be allocated to the opposition team. The team receiving the forfeit shall complete a score sheet and forward to the Match Secretary by the Tuesday following the match.
- 2) A team forfeiting a match in the last three rounds of the season shall incur a fine of \$75.00.

- 3) A club that forfeits a finals match shall incur a fine of \$100.00

15. EXTREME WEATHER.

In accordance with the Tennis Australia extreme weather policy the following rules shall apply:

a) Wet Weather

- 1) Clubs are requested to notify the wet weather contact/Junior Coordinator from visiting clubs as early as possible, but no later than 45 minutes prior to the commencement of play should the match be declared a washout. Where a washout is declared and neither team attends the venue, the Home Team shall provide a blank score sheet with the Clubs names only to the Score Recorder within the specified time.
- 2) In the event of wet weather, all teams shall remain in attendance for 45 minutes after the commencement time of play unless a washout is declared prior to that time by the Home Supervisor.
- 3) The Home Supervisor shall have the sole responsibility for calling off matches due to wet weather. The Home Supervisor must assess the situation ensuring the safety of players. The courts (including the lines and surrounds) must be inspected to determine its suitability for play before any matches are commenced or resumed. All players must abide by the Home Supervisors determination of the condition of the courts. When a dispute arises during a final, the Home Supervisor must contact the Score Recorder/Match Secretary for a ruling. The decision of the Score Recorder/Match Secretary shall be final.
- 4) This includes courts covered by ice, dew or other dangerous substance.
- 5) If a match is washed out prior to a decision being reached, points for the undecided Rubbers/Sets shall be divided equally

b) Hot Weather

- 1) During the morning's play if the Melbourne temperature reaches 35C or above as broadcast on **ABC RADIO AM 774** on the hour ie 9.00am, 10.00am,11.00am or 12noon, play will be abandoned and points for all unfinished Rubbers/Sets will be shared.

c) Smoke

- 1) The Home Supervisor must be aware of the dangers extreme conditions and take necessary steps to suspend play in the case of a significant potential risk. In the case of a specific fire alert in a particular area consideration must be given to the cancellation or suspension of play.
- 2) Points for matches not completed for this reason shall be shared.

d) Lightning

- 1) When thunderstorms threaten, the Home Supervisor responsible must assess the situation ensuring the safety of players and spectators. When an individual can see lightning and /or hear thunder, players shall be considered at risk and play **must** be suspended until lightning cannot be seen and thunder cannot be heard.

- 2) The Home Supervisor must take all steps to ensure that all players and spectators where possible are inside a safe shelter during the thunderstorm.
- 3) Points for matches abandoned will be shared.

e) High Winds

- 1) Where high winds create conditions creating an unreasonable risk for players within the court enclosure or on-site spectators, play may need to be suspended by the Home Supervisor. These conditions may include but not be limited to court furniture or fixtures disturbed, fences damaged, items being blown onto court or players health threatened by the force of the wind.
- 2) Points for matches not completed due to the suspension of play shall be shared.

16. FINALS

- 1) For both eight (8) team sections and six (6) team sections, the team finishing first shall play the team finishing fourth. The team finishing second shall play the team finishing third. The two winning teams shall play off in the Grand Final.
- 2) For both the eight team section and six team section, the teams finishing first and second shall have the first final played at their home venue where practicable.
- 3) The Grand Finals shall be played at neutral courts subject to the discretion of the Peninsula Tennis Association Inc. Committee.
- 4) The Grand Finals shall be played at neutral courts subject to the discretion of the Peninsula Tennis Association Inc. Committee.
- 5) For an unqualified player to play in finals, the Club concerned must submit to the Match Secretary a list of available players together with their playing records. Such request MUST be in writing. No unqualified player may play in the finals until written approval is received from the Match Secretary.
6. a) A player that was not nominated in the original team list or added up to Round 7 but has played sufficient qualifying matches will be eligible to play in any finals match where all members of the nominated team are available to play provided the player has been granted permission by the Match Secretary to play in the Section and does not strengthen the team.
 - a) The player not nominated in the team must play a minimum of six (6) matches during the season to be eligible to play in any finals match.
7. Upon arrival at the finals venue, all players must report to the Host Club Supervisor and submit the score sheet with all players names recorded prior to the commencement of play at 8.15am. No substitution or alteration of players shall be made on the score sheet after its completion.
8. In the event of adverse weather, unfinished matches are to be completed on the following day (Sunday) as set out on the fixture. In the event of an unfinished match, the Match Secretary shall be notified by phone of the matches not completed.
9. The results of delayed matches must be phoned to the Match Secretary before 8.00pm on the day of the completed matches.

10. Where a final is delayed due to adverse weather, the date of the postponed match, and score when play was suspended must be endorsed on the back of the scoresheet and signed by both captains. The Host Club shall retain the score sheet.
11. Where a match is rescheduled an emergency may take the place of any player who is prevented through illness, accidental disablement or any other good sufficient reason. The Match Secretary must be advised in writing of any such change prior to the match recommencing.
12. If the season has not been concluded on the reserve date as shown on the fixture and Competition Software of the scheduled Grand Final, the highest ranked remaining team shall be declared the winner.

17. RESULTS.

- 1) The Home Team shall have the responsibility for submitting Score Sheets to the Match Secretary/Score Recorder.
- 2) All clubs shall retain a copy of all score sheets of matches played during the season.
- 3) Immediately after the completion of all matches whether or not a result is determined, the score sheet as approved by the Peninsula Tennis Association Inc. Committee shall be completed, signed by both captains and signed by the Club Supervisor.
- 4) The **home team/club** shall ensure that each result is entered via the On Line **Competition Software** system no later than 5.00pm on Monday following the completion of the match. If all details including players names are not entered by 5.00pm on the Monday following the match, a late score entry fine/incomplete score sheet fine of \$40.00 will apply. If the home team fails to enter the score online by 5pm on the Monday following the match, the away team shall be declared the winner of the match to NIL.
- 5) The **away team/club** shall confirm each result via the **Competition Software** on Line system no later than 5.00pm on the Wednesday following the completion of the match. Teams playing away shall be responsible for entering emergency players for their team against the score when confirming the results. Failure to enter the player's name shall result in a fine of \$40.00 being imposed against the away club.
- 6) In the event of a match not being commenced or being incomplete the result score sheet shall as far as practicable be completed and must include each player's name and score (if any) of each completed or incomplete rubber and state the reasons for the match not being commenced or completed. The reasons for the match not commencing or being incomplete shall be endorsed in the Match Notes Box in the On Line **Competition Software**. Failure to do so will result in a \$40.00 fine being imposed to the Home Club.
- 7) Home teams shall forward the original score sheet to reach the Match Secretary by the Tuesday following the match
- 8) The results of each last round ARE TO BE DELIVERED OR EMAILED by the home team by 9.00pm the day of the match to the address as notified by the Match Secretary. Failure to do so will result in the visiting team being awarded the match maximum score to nil

- 9) The results of each last round home and away match shall be entered on line by the home club by 9.00pm on the day of the match Failure to do so will result in the visiting team being awarded the match maximum score to nil. Results are to be confirmed by the away team by 9.00am the day following the match. Failure to do so will result in a fine of \$40.00 to the home club.
- 10) The results of each finals match are to be phoned or emailed by the host club to the Match Secretary by 5pm on the day of the match or as determined by the Match Secretary. Failure to do so will incur a fine of \$20.00
- 11) The results of each finals match shall be entered on line **Competition Software** by the winning team by 9.00pm on the day of the match. Failure to do so will result in the opposing team being awarded the match maximum score to nil. Results are to be confirmed by the away team by 9.00am on the day following the match.
- 12) Matches not completed shall be abandoned and points shared unless one team has an unbeatable lead.
- 13) If score sheets are not received by the Match Secretary/Score Recorder within seven (7) days of the completion of the match, the Home Team will incur a fine of \$20.00 for each late score sheet.

18. PROTESTS.

- 1) Protests should be noted by endorsing the front of the Score Sheet "Protest Pending" with the Home Supervisor signing the Score Sheet and noted in the Match Notes Box on Competition Planner.
- 2) Details of the protest are to be lodged in writing within three (3) days of the match to the Peninsula Tennis Association Inc. Secretary.
- 3) The Executive of the Peninsula Tennis Association Inc. shall take such action as appropriate within seven days of receiving the complaint to adjudicate on the protest.
- 4) All parties involved in the protest shall be advised of the decision in writing of the decision of the Executive of the Peninsula Tennis Association Inc.
- 5) A fee of \$20.00 is payable and must accompany the protest. The fee is returnable after the hearing of the protest at the discretion of the Peninsula Tennis Association Inc. Committee.

19. OFF COURT ADVICE.

- 1) Only players directly involved in the match are permitted in the court area whilst a match is in progress.
- 2) Subject to paragraph 18 (3) no person either on or off the court is permitted to offer any assistance or advice to any player whilst the match is in progress.
- 3) Where the venue supervisor is made aware that a problem has arisen during the course of a match, the venue supervisor may appoint a suitable deputy supervisor to assist in the conduct of the match.

- 4) If an unauthorised person enters the court area during the course of a Rubber/Set, the player/players from the club whom the unauthorised person is associated shall be defaulted immediately and the Rubber/Set be awarded to the opposing player/players.
- 5) The Home Supervisor shall obtain details of the person entering the court area and make a report to the Match Secretary within 24 hours.
- 6) The Executive of the Peninsula Tennis Association shall investigate the matter within seven days and take any appropriate action as it sees fit..

20. MOBILE PHONES

Mobile phones taken into the court area shall be turned off before play commences.

21. TENNIS AUSTRALIA CODE OF CONDUCT.

The Peninsula Tennis Association Inc. shall adopt the Tennis Australia Code of Conduct/Events Disciplinary Policy.

- 1) A copy of the TENNIS AUSTRALIA "EVENTS DISCIPLINARY POLICY" shall be on display at all affiliated Clubs. Failure by any Club to observe this requirement shall not negate any breach of these rules.
- 2) Any breach of the Events Disciplinary Policy shall be reported to the Score Recorder by using the forms contained in the back of the Score Book. Such reports may only be made by an adult and the report must be signed by an officiating Supervisor in attendance. A copy of the report must be handed to the offending party before leaving the venue.
- 3) Any breach of the Tennis Australia Member Protection Policy (hereinafter called the Policy), shall be forwarded in writing to the secretary of the Peninsula Tennis Association within 72 hours of the alleged incident by, in the case of a junior player, the parent or guardian of that player or in the case of an adult, by the victim.
- 4) Upon receipt of a complaint, the secretary must cause to be forwarded a copy of the complaint to the Member Protection Officer, and the person complained against within 48 hours.
- 5) The Member Protection Officer shall then comply with clause 15.1 of the Tennis Australia Member Protection Policy.
- 6) If the complaint cannot be resolved, a hearing shall be fixed in accordance with the Policy.
- 7) The Member Protection Officer shall have the power to call any relevant persons to appear before the Tribunal and give evidence.
- 8) All parties to the hearing shall be notified by ordinary prepaid mail of the place, date and time of the hearing no less than 72 hours before the date fixed.
- 9) If the person complained against fails to attend the hearing, the tribunal may proceed to hear the complaint and impose any penalty it sees fit or it may adjourn the hearing for a period not exceeding seven (7) days and suspend the player complained against from any Peninsula Tennis Association Inc. competition or tournament until the determination of the complaint.

- 10) A complaint against a minor shall not be heard unless that person is accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.
- 11) If the Complaint is found proven, the Tribunal shall have the power to impose any penalty it feels appropriate. All parties shall be notified in writing of the result of the hearing and any penalty imposed.
- 12) Matches shall be played under Tennis Australia Rules. The Rules of Tennis booklet must be available for reference.
- 13) (a) A copy of the Tennis Australia And Member Association Events Disciplinary Policy shall be on display at all affiliated Clubs. Failure by any Club to observe this requirement shall not negate any breach of these Rules.

(b) Any breach of this Policy shall be reported to the Peninsula Tennis Association Inc. Committee within 48 hours of the breach.

- 14) Players shall not, during any match or at any time within the precincts of the venue sanctioned fixture engage in conduct to the prejudice of the game of tennis:
 - (a) **Commencement of Play.** Play must start in accordance with the Peninsula Tennis Association Inc. competition rules. Matches must follow each other without delay, in accordance with the order of play as determined in the competition rules or as agreed by both captains.
 - (b) **Unreasonable Delays.** Players shall commence the match after the established warm up period. Thereafter play shall be continuous. Players shall take no longer than 90 seconds to change ends.
 - (c) **Coaching.** Players shall not receive any coaching while a match is in progress. This includes any period where the player leaves the court for any reason whatsoever
 - (b) **Abuse –Verbal and gestures.** Players shall not during any competition, verbally abuse any official, opponent, spectator or any other person. Players shall not use offensive or obscene language or make offensive or obscene gestures during any match.
 - (c) **Abuse of equipment.** Players shall not with anger, hit kick or throw a tennis ball, racquet or other equipment, or in any way unreasonably interfere with any court fixtures and equipment.
 - (d) **Physical Abuse.** Players shall not at any time physically abuse any official, opponent, spectator or other person within the precincts of a competition site. A breach of this rule will result in the immediate abandonment of the match with a report by the Duty Person and BOTH captains to the Peninsula Tennis Association Inc. Committee. If one captain refuses to sign the report, such refusal shall be noted by the Duty Person on the report.

22.OPERATION

These rules come into operation for the 2016 Winter Season.

FINES SUMMARY.

RULE	DESCRIPTION	FINE
4(d)	Withdrawal of team after Grading	\$50
5 (b)	Change in order of team after grading	\$20
13 (2)	Fail to provide supervisor	\$50
13 (3)	Failure by host club in finals to have supervisor in attendance by 8.00am and have courts ready for play.	\$50
13 (7)	Fail to wear supervisor vest	\$20
14 (2)	Forfeit in last three rounds	\$75
14 (3)	Forfeit finals match	\$100
17 (4)	Fail to enter scores by 5pm on Monday following match and include emergency names in drop down box against scores.	\$40
17 (5)	Failure by away team to emergency names in drop down box against scores by 5pm on Tuesday following match.	\$40
17 (8)	Fail to enter last round results on the on line system (Comp Planner) by 9.00pm on the day of the match	\$40
17 (9)	Failure to phone or email results of finals to Match Secretary by 5pm on day of match.	\$20
18 (5)	Lodging a protest	\$20

