

YPTC Junior Competition Information Notes

Membership

It is a requirement of the PTA and the club that completion players are a financial member of our club. Details can be found on the club's website, www.yamalaparktc.org.au and clicking on membership link or hard copies are generally available in the clubhouse.

Competition Fees

Comp fees are used to cover PTA charges and the cost of balls. For this season the comp fee is \$30 per player and covers the summer season. Please pay this to your team manager at season commencement.

Clothing

Shorts:

Preferably tennis shorts that fit a ball in the pocket. It scares me greatly seeing kids place the ball beside them prior to serving. Please ask the boys to always have two balls for serving and to put one in their pocket.

Polos:

Our club has Yamala polos for sale and our juniors are encouraged to wear these. They are mostly white with a green side panel and do look good when our team members are dressed in them, however the club does not enforce any specific policy and any t-shirt with sleeves are ok.

Shoes:

Clay court tennis shoes (herringbone soles) are preferred such as Dunlop Volleys. Chunky soled shoes are not suitable for playing on en tout cas (clay)

Hat:

As we move into summer caps are nearly essential. Yamala Park caps are available for purchase. Check out our Uniform Order Form on our club web site for pricing details.

Game format:

Play comprises of 1 doubles match and 1 singles match. Each match is either first to 6 games or alternatively a tie-break at 6 all depending on the section. A link to the PTA rules of competition are on our club web site.

Scoring of the game is as per the normal rules of tennis. Sets can last from 20mins to an hour if the match is very even.

The doubles are played first followed by the singles matches. Players must play as per the order in the score book - i.e. player 1 from team A plays player 1 from team B and so on.

Support

Parent support is wanted and encouraged when it is fair and respectful. Off court coaching, assistance with line calls and scoring is prohibited under PTA rules. Asking for the score is allowed and is the best way to get the boys to try work out the score when they have forgotten. Games scores should be updated on the scoreboards as they are resulted.

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With repeated poor line calls, it is required that discussion is had with the court supervisor and not the kids directly. They are the only authorised person to talk with the kids when on court.

Court Supervisor

Home playing teams are on a roster to supervise the matches. Essentially the role is to ensure appropriate behavior of the kids and parents, to sign score books as being correct and to ensure matches flow and courts not under utilised. The court supervisor is required to wear an orange vest and this can be found in the competition cupboard. Details of how to gain access to the cupboard will be given to Team Managers.

Team Manager:

Each team needs a manager to coordinate the kids, ensure the team has enough players from week to week. Text reminders the night before have proven the popular method of confirming players are ready to go. Parents should try as soon as possible advise the team manager of a shortage or away.

Score books

Score books are provided to all teams to physically record the score results of each match. The home team is responsible for officially recording the day's play. The home team's scorebook is required to be signed-off by both of the team captains and also by the duty supervisor (*wears orange vest*) to ensure scores are accurately recorded. This should be done immediately following the completion of the days play. The away team's book should also be completed with the match results and carefully checked to ensure it correlates with the official home team recording of scores.

For both home and away matches please take a clear photo of the match scoresheet and promptly email to juniors@yamalaparkorg.com.au. This is required so our Junior Coordinator can either 'enter' the home match scores or alternatively 'confirm' the away match recording of results in the Match Centre web site.