

Catholic Secondary Girls Sport South Australia

Provided by SA Catholic Secondary School Girls Sports Association



Game Rules: Tennis

The Team

- Shall consist of four (4) to six (6) players to be ranked in order of ability.
- Maximum number of six (6) players per team.
- A team must have at least three (3) players to take the court or else a forfeit loss results and a scratch match should be played.
- If there are only three (3) players, the fourth (4th) singles match is a forfeit loss and second (2nd) doubles match is also a forfeit loss.
- The home team facilitates the coin toss to decide who serves first (1st). If a team is incomplete at the starting time, there is no coin toss, the complete team chooses who serves first (1st).
- Teams must supply their own basic first aid kit, however a backup kit will be available from the venue coordinator if required.

Uniform

- General neat appearance to be maintained.
- Players MUST wear the correct team uniform that has been set out by their school. Any player wearing the incorrect uniform in Round 1 & 2 will be given a warning. After that, a penalty of two (2) games per player out of uniform to be added to oppositions score, at the start of the game. It may not be done once the game has been completed and the Venue Coordinator must be informed of the infringement at the time of the penalty being handed down.
- The definition of a player out of uniform and a penalty to be applied -
 - A player that is wearing the incorrect coloured shorts, skirt, top etc.
- Any or all players in a team may wear a tracksuit top (NO hood) and tracksuit pants for all or part of any game, provided it conforms to their school's uniform policy.
- If track pants/leggings are worn, female players must still wear their school approved skirt/top/shorts etc. over them
- Cultural Headwear is allowed to be worn, however where possible not be secured with any pins/sharp objects.
- If a player is wearing jeans or non-uniform clothing etc. then the player is not permitted to play unless the Executive Officer has given permission.
- Bike shorts should be worn under the skirt or dress and should be School approved.
- Sandshoes or rubber sole shoes must be worn.
- Soft brimmed and School approved hats may be worn.

Player Eligibility

- Players are only eligible to play one (1) game per day unless approval is given by the Executive Officer prior to the game and both teams have been notified.
- A player can be bought up from a lower grade to fill in for a team that does not have enough players to take the court, however, this player must not play another game for the day unless approval has been given by the Executive Officer.

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- A player is not allowed to be bought down from a higher grade to fill in for a team that does not have enough players to take the court unless approval has been given by the Executive Officer and both teams have been notified.

Umpires

- Matches are to be umpired by the players on the court.
- However, if the players are not confident of keeping the score correctly, they may get assistance from a non-player who calls the score only.

Play

Match Duration:

- Matches to consist of four (4) singles and two (2) doubles.
- Matches begin with both doubles played simultaneously unless neither doubles can be started by allocated time.
- The highest ranked player in the team on the day must play in the #1 doubles pair.
- Singles -
 - 1 v 1
 - 2 v 2
 - 3 v 3
 - 4 v 4
- The time indicated is the match starting time, not the warmup time.
- Players must arrive at least ten (10) minutes earlier to be ready to play at the starting time after filling in the score sheet and warming up.

Rules:

- Tennis is conducted under the rules of the International Tennis Federation, unless otherwise stated.
- Rotational system for player's number one (1) to four (4) so that number one (1) does not always play first. (i.e., Round 1; 1-4, Round 2; 2, 3, 4, 1, Round 3; 3, 4, 1, 2. etc).
- The above may be changed if more than one (1) court is available and the designated singles player is on court already.

Equipment:

- All grades: Home teams to provide a new can of four (4) Tennis balls.
- At the commencement of each point a student must have both balls on their person or one (1) ball, and the other must be off the court and well back from the player serving.
- No balls to be placed on ground beside server.

Scoring & Timing

- Singles play first (1st) to six (6) games. No tie breaks except Senior A.
- Doubles play first (1st) to six (6) games. No tie breaks except Senior A.
- Match scores to be taken from sets won not games won.
- If sets are three (3) all, then games count.
- Each team is to provide their own score sheets.

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- The home team is responsible for submitting the scores each week to SACSSGSA.
- In Senior A competition only, if games are five (5) all then a tie breaker can be played.
- A match is classed as complete once all six (6) sets have been played or the one & a half (1 ½) hour time limit is reached e.g. 8:00- 9:30am or 9:30 – 11:00am
- If a set is not completed within the allocated timeframe, the games played are added to the team's total.
- Captains must sign the scorecards at the end of each round, checking the scores are correct and the details of the match are recorded correctly.
- If scorecards are not filled in correctly by the end of the round, the infringing team may incur a forfeit loss for that round.

Forfeits:

- The forfeiting school is responsible for contacting the opposition school with regard to a forfeit by twelve noon (12.00pm) on the Friday of that week as well as contacting the Venue Coordinator and SACSSGSA.
- Failure to notify correctly will incur a \$ 75.00 forfeit fine as well as the team being charged the double game fee for that round.
- Forfeit score is 6 (36) - 0 (0) sets and no premiership points will be awarded to the forfeiting team.

Points Allocation:

- 3 points for a win
- 2 points for a draw
- 1 point for a loss
- 3 points for a forfeit win (Score to be 6: 36 - 0: 0)
- 0 points for a forfeit loss (Score to be 0: 0 - 6: 36)

Finals:

- In Term One (1), there will be one (1) round of Finals in the last week of competition for A grade competitions only.
- First (1st) and second (2nd) will play off for first (1st) position, third (3rd) and fourth (4th) will play off for third (3rd) position etc.
- For all other grades (including mixed A/B grades), final standings will be determined by the Premiership Table at the conclusion of all rounds.
- If there is a genuine situation of injury before a final, a team must get approval from the Executive Officer to bring up a player from another team.
- If there is a dispute in the Premiership Table, notification is to be received by the Executive Officer, Ph 08 8301 6879 or email sacssgsa@cesa.catholic.edu.au by Monday, Twelve Noon (12.00pm) the week of the Finals or the conclusion of the general rounds. After this time, no disputes or amendments to the Premiership Tables will be considered.
- No matches in the FINALS rounds are to be rescheduled, unless there are extenuating circumstances for both schools involved, and the Executive Officer agree upon an acceptable solution.
- All games must be played at their allocated venues unless approval is given by the Executive Officer to change the venue.