

## SCISSA SECONDARY – TENNIS – BY LAWS Updated 27 August 2007

1. Schools and Colleges are required to enter 6 teams in the competition. Each team contains 4 players, teams can be made up of 2 boys and 2 girls, or 1 boy and 3 girls or 1 girl and 3 boys or 4 boys or 4 girls. All players must ensure that they have suitable sun protection and a water bottle.

A Yr 8 Boys team, Year 9 Boys team, Year 10 Boys Team, Year 11/12 Boys Team

Similarly

A Yr 8 Girls Team, Year 9 Girls Team, Year 10 Girls Team, Year 11/12 Girls team

Year 8 and 9 will travel to one venue, Year 10 and 11/12 will compete at the other venue.

2. **4 courts** must be provided **at the same venue** ( there must not be 2 venues, owing to staffing allocations). This allows for all students to compete throughout the afternoon

It is the responsibility of the home team to provide 4 tennis balls (in suitable condition) per court.

3. Both teams must be ready to begin at **1pm prompt**. Players must warm up effectively prior to commencing the set. (Allow only 5 minutes for warm up – teachers are to ensure players begin the match promptly after warm up). Any player/s missing from a pair will forfeit the set 6 love.

**40 minutes** is allocated to each match. If a team is late to arrive – schools may agree on alternative arrangements (e.g. play to 5 games). If a school must depart prior to games being completed, the score at the time of departure is the score that counts (irrespective of whether the match has concluded). ***Both teachers must agree a departure time before the start of all matches.***

4. There are no singles matches, all matches are doubles matches.
5. Each player will play 2 sets with different partners at the times outlined below:

Player 1 and Player 2 play as a team

Player 3 and Player 4 play as a team

Player 1 and Player 3 play as a team

Player 2 and Player 4 play as a team

6. Each team will play 1 set against the opposing team.

Start time	Year 8 Boys		Year 9 Boys	
	Court 1	Court 2	Court 3	Court 4
1pm	1&2 v 1&2	3&4 v 3&4	1&2 v 1&2	3&4 v 3&4
1.40pm	1&3 v 1&3	2&4 v 2&4	1&3 v 1&3	2&4 v 2&4

7. The set is completed when one team wins 6 games. If the score is 5 games all, then the winner of the next game wins the set. i.e. a short set is played.
8. All normal doubles tennis rules apply. Players switch ends after game 1, 3, 5, 7 and 9. No breaks are to be taken between games. Players are to umpire their own games. Players should demonstrate excellent sportsmanship and tennis etiquette.(see below)
9. Sudden death deuce rules apply to all games i.e at 40-40 – the next point wins the game. *There are no advantage points to be played.*

## **Tennis Etiquette**

*(Please could coaches and teachers ensure that the information below is passed on to players and parents)*

Players and Parents are requested to abide by the following tennis etiquette which has been endorsed by the SCISSA executive for all tournament play.

- Display good sportsmanship at all times. It is important not to lose your temper or throw your racquet when playing. Staying under control will help you play better and improve your tennis.
- Always be fair on line calls - remember the edge of the line is still "in".
- Always return the balls with courtesy to the server.
- Don't walk on to or across a court whilst play is in progress.
- Compliment your opponent's good shots.
- Don't return faults unless the ball is very close to the lines.
- Don't talk during a point unless to call 'yours' etc...to your partner.
- Don't talk to or question the umpire or his/her calls. Accept mistakes if they are made (mistakes are even made at Wimbledon).
- Parents: It is very important for parents and other spectators to also accept the players' line calls, whether you believe they are correct or not, and not to interfere with play. Spectators, including parents, should not sit on court or speak to players during a match.
- Spectators should clap good shots on both sides and be particularly careful not to clap mistakes, e.g. double faults.

All players and parents will be expected to abide by these rules.

**Teachers are required to fill out the attached results sheet and ensure that it is signed by the opposing team. The overall score needs be in games won NOT sets won**