

MONDAY NIGHT FIXTURES – RULES & PLAYING CONDITIONS
PLEASE ENSURE THE FIRST SET IS READY TO PLAY AT 7.00PM SHARP

All players should be at the courts before 7pm as players could be playing in the green or the gold teams.

General Information.

- The **website** is **www.rlta.org.au** which contains the draw, team lists, reserves and points table.
- **Wet Weather.** If unsure whether tennis will be played, please contact the Clubhouse on **3821 0337** after 6.30pm or check the above website. If no message to the contrary, please assume tennis is on.
- **Cups & Chairs.** It is the responsibility of **ALL PLAYERS** to (a) return their cups, wash them up, dry them and put them away and (b) return any chairs that have been taken out of the clubhouse.

Registration and Fees

- **Registration.** You must be a financial member of the club (RLTA) to play in any fixture match. New players must pay their registration before the first fixture match is played.
- **Nightly Court Fee** is to be paid to your Team Captain, who should then pay the court fees to the Pro Shop by 7.30pm. Note that this court fee is set by the RLTA main committee.
- **Partial Credit.** In the event of the matches starting at 7pm, and then being called off because of wet weather, light failure, etc, then, providing the matches are called off before 8.30pm, a partial credit for the cost of the court will be awarded to each team to be used on the next match. It is the responsibility of the Team Captain to keep track of the partial credit for the following week.

Start of Play.

- Please ensure that the first set is ready to play at 7.00pm sharp. If a player is late, then the sets may be played out of order. However if the player has not arrived by (a) 7.30pm – the player's first set will be forfeited, (b) 8.00pm – the player's second set forfeited and (c) 8.30pm – all of the player's 4 sets forfeited. However if it is not possible for the first set to start by 7:15pm, then the offending team will forfeit the first set, except in exceptional circumstances.

Play.

- **Keeping Score.** Please note that it is the responsibility of the **SERVER** to call the score after each point.
- **Returning Balls.** Please return the balls appropriately to the server.
- **Calling Balls.** It is your responsibility to call balls on your half of the court.
- **Second Deuce Game Point.** The server shall serve to the receiver of the same ranking as the server (i.e. like for like, 1 to 1, 2 to 2, etc).
- **Incomplete Matches.** If the match is stopped (and not resumed) because of rain/lights go out, do **NOT** split the remaining sets. The final games score is the score when the stoppage occurs. The match is a draw unless one team is unbeatable (i.e. has 25 games).
- **Score Card.** It is the responsibility of each team to ensure the score is completed correctly.
 - * The full name (first name & surname) of a player must be written down the first time that they play and, after that, first names are okay.
 - * The scores for each set, the final scores & number of sets, any pool players.
 - * Please complete the top section with the names of the winning & losing teams, along with their game and set scores and **sign the card** and give the card to Ray or Eleanor.
 - * If you are unsure, ask one of the committee members. If the card is incomplete, then the points may be forfeited.
- **Reserve Players must be financial members of the RLTA.** Please check the notice board or website for changes to the list of reserve players as names may be added during the season.

Playing Conditions for the Monday Night Competition

- There will be 6 sets of eight games (2 serves each) with short deuce.
- Spare courts are **NOT** to be used for play. If the lights are off, **please do NOT** turn them on.
- Teams consist of 6 players with 3 playing in the green team and 3 in the gold team. See the (coloured) player roster sheet to see whether you are playing in the green or gold team. On the website, click the Coloured Rosters button and then you will need to scroll down to find your team. If in doubt see a committee member.

The order of play for both green & gold.		
1 & 3	vs	1 & 3
2 & 3	vs	2 & 3
1 & 2	vs	1 & 2
1 & 3	vs	1 & 3
2 & 3	vs	2 & 3
1 & 2	vs	1 & 2

- If a player is injured during the match, a replacement may fill in and their games will count. However, all of the substitute rules will apply, and penalties will apply if any of these are violated.
- A replacement player that fills in for a team, for the same player, on at least three consecutive matches, will be considered a member of the team for substitution purposes when filling in for that player.

Substitutes.

- If you are unable to play on a night that you are rostered to play, it is **YOUR responsibility** to find someone to replace you. Ring the players on the reserve list.
- **PLEASE NOTIFY YOUR TEAM CAPTAIN AND PREFERABLY OTHER TEAM MEMBERS** as they need to know for order of play and to avoid any penalties for playing out of ranked order.
- **When using a substitute player, the substitute player will play for the (green or gold) team AND on the court that the replaced player had been assigned to play on.**
- At the discretion of the committee, penalties apply if teams play out of their correct ranked order.
- If you are playing two players of the same ranking, then the player from your team will be ranked higher than the substitute player.
- You must have a common sense approach when substituting players on each night. If there is a dispute on the fairness, please confer with two of the committee members. The decision is to be recorded on the reverse side of the card and signed by both captains and the committee members. As a general rule, **a player is allowed to play at most 2 places lower than their ranking.** If it is more than 2 places then it should be a cause for discussion of possible penalties.
- If a team does not have a full complement of players, then this rule may be waived at the discretion of the committee.
- You are allowed a maximum of **two** substitute players in each sub-team.
- All substitute rules and penalties subject to final decision at discretion of the committee.

Final Check

- Please check that all of the necessary details have been completed on the scorecard and then return the scorecard, pencil, board and balls to the table in the clubhouse.
- All **chairs and cups (washed and put away)** have been returned to the clubhouse.
- You have picked up and taken all of your racquets, jackets, etc and travel safely home.

Thank you, The Monday Night Committee.