



RLTA Rules

Thursday Night Fixtures - 2018

- All players must play at their selected ranking number or above. Should any player ranked 1, 2, 3 or 4 play below their rank a penalty of 4 games will apply to each player doing this. These games are **deducted** from the offending teams total at the end of the match, before a winner is decided. The player rostered off may be changed with the consent of both teams.
- Play should begin at 7:00pm. No warm up is to exceed 10 minutes and no warm ups after the second set. Any team causing an extended delay to begin the match (beyond 15 mins) will forfeit any unplayed games should the match be timed out at the end. Promptly begin each new set. **Lights out at 10.30pm due to Redland City Council regulations.**
- All sets will be of 8 games with second deuces played as a short deuce. During a short deuce the receivers choose the deuce or advantage court to receive the serve.
- The order of sets may be varied by consent of both captains to prevent rule (b) or an early finish request. (see draw for order of sets)
- Match results are decided by GAMES first then SETS, if games are tied. A Draw is declared at 24 games all and 3 sets all. If a match is not complete any unplayed games are not shared or added to the scores. A draw is declared if no team has 25 games or 3 ½ sets.
- Points are allocated at 0.1 point per game plus 5 points for a win or 3 points for a loss. A washout match shares all points (6.4 points each) BYE 7 points. An unfinished match will be 4 points plus Points for games won.
- Good conduct is expected (see Code of Conduct – Tennis rules)
- The rules of tennis will apply in all circumstances (ITF rules of tennis)
- Cost of interrupted matches \$6.00 per team for the first 3 sets. After the 3rd set it becomes a

match and full match fees of \$12.00/player are to be paid.

- Forfeiting teams will be responsible for the total court hire cost unless fair notice is given prior to the evening.

• **Finals**

All teams and players will play on Finals Night

The leading two teams in each division play off to determine the winner.

1 v 2 – Play off to determine the winner in each division

FINALS FORMAT 1 v 2

ALL PLAYERS PLAY FINALS

Division 1 & 2 will play on 3 courts with 1 court being a share court

Order of Play*	
Set 1	3 & 4 vs 3 & 4
Set 2	1 & 2 vs 1 & 2
Set 3	2 & 4 vs 2 & 4
Set 4	1 & 3 vs 1 & 3
Set 5	2 & 3 vs 2 & 3
Set 6	1 & 4 vs 1 & 4
Set 7	3 & 4 vs 3 & 4
Set 8	1 & 2 vs 1 & 2

Finals Format for

Div 1 - 3 v 4, 5 v 6, 7 v 8

Div 2 – 3 v 4, 5 v 6

ALL PLAYERS PLAY FINALS

Each Match will be allotted one court *each*

Order of Play*	
Set 1	1 & 2 vs 1 & 2
Set 2	3 & 4 vs 3 & 4
Set 3	1 & 3 vs 1 & 3
Set 4	2 & 4 vs 2 & 4
Set 5	1 & 4 vs 1 & 4
Set 6	2 & 3 vs 2 & 3

Disputes

- All disputes will be decided by the committee (see draw) and must be raised before the card is signed and submitted.

**RLTA Thursday Night Committee
Melinda Dawson & Les Finney**