

Canterbury tennis



RULES FOR JUNIOR INTERCLUB TENNIS

2008-2009

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 22nd September 2008	Closing date for all entries and Court Availability
Friday 17th / Saturday 18th October 2008	Start of Junior Interclub
Tuesday 4 th November	Clubs must submit team playing orders to Canterbury Tennis
Friday 12th / Saturday 13th December 2008	Last round before Xmas
Friday 13th / Saturday 14th February 2009	First round after Xmas
Friday 3 rd / Saturday 4 th April 2009	Junior Interclub Finals No reserve weekend

1. Grades

The following grades will apply for the 2008/2009 Junior Interclub Competitions: -

Age group	Format of play
10's	Best of 11
11's	Best of 11
12's	Best of 11
13's	Best of 17 (Friday grades – doubles – no ad deuce)
14's	Best of 17 (Friday grades – doubles – no ad deuce)
15's	Best of 17 (Friday grades – doubles – no ad deuce)
Senior Satellite (Age restriction 1988-1992)	Best of 17 (Friday grades – doubles – no ad deuce)
Senior Satellite Premier (Age restriction 1988-1992)	2 sets, plus tie-breaker if 1 set all
Challenger 3 (Age restriction 1994-1997 or Boys 750 Top Dog points / Girls 650 Top Dog points)	2 sets, plus tie-breaker if 1 set all
Challenger 2 (Age restriction 1993-1996 or Boys 950 Top Dog points / Girls 850 Top Dog points)	2 sets, plus tie-breaker if 1 set all
Challenger 1 (Age restriction 1991-1995 or 1050 Top Dog points)	2 sets, plus tie-breaker if 1 set all

Friday: -

Girls & Boys	
10's	4:30pm
11's	4:30pm
12's	4:30pm
13's	4:30pm
14's	4:30pm
15's	4:30pm
Senior Satellite	4:30pm

Saturday

Girls & Boys	
10's	8:30am
11's	8:30am
12's	8:30am
13's	10:30am
14's	10:30am
15's	10:30am
Senior Satellite Premier	1:00pm
Senior Satellite Divisions 1 & 2	10:30am
Senior Satellite all other Divisions	1:00pm – if there are court limitations at 10.30am
Challenger 1	1:00pm or 2.30pm
Challenger 2	1:00pm or 2.30pm
Challenger 3	1:00pm or 2.30pm

Last year it was possible to accept all entries through school and club courts being available. Canterbury Tennis has the right to move divisions to different times when insufficient courts are supplied at desired timeslots or decline entries from Clubs that supply insufficient courts for the number of teams entered at specific times.

2. Playing Days

This year there will be 15 playing days available to complete the interclub competition which are as follows:

PRIOR TO XMAS	AFTER XMAS
17 th / 18 th October (Opening Day)	13 th / 14 th February
No Play Labour Weekend	20 th / 21 st February
31 st October / 1 st November	27 th February / 28 th February
7 th / 8 th November	6 th / 7 th March
No Play Anniversary weekend	13 th / 14 th March
21 st / 22 nd November	20 th / 21 st March
28 th / 29 th November	27 th / 28 th March
5 th / 6 th December	3 rd / 4 th April – FINALS WEEKEND (no reserve weekend)
12 th / 13 th December	10th April EASTER - CANTY JUNIOR CHAMPS

PRE WARNING FOR 2010- Waitangi Day

It will be necessary to play on Waitangi Weekend 2010 (falls on Saturday) due to shortness of Term 1 in this year - starting any later would not give us sufficient time to complete a full 8 team round robin and run the finals weekend which has proved to be a real showcase event. Without play on Waitangi Weekend winners of grades would have to be found without final playoffs.

3. General Format

The format for each grade will vary depending on the number of teams and sections within each grade but will be based around establishing 8 team divisions so a full round can be played prior to and after Christmas.

COURTS:

It is the club supplying the courts responsibility to make every effort to assist schools to maintain an acceptable standard of courts for play. Prior to the season commencing an inspection of the courts should occur to ensure the standard is acceptable.

The following are the courts required for each time

Friday 4:30pm One court per team unless only one team entered then two courts are required.

Saturday 8:30 & 10:30am It is ESSENTIAL that clubs provide one court per team entry at the designated time that grade is playing **(with a minimum of two courts if entering only one team in that time slot.)**

Saturday 1:00pm Two courts per team required. If only one team entered then four courts required (all at the same venue). These grades will be played on four courts and if possible all at 1pm. If not enough courts at 1pm then a second time of 2:30pm will be used.

If Clubs have insufficient courts to allocate one or two courts per team entered, it is requested that they make alternative arrangements with schools for the use of courts. Please ensure that these arrangements are made with the schools and advise the Association on the form attached, stating the number and location of courts available for interclub matches, by **Monday 22nd September 2008.** THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT!

Please make all your parents aware that all school grounds are SMOKE FREE and ask them to please observe this to help with our continuing good relationships with the schools.

Please also advise the dates when the courts are not available as in the past we have encountered some difficulties in this regard, especially at the start of the Christmas holidays and the beginning of the new term.

Clubs having teams accepted into competitions but not supplying sufficient courts shall be charged in accordance with the Junior Court Provision paper which was adopted for the first season in 2007/2008.

NOTE: Should entries have to be declined because of court availability the decision would be based on the courts supplied by a Club.

4. Promotion/relegation

There will be promotion/relegation between all divisions within each grade. This will be done after the last match of the first round prior to Christmas. Promotion relegation will take place between the bottom placed team in each Division and the top placed team in the Division below (One team up and one team down unless Division 1 was less than 8 teams in which case additional teams can be promoted to make an 8 team Division 1 for post-Xmas play)

Please note the following points: -

- Draws and venues for all grades (except Challenger grades) will be sent out for first round only up until Christmas.
- The draw and venues for the second round will be sent to clubs prior to Christmas.
- All teams carry their points through into the second round robin with the exceptions outlined below.
- For regraded teams: A team going down a section will be given the same points as the third placed team (if no clear 3rd team that team shall be given same points as the 3rd line of points). A team regraded up, is to not have more than the second placed team (if no clear 2nd team that team shall be given same points as the 2nd line of points). For example, if a team that has 70 points is regraded from section 2 to section 1 and the second placed team in section 1 only has 65 points then both teams shall start the second round on 65 points.
- In the event of more than one team being promoted the 2nd team being promoted shall be given same points as the 3rd line of points once the first promoted team has been added to the grade.
- Incomplete Rounds: In determining the teams for promotion relegation or for the finals if a full round has not been completed the following criteria will be used "The total points of each team will be divided by the number of games played. The team with the best average will determine the placing."
- Equal placed teams: If teams for promotion relegation are equal, then the match (es) between the equal teams shall be used to determine placing, and if still equal, Canterbury Tennis shall chose a suitable method to determine the order of teams.

5. Wet Weather

Cancellations will be put on the Canterbury Tennis Info Line

08322 JUNR (08322 5867)

Calls cost 12c per minute.

For a match not completed because of rain the following criteria apply:

If more than 60% of all matches scheduled in each section are completed, then the round will be deemed to have been completed e.g. 10's boys' singles, 8 teams per section. One round equals 24 total matches on a Saturday morning. If 14 matches or less are completed - 5 points each.

If 15 or more matches are completed points are allocated as follows.

For Teams that have not completed all games there are two scenarios:

1. If a team has already won, then the remaining matches are shared and the winning team receives the winning points e.g. 4 matches to 1 will be 8.5 - 2.5
2. If the winner hasn't been determined all the remaining points shall be shared e.g. 3 matches to 1 will be 6.5 - 4.5

6. Competition Points

One point is allocated for each individual match won.

One point is allocated to both teams as a participation point **(this point will only be allocated if a full team plays the match)**.

The points allocated for a win or draw are as follows:

Win: 3 points
Draw: 1.5 point each
Default: 0

Examples of point allocations: -

Default = 10 points to team defaulted to.

6 - 0 = 10 points to 1

5 - 1 = 9 points to 2

4 - 2 = 8 points to 3

3 - 3 = 7 points to 4 - win on sets or games count back

3 - 3 = 5.5 points to 5.5 - equal on sets and games

Points will be published on the website by Friday of the week following the matches. Junior Administrators may query these points until the Wednesday 12 days later. (i.e. 2 playing weekends to check).



7. Conditions

All teams shall consist of a minimum of four players who must be of or under the specified age limit at the 31st of December 2008. Clubs are to submit entries to Canterbury Tennis on the required form, which will include the names of **all nominated team members, dates of birth and if applicable details of previous interclub experience.**

Canterbury Tennis will annually set the Closing Date and fee for entry into the competition.

Guidelines

Grading will be based on the entries received. It is important that you give accurate details of each player's grade and section from the previous year, as decisions on the placing of teams in sections is made on this information. If you have more than one team in an age group please give them names so we can distinguish between them. **You will also need to rank the teams in an age group in order of ability.**

Clubs are asked to use the following colour chart to rank teams in order within an age group

Ranked Team	1	2	3	4	5
Colour	RED	GOLD	BLUE	AQUA	GREY
Ranked Team	6	7	8	9	10
Colour	TEAL	NAVY	GREEN	WHITE	YELLOW

All nominated players within a particular grade should have a reasonable standard of play, be familiar with the rules and know how to umpire and score matches.

Canterbury Tennis shall have sole responsibility for allocating teams within a particular grade. The age and ability of all players entered in the Challenger grades will be assessed before accepting teams **Canterbury Tennis may accept nomination of a mixed team in the 10, 11 and 12 grades OR SENIOR SATELITE FRIDAY GRADES ONLY**, when a club is unable to nominate a team consisting of all boys or all girls. In such cases Canterbury Tennis shall be responsible for allocating the grade, provided that at any time no more than two boys are permitted to play in a girl's grade.

All players are required to be a financial member of a tennis club affiliated to Canterbury tennis. A player may only be named for one club and one team.

Any player who has represented a club in any grade during a season must first obtain the written approval from Canterbury Tennis to change to another club.

7a. Challenger Grades:

Canterbury Tennis aims for a high standard in the Challenger grades. Only those teams considered of a suitable standard will be placed in this Division, the remainder being placed in Division 1.

There will be a maximum of eight teams per age grade. Grades will have age restrictions as outlined in **1. Grades** information outlined earlier.

Players nominated in Challenger grades may only fill-in in higher Challenger grades or in the highest Senior Satellite grade.

Special Conditions apply for Challenger Divisions:

1. Each team must supply two pairs of new first grade Slazenger balls every second week.
2. **Matches will be the best of two 12 point tiebreaker sets at 6 all, and if one set all, a further 12 point tiebreaker game shall be played to decide the match.**
3. Clubs will be required to provide two courts per team. For Saturday afternoon Challenger grades, four courts (all at the same venue) if you only have one challenger team entered.
4. 1pm matches must play singles first so that the 2:30 matches can start with doubles on 2 courts.
5. Players with 1991 birth dates (17 years of age) can choose, with their club's guidance, to play either in a Challenger 1 grade, a satellite grade or seniors. (or a combination)
6. Players too young for Challenger 3 and not yet with sufficient Top Dog points should play the highest grade the Club deems appropriate to advance the child's tennis.

Juniors can play in some senior grades provided they abide by the rules as shown in 5d of the senior rules.

Senior Interclub Eligibility

Eligibility for Juniors (Boys under 16 and Girls under 15 as at 31/12/08) to play in Senior Interclub Grades other than Senior Men and Women for the 2008/09 season.

The Interclub and Junior Advisory Groups have agreed that from the start of the 2008/2009 season Juniors may play in the Senior Interclub Competition in the grades detailed in Rule 12 of the Interclub Rules.

To be eligible the Junior players must have achieved a Top Dog Grade of \$6 (1501 Top Dog points) by **15 September 2008** (current points **can be accessed through** the Canterbury Tennis website).

Named Junior players for the 2007/08 Senior Interclub season will be automatically accepted for the 2008/09 season for Grades Division 1 and below as per Rule 12.

Any un-nominated or un-named Junior players filling in must also have achieved 1501 Top Dog points. Junior players who achieve 1501 Top Dog points after 15 September 2008 may only fill in twice during the season.

Juniors achieving Grade \$6 by **15 September 2008** may choose not to move to the Senior competition. That will be their choice.

The object of setting this standard is to introduce and challenge quality Junior players to the Senior Interclub competition and to enhance the competition, while bearing in mind that the Senior players have the right to expect a good quality of players joining their competition. It also sets a clear standard of eligibility to the Clubs, Juniors, Parents and Coaches involved.

8. Playing Order

- There is no limit to the number of players a club may nominate to make up a particular team for the season.
- Clubs are to submit the final playing order to Canterbury Tennis by **Tuesday 4th November 2008**. The playing order shall stand for the remainder of the season. Special exemptions may be considered on application in writing to Canterbury Tennis. **Each team should have its own official playing order list.**
- Supervisors should check the opposition playing order list before play commences. The highest ranked player playing doubles must play in the top doubles match. The name and date of birth of any non-team listed player must be noted on the result sheet. This player can only play in the fourth singles position.

8a. Fill ins

Where possible, fill-ins should be of a suitable playing standard for the grade.

- **Age grades:** Fill-ins may be from any lower division or age group, except that a Saturday player filling in for a Friday team must be from a lower age grade.
- **Challenger grades:** A player filling in for a Challenger team must be from a lower challenger grade, or from the club's highest team eligible by age to play in that grade.
- **Senior Satellite (highest grade):** A player filling in for a senior satellite (highest grade) team must be from either senior satellite, or from a challenger grade, or from the club's highest age grade team.
- **Senior Satellite other grades:** A player filling in for any other senior satellite grade team must be from a lower division of senior satellite, or from the club's highest age grade team (not Challenger).
- **Seniors:** A player filling in for a senior team must comply with the senior interclub rules.

8b. Regrading and replacement

- Any player who has played more than twice as a substitute in any junior grade higher than their nominated team, may not play again in the lower grade except with the prior written approval of Canterbury Tennis.
- Finals - no player may play in a final or section play-off unless the particular player has played at least three times previously for the particular team, except with prior written approval from Canterbury Tennis. In the advent of no players being available that meet this criteria - players from lower grades who were named at no higher than 3 when team orders were submitted, provided they have advised Canterbury Tennis - may be permitted to play - no more than 4 players are permitted in a team that does not have sufficient players qualified to play in a final.

9. Finals

The two top teams at the completion of the round robin competition will play off in the final. Teams are permitted to play up to five players in their team in the final with the exception of the above-mentioned condition.

10. Conduct of Matches

Info line phone number for cancellation or postponement is **08322 JUNR (08322 5867)**. Calls cost 12c per minute

- **Rules** - The competition be conducted under the Rules of Tennis, and the Rules and Regulations of Tennis NZ unless specified.
- **5 person teams** – Teams are permitted to use up to 5 players in each match including finals. **TEAMS MUST BE DECLARED INCLUDING DOUBLES COMBINATIONS BEFORE THE START OF THE MATCH.**
- **Supervision** - All teams **except Senior Satellite grades** must be accompanied by an adult supervisor who must remain with the team during play.
- **Defaults** - any team forced to default **must give at least one day's prior notice to the opposing team and the Canterbury Tennis Office**. Any team not present at the scheduled match venue within fifteen minutes of the starting time is deemed to have defaulted.
- **Weather** - Play may be abandoned only after a duration of 15 minutes. The decision to be made after this time with the majority consent of all parties **at the venue**.
- **Shortages** - Any team short by one player shall default the fourth singles and second doubles matches. Any team short by two players will default the entire match.
- **Balls** - Every Senior Satellite Premier and Challenger team shall supply new Slazenger balls every second week. All other teams shall supply good quality new or used first grade Slazenger balls.
- **Tennis Attire** - All players must wear approved tennis clothing. Shoes must be predominantly white and made for playing tennis.
- **Umpiring** - All singles matches can be adjudicated by team members, except when there are more than two courts available and no spare players are available to umpire. Supervisors are not to umpire matches although in 10 and 11 grades supervisors may assist adjudicators to keep the score only. Players must call their own lines. **Adjudicators are required to assist in keeping the score and make decisions on any disagreements. Points should not be replayed. If receiving players are unsure if a ball is in or out - IT IS IN.**

Supervisors are not permitted to advise players during a match or interfere with the playing of matches except to intervene in the case of misconduct or a circumstance that the players cannot resolve themselves. (Common sense here please). Supervisors should communicate with each other prior to intervening.

Notes as stated on the reverse side of Result Sheets shall apply to all relevant matches.

11. Result Sheets

Junior Administrators will be supplied with a weekly result summary page, which they must fill in and return with result sheets to Canterbury Tennis, **by Tuesday 5.00pm**. Summary result pages may be faxed to 389-5205.

Each team is responsible for completing a result sheet, which must be returned to the respective club Junior Administrator following the match. Wilding Park results sheets must be returned to each team's respective club to enable the Junior Administrator to complete their result summary. Results will be put on the Website by Friday evening.

Top Dog

- Last season Canterbury Tennis inputted the results of Challenger and Division One single matches. It is hoped that this will occur again this season and Clubs are asked to make sure **result sheets include FIRST and SURNAMES** as this information is required to be accurate with Top Dog inputting.

12. Penalties

The following penalties will apply: -

- **Failure to give required notice of default** - the club will be fined \$12.00 in each instance.
- **Failure to have a team accompanied by a supervisor throughout the match** - the club will be fined \$12.00.
- **Ineligible** - in every case where a team has fielded a player who is ineligible for the particular grade, or where an eligible player has played in a position lower than the correct order, the club shall forfeit any points obtained from the matches of that player.

13. Interclub Controller

There will be a Canterbury Tennis staff member on duty at Wilding Park every weekend. This person will be responsible for cancellations and sorting out any problems that may arise on the day. Phone number (03) 3896484

13a. Appeals

Any club which is dissatisfied with a decision of the interclub controller, interclub administration or matters pertaining to a competition should in the first instance contact Canterbury Tennis Operations Manager to see if the matter can be rectified. If the club is unsatisfied with the decision they have the right to appeal to the Chief Executive Officer of Canterbury Tennis and past that to the Junior Advisory Group.

13b Complaints regarding code of conduct

Individuals unhappy with the conduct of players or spectators involved in a match should direct their appeal in the first instance to the **Junior Administrator of their own club (list of Junior Administrators on final page of Rules once Club advises Canterbury Tennis of office holders for the season)**. Once a complaint has been received by Canterbury Tennis (from the club making the complaint) Canterbury Tennis will contact the other club concerned for comment on the matter.

Canterbury Tennis will decide whether the comment and any action taken by the club concerned meets with its standards of player and spectator behaviour and advise the club making the complaint. Appeals past this point should be directed to the Chief Executive Officer for mediation and past that point to the Appeals Panel.

14. Tiebreaker

For the assistance of players the conduct of a tiebreak is summarised as follows.

10's, 11's and 12's grades – No Tiebreaker- at 5-all another normal game to be played serving to remain in rotation

13's, 14's, 15's and Senior Satellite grades

A tiebreak shall commence at a game score of:
- 8 all in a 9 up game.

Singles

A player who first wins 7 points shall win the game provided he leads by a margin of 2 points. If the score reaches 6 points all the game shall be extended until the margin is 2. **The player whose turn it is to serve, serves the first point.** His opponent shall be the server for the 2nd and 3rd points and thereafter each player serves alternately for 2 points until the tie breaker is complete.

From the first point each point shall be served alternately from the right and left courts, beginning with the right. The players shall change ends every 6 points. The player who served first in the tiebreaker receives in the first game of the next set.

Doubles

The procedure is the same as singles. The player whose turn it is to serve serves the first point. Thereafter the player serves 2 points in the same rotation order as previously in the match. The tiebreaker counts as one game so that the receiving team at the start of the tiebreaker game serves first in the next set.

Challenger and Senior Satellite Premier grades – please see rule 7a which details Challenger tie-breaks

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