## MATCH REGULATIONS – TENNIS

- Te.1. The game will be played under the rules of the ITF unless contra indicated below.
- Te.2. The home team supplies the balls for the games. Tennis balls must be of competition standard by a reputable brand.
- Te.3. A decision must be made between both Supervisors BEFORE any games commence to establish a "Finishing Time" when all matches will cease. (To be marked on the scoresheet).
- Te.4. In recording results please record sets won and games won. The total number of sets won will determine the results for each team at the end of "Time". In the event of a tie on sets, the number of games won will determine the winning team.
- Te.5. Substitution can be made after the first round of sets are completed.
- Te.6. A set will be awarded in the event of time being called, if they are two games clear and at least five games have been played in the set. Games played in any unfinished sets count towards the final result.
- Te.7. Each match is of one 6 game tie-break set. If games reach 5 games all, a tie break to be played to determine the winner of the set.
- Te.8. The tie-break is first to 7 points. If the score reaches 6 all, the game continues until there is a margin of two points. First service occurs from the right court. Thereafter, each player serves in rotation for two points, beginning from the left court. Change ends after every 6 points.
- Te.9. A team will consist of four members of each gender. Up to 4 substitutes (2 x Boys and 2 x Girls) are allowed. Prior to the start of matches, the Coach will designate the seeding of all Players including substitutes. Players to be seeded according to ability with the best player playing as "1". You can only substitute with a lower seeded player.
- Te.10 The seeded matches to be played are:

Eight (8) games of Doubles (or 12 if time permits);

Court 1: B1,B2 vs B1,B2	B1,B4 vs B1,B4	B1,G1 vs B1,G1*
Court 2: B3,B4 vs B3,B4	B2,B3 vs B2,B3	B2,G2 vs B2,G2*
Court 3: G1,G2 vs G1,G2	G1,G4 vs G1,G4	B3,G3 vs B3,G3*
Court 4: G3,G4 vs G3,G4	G2,G3 vs G2,G3	B4,G4 vs B4,G4*

\*Third Set Mixed Doubles format

**NB:** To constitute a match a minimum of 4 doubles matches must be completed.

- Te.11. In Yr 7 & 8 tennis, match is the first to 4 games, tie-break to be played at 3 games all.
- Te.12. Any spare court should be utilized by those players first to finish their doubles match.
- Te.13. Schools should keep their own records in relation to which students play in what team.
- Te.14. Tennis Victoria can be contacted on 8420 8420 for further information regarding tennis opportunities.
- Te.15. Sudden Death Deuce. Only one point is needed to win the game when deuce is reached. The receiver or receiving team choose the side that the server serves from.

## Mercy Rule:

There is no specific Mercy Rule in this sport. If you are winning comfortably, encourage students to keep rallies going and not to hit big winners. No maximum winning margin.

## Tied Grand Final:

In the event of a tied Grand Final, the school that won the Boys '1', Girls '1' vs Boys '1', Girls '1' Mixed Doubles match will be deemed the premier school.