



Eastern Districts Tennis Association Juniors

REGULATIONS
2024 Season





Introduction

The Eastern Districts Tennis Association (EDTA) Junior Competition will be a tiered structure with the competition being open to the following Association: Eastern Districts Tennis Association.

1. EDTA Junior Competitions Advisory Group

- 1.1 The Competitions Advisory Group will be made up of **three** representatives from The Eastern Districts Tennis Association and **three** Tennis SA staff members.
- 1.2 The Competitions Advisory group is empowered to administer the competitions for EDTA Junior Competition.
- 1.3 The Competitions Advisory Group may:
 - (a) Manage all minor round and Finals matches including setting match schedules, select and determine venues including specifying standards and audit requirements and administer the EDTA Junior Competition Regulations and Rules.
 - (b) Administer the Rules of Tennis for the competitions.
 - (c) Conduct investigations and hearings, impose remedies, suspensions, and penalties for breaches of the Code of Behaviour or infringements of any other Rules or Policies and deal generally with disciplinary matters arising from EDTA Junior matches.

2. EDTA Junior Grading Advisory Group

- 2.1 The Grading Advisory Group will be made up of **three** representatives from within The EDTA and two Tennis SA staff members.
- 2.2 The Grading Advisory Group may:
 - (a) Call for nominations from clubs for teams for each Competition and accept or decline nominations.
- 2.3 For the respective junior competition Tennis SA will provide EDTA Junior Grading Advisory Group with a current rating-based grading spreadsheet. In Winter teams will be graded based on the top 2 highest-rated players and in summer teams will be graded on the top 4 highest-rated players. The final grading of junior teams will be made by the respective EDTA Junior Grading Advisory Group.
- 2.4 Clubs may appeal the decision of the Grading Advisory Group for review; however, the final decision will be made by the EDTA **Grading** Advisory Group.

3. Nominations of EDTA Junior Teams by Clubs

- 3.1 A Tennis Club affiliated with Tennis SA and the EDTA may nominate a team to compete within the EDTA Junior Competition.
- 3.2 Nominations shall be submitted online via League Manager.
- 3.3 If court availability becomes limited, a split time format could be implemented which would adjust the commencement time of matches for selected divisions for Friday Night matches.
- 3.4 Team Fees for EDTA Junior competitions will be \$66 (plus GST) per team except Orange Ball which will be \$44 (plus GST). Clubs will receive an invoice once teams are final.
- 3.5 The Nomination will require a nominating club to name in Order of Merit the players which it proposes to play in its team. Players aged 17 years and under where age is to be taken to be as at the first match of the relevant season will be eligible to nominate.
- 3.6 All players nominated must have registered and activated their own Competitive Player Profile in order to compete.
- 3.7 No player nominated by a club may change clubs after grading of teams without the permission of the nominating club. Should the permission be sought by the player and denied by the club, the matter may be appealed to the Competitions Advisory Group.
- 3.8 Players originally nominated in the top four for Junior State League and State League in the current calendar year cannot play in the EDTA Junior Competition.
- 3.9 If a club submits teams to the EDTA Junior competition it is expected that their courts be made available for play. Courts used by the EDNA (netball) competition are considered unavailable for use during the times scheduled for EDNA use (Summer – Friday Nights, Winter – Saturday Morning).
- 3.10 All Clubs entering teams will supply at least one person for court supervision for each Saturday morning and Friday night competition. Should a club be unable to provide supervisors for the use of courts when required, the Association will provide that service at a cost to the Club, but the Club will be required to provide access and closure of the courts and facilities at the relevant times. It is expected that clubs will make every attempt to provide supervisors for the EDTA Junior competition.
- 3.11 The Association will charge a supervision fee as agreed by clubs, for each team nominated for Friday Night and Saturday Competition. This fee will be distributed back to clubs to reimburse their chosen supervisor, or the person recruited by the EDTA Management Committee. The supervisor will wear Tennis SA approved supervisors vest and or cap.

4. Financials

- 4.1 Each team must have paid in full, entry fees and or registration fees that are due and payable for the season by Round 3 to Tennis SA.

Notwithstanding the above, Tennis SA may in its sole and ultimate discretion:
 - (a) Deduct premiership points from a team that has not paid in full any outstanding fees by Round 3 of competition; and
 - (b) May expel a team from the competition if that team has not paid in full any outstanding fees by Round 5 of competition.
- 4.2 Each team must have paid in full all light fees, ball fees and supervision fees that are due and payable by Round 3 to EDTA.

5. Selection of Teams to Compete in EDTA Junior Competitions

- 5.1 The grading Advisory Group in its discretion may determine how many teams and select which clubs compete in the EDTA Junior Competitions applying the Selection Criteria annexed to these Rules. The Competitions Advisory Group is not bound to accept any nomination
- 5.2 Clubs may appeal the decision of the Grading Advisory Group for review; however, the final decision will be made by the Competitions Advisory Group.

6. Registered Players

- 6.1 Any Club who has teams competing in The EDTA Junior Competition must have all those players registered in a Tennis Australia approved database management system by Round 3.
 - (a) In the case a club has not registered players into a Tennis Australia approved database management system by Round 3 penalties will be applied as per below.
 - (b) No Premiership Points will be allocated, should players not be registered in a Tennis Australia approved database management system.
 - (c) Newly added players to a team, must be registered within 7 days of play.
- 6.2 All players within EDTA Junior Competition must have their details recorded in full on League Manager.
- 6.3 Any club playing a player listed on Tennis SA's list of ineligible players shall be penalised by losing any points the ineligible player has accrued and forfeit all sets played.

7. Affiliation

- 7.1 Any Club who has teams competing in EDTA Junior Competition must have paid their affiliation fees. In the case where a club has not paid affiliation fees, teams will not be accepted.

8. Order of Merit

- 8.1 "Order of Merit" means that players will play in the order of players with greater ability playing higher in the team than players of lesser ability. Order of Merit shall be determined primarily but not solely by current match results. Players not listed on the original team Order of Merit will be included after they play a match.
- 8.2 **Players must play in Order of Merit in all teams at all times.**
- 8.3 No player may move more than one ranking position up or down in consecutive matches.
- 8.4 The Competitions Advisory Group may at its discretion review the Order of Merit for any team at any time.
- 8.5 The Competition Advisory Group shall have the power to disapprove the Order of Merit within any team and within any club, and to adjust match results accordingly as it sees fit.
- 8.6 Disputes as to Order of Merit shall be determined by the Competitions Advisory Group which may impose such penalty as deemed necessary.

9. Semmens Awards

- 9.1 At the conclusion of each Round, Team Managers, in consultation with players are required to lodge their vote for the opposition player who displayed the best sportsmanship, court manners, attitude and dress. This must be completed at the venue and forwarded to the Award Recorder as advised. Original slips not delivered (by phone, email, or photo) to the Award Recorder must be retained with the match sheet at the venue.
- 9.2 The Venue Supervisor will be required to send all votes, as attached, onto the Recording Junior Coordinator.

10. Presentations

- 10.1 TBA

11. Competition Rules for 2023/2024

- 11.1 The Competition Rules for EDTA Junior matches for the Season 2023/2024 are annexed to these Regulations.

12. Circumstances not covered

- 12.1 Where any issue arises which is not addressed in the Regulations or in the Competition Rules, there is uncertainty about the application of the Regulations or the Competition Rules or it is necessary to resolve any dispute which has arisen in relation to the Regulations or the Competition Rules, the Competitions Advisory Group has the power to determine the issue, the uncertainty or the dispute after giving the parties involved the opportunity to provide such information or submission as Competitions Advisory Group considers appropriate.

13. Amendment of Rules

- 13.1 Competitions Advisory Group can replace or amend the Competition Rules from time to time.

