

2015/16 State League - Fact Sheet

SCHEDULE:

The number of round will be determined by the number of teams nominating and accepted.

- Commencing 10 October
- Last match before Christmas to be 19 December
- Break on 19 December, and returning on 30 January 2016
- Last round to be on 20 February
- Finals to be run over 3 weekends commencing 27 February with Grand Final on 12 March
- The State League will consist of a maximum of six women's and eight men's teams.
- 15 home and away rounds will be played with the women's draw being played through three times and the men's twice. Round 15 for the men's draw will be used to replay the first cancelled match of the season.
- In the unlikely event there are no cancelled matches, the round 15 match will be played as a continuation of the season.

STATE LEAGUE ROLES:

- Mike Daws – State League Committee Chair Person
- Kerry Haysman – State League Recording Secretary
- Ty Allen – Tennis SA, State League Coordinator

MATCH TIMES:

The scheduled starting time will be 1pm for home and away matches on a Saturday afternoons (unless otherwise notified) – 2 courts per match.

State Leagues teams are able to apply to the State League Committee in writing to hold matches at different times. These requests must be sent to the State League Recording Secretary.

Players must be ready to play at the stipulated match time.



FINALS:

The four teams securing the highest number of points shall play off in the major round. In the event of a bye in a draw, the four teams securing the highest match ratio shall play off in the major round. In the semi-finals, the Minor Premiers will have the option of hosting a home final on courts of a standard approved by the Match Committee. If the team declines, the decision shall rest with the Match Committee.

- (A) The team finishing 1st plays the team finishing 2nd;
- (B) The team finishing 3rd plays the team finishing 4th;
- (C) The loser of (a) plays the winner of (b); and
- (D) The winner of (c) plays the winner of (a) in a grand final. The grand final will be held at Memorial Drive Tennis Centre

PRESENTATIONS:

Presentations will be made to the Winner and Runner-up teams at the 2016 State League and Metro League Presentation night held at the Coopers Alehouse.

TEAM FEES

\$1,000

This will cover purchase of all balls, prize money and associated costs of running the competition including increased officiating for finals and, where possible, Chair Umpires for these matches.

Signage provided – Two net banners per team and one 2m x .7m State League sign featuring the State League logo.

Media and promotion- Tennis SA will provide the following media and promotion for the State League:

- Player of the week spot light – Recorded interview with one player from each team each week of the State League season. This interview will be posted on the Tennis SA Facebook page, Twitter feed and Tennis SA website
- Weekly summary and preview on Tennis SA website
- Weekly Facebook posts
- State League Launch

PRIZEMONEY:

MEN'S

Winner \$2,000

Runner-up \$1,000

Player of the Year \$500

WOMEN'S

Winner \$2,000

Runner-up \$1,000

Player of the Year \$500



RESULTS:

Tennis SA will be using the Tennis Australia approved competition software, Competition Planner. Captains will be required to enter and confirm the results of their match on Competition Planner by 6:00pm on the Sunday following the match.

Winning Team Captains to contact Sunday Mail on 1800 211 909 at the completion of matches so that results can be placed in the paper the next day.

SCORING:

Matches shall be decided by rubbers, where rubbers are even, by sets and where sets are even, by games.

Singles shall be the best of three, six game tiebreaker sets with a 12 point tie-break (traditional, first to seven points) at six games all.

Doubles shall be the best of three, six game tiebreaker sets with a 12 point tie-break (traditional, first to seven points) at six games all.

For all dead rubbers, a super tie-break* is played at one set all.

* Super tie-break. First player to 10 points with a 2 point margin, or a 2 point margin after 9 all

Four premiership points will be awarded for a winning match and two points for a draw as well as one premiership point for each winning rubber.

ORDER OF MERIT:

Order of merit means that players will play in the order based on ability in relation to other players in the team. 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.

Players must be played in order of merit in all teams at all times.

The State League Committee may at its discretion review the order of merit for any team at any time.

The State League Committee 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.

No player may move more than one position up or down within a team in any two of his/her consecutive matches for reasons other than the legitimate absence of one or more regular players without the prior approval of the State League Committee.

Players from other clubs can be used as fill-ins for State League provided their original club does not have a State League team. Any one player is only allowed to play for one State League team in a season.

A losing singles player will not normally be allowed to be promoted or a winning singles player demoted in the team order of merit.



Disputes as to order of merit shall be determined by the State League Committee which may impose such penalty as deemed necessary.

Approval of any change to order of merit of greater than one position must be sought from the State League Recording Secretary by 6.00 pm on the Tuesday prior to the match in which the change is sought.

ORDER OF PLAY:

Teams are permitted to use six (6) players in a match if they so desire. Singles shall be played first, and after commencement, play is to be continuous. In normal matches singles shall be played in order of merit, e.g. No. 1 & 2 followed by No. 3 & 4. However, the order of play may be amended by prior agreement between the captains.

Each Captain shall, prior to the commencement of each match, provide the captain of the opposing team with a list of singles players on the prescribed form showing the order in which his/her team will play. The doubles players may be named after the completion of the scheduled singles matches. The exchange of scorecards shall be done at the same time to ensure fairness.

Note: The number 1 pairing must be deemed to be stronger than the number 2 pairing

Any player may request an umpire prior to or during a set. The umpire shall be provided by the opponents of the person requesting the umpire. If the opponents are unable or unwilling to supply an umpire, the umpire may be provided by the team of the person requesting the umpire.

DISPUTES

All reports, disputes or complaints must be made in writing or email. Such correspondence must go to Ty Allen at Tennis SA (tallen@tennis.com.au) by 6:00pm on Tuesday following the match and must be signed by the team contact. The Club contact to send a confirmation email by 6:00pm Thursday.

A Sub Committee is in place to deal with all disputes.

CODE OF CONDUCT

All matches shall be played in accordance with the Tennis Australia Code of Behaviour for Weekly Competitions.

Team Captains are expected to exercise control over their own players in all respects relating to match play, discipline and sportsmanship, etc.



SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD:

At the conclusion of the season, each team captain is to provide a list of five opposition players (in order of 1 – 5) who have displayed good court demeanour, sportsmanship and dress sense in matches throughout the season. The votes will be recorded and an award for Male and Female will be made at the end of season presentations.

REGISTERED PLAYERS:

All players within State League will need to be a registered Tennis SA member after completing three competition matches within the competition. Failure to do so will result in a loss of points.

AGE REQUIREMENTS FOR STATE LEAGUE PLAYERS:

Each State League team must have at least one player 18 years or over as at October 10, 2015 playing in each tie.

In the case that a team is not able to file a player 18 years of age or older in a State League tie, they will be required to appoint a person 18 years or over as a Team Manager. The Team manager will be required to attend the State League for its duration and will be responsible for the team abiding by SL Match Rules, OOM and Code of Conduct as outlined in the State League Fact Sheet.

Any player who is 13 years old or younger as at October 10, 2015 must be granted permission by the State League Committee to be eligible to play in the State League Competition.

Each team can have a maximum of one 13/u player playing in any one tie. Any teams wishing to have more than one 13/u player competing in any one tie must receive permission from the State League Committee.

FINALS QUALIFICATION:

Nominations of teams for each final round match must be in writing and in the hands of the State League Recording Secretary on the Tuesday preceding the programmed date of the match. Singles players are to be listed in order of merit and the provisions hereof relating to the conduct of minor round matches shall apply to the extent that the same are not inappropriate.

Players in the major rounds are to remain in the same order of their position of merit throughout the Finals Series– unless injury or similar requires any replacement players.

No player may play in finals matches unless that player is a registered member of Tennis SA and has played in no less than four minor round matches. In the event of 12 or less matches being played during the season, players will be required to play in no less than three minor round matches to qualify for finals. There are no grounds for appeal for players who have played less than the required amount of matches to qualify for finals.

BALLS AND BALL ALLOCATION:

Wilson tennis balls are to be used. The HOME team is required to provide all balls necessary to complete a match.



Tennis SA will distribute the balls required for home matches. Club contacts will be advised where balls and score sheets can be collected prior to the commencement of the first match.

For Singles matches - at all venues - 3 new tennis balls to be used in rotation during the first two sets and 2 new tennis balls to be used for the 3rd set of every match.

For Doubles matches - at all venues - 2 new tennis balls to commence the match and then choose between the best tennis balls for further sets.

PREMIERSHIP TABLES:

Premiership tables to be decided by points and in the case of equality of points at the end of the minor round, the team with the best percentage for and against (rubbers, then sets, then games) shall be deemed minor premiers. In divisions with a bye, the premiership table will be decided by match ratio. (Match ratio is the Premiership points divided by the number of matches played). If equal on match ratio then by rubbers, then sets, then games.

FORFEITS:

Forfeits, except in the case of injury or sickness during the match, must be from the number 4 position up. Failure to do so will result in a loss of four (4) Premiership points.

A team forfeiting shall notify the opposing team as soon as possible. A team so giving a forfeit, shall in the absence of providing a reasonable written explanation to the Recording Secretary prior to 6:00pm the following Tuesday, be liable to lose four (4) Premiership points.

WEATHER IMPLICATIONS:

In the event of extreme weather (including but not limited to rain or excessive heat) a recorded phone message on the Tennis SA Weather Phone 8411 1512 by 11:00am on the day of the scheduled match.

Matches will be cancelled when the forecast maximum temperature on match day, is issued by the Bureau of Meteorology at www.bom.gov.au at 9.00 am on the morning of matches, is 37' Celsius or more. If the said forecast includes a temperature of less than 37' Celsius then the Committee may still also so cancel the said round in the manner set out above.

In the event of any match being postponed or unfinished on the day set down for such, the matter shall be referred to the State League Match Committee for decision. Players must remain at the courts until at least 2.00pm before making any decision to abandon the match. A round of matches will be cancelled if less than 50% of matches in the Division are completed.

In major round matches players must remain at the courts until 4:00pm or 2:00pm for lawn court matches before making any decision to abandon the match. Before leaving the courts, arrangements must be made to complete the match, started or not, on the following Sunday, times by mutual agreement. Some sets may be played early in the next week if agreed.