

# Weekend Pennant Revival

Tennis North West wishes to revive the Saturday Pennant Roster. We are interested in getting feedback from all Clubs so that we can judge the viability of the proposed competition. At this point, we only wish to get an indication of the preferred format and an idea of the number of teams that your Club may be able to enter.

Options for your Club to consider are as follows:

**Format:**

3 tiebreak sets

Fast Four Tennis (format explained on page 2)

**Type:**

Singles

Doubles only

**Grades:**

A & B for Men

A & B for Women

A & B Mixed

**Junior Grades**

10 & under

Under / 18

**Playing Times:**

Saturday morning

Saturday afternoon

Twilight roster

If a roster is viable, we initially intend to conduct a short, 8 week roster prior to Christmas (Late October to December). Please reply with your preferred formats, grades, etc, and provide an indication of the number of teams that your Club might enter.

Please discuss the above options with interested members of your Club. Note that we are not seeking any commitment at this point, just an indication of your Club's interest and preferred format.

A return/reply from each Club would be much appreciated. Please reply by email as I will not be at home for the next few weeks. Deadline for replies is **Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September.**

Paul Fletcher  
Secretary TNW

## Fast 4 Tennis: The Rules

**Play Lets.** If the serve clips the tape and lands in the service box, there's no let, it's game on. What's more, when playing doubles either the receiver or their partner can take the return.

**No Ad Scoring.** As soon as a game gets to deuce it's "next point wins". The receiving pair decides who returns the point.

**Tiebreaker at 3 Games All.** At 3 games all a short tie-break is played, first to 5 points. If it gets to 4-4 its "next point wins" with players coming to the net to spin the racquet to decide who serves the final point to determine the set.

**First to 4 Games Wins.** Hence the name FAST4. It doesn't matter how you get there, just make sure you get to four before the competition does.

**Scoring & Power Play.** Scoring will be numerical (1, 2, 3, game) rather than 15, 30, 40. Each player has the ability to nominate a "Power Play" once per set when serving. They must hold up the ball and announce "Power Play". The winner of the Power Play point receives 2 points. *FAST4 Tennis* Leagues uses a new ball that helps for longer rallies and more enjoyable matches