

2024 TENNIS VICTORIA LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIPS REGULATIONS

Conditions of Entry

1. Teams must have won an open-age or adult premiership in a Tennis Victoria-affiliated association between 1 April 2023 and 24 March 2024.
 - a. If no team from an association section wishes to participate, teams finishing second or below may apply to participate.
2. Players must have played three times for their team during the association season unless they have received express written permission from Tennis Victoria to participate.
3. Teams must have a minimum of four players and a maximum of eight players on their roster.
4. A minimum of four players must be able to participate in each round for the entirety of the Championships.
5. Not all team applications may be accepted and Tennis Victoria reserves the right to determine accepted teams by any criteria they deem appropriate.

Matches

1. Team matches will consist of four advantage-scoring eight-game doubles sets, with a seven-point tiebreaker played at 7-7.
2. A minimum of four players may participate in a match, with a maximum of six.
3. Two courts will be used for all matches.
4. TA-approved balls will be used for each team match, with two balls for each court.
5. The match format will consist of the following doubles combinations:
 - 1+2 v 1v2,
 - 3+4 v 3+4
 - 1+3 v 1+3,
 - 2+4 v 2+4
6. Teams may play up to 6 players in a given match, with players playing in any order (order may change between matches). If 5 players are utilised, the 5th player can take the place of the number 3 or 4. If 6 players are utilised, the 5th and 6th players must take the place of both the number 3 and 4. Injury substitutes may be used as necessary, but only in the circumstance that the injured player has retired before completing the first set.
7. If both players have not arrived on court ready to play five minutes after matches are called, the loss of toss and first game may be given to their opponents. If both players have not arrived on the court ready to play ten minutes after their match is called, they will lose the toss and the first two games will be given to their opponents. A set will be deemed a forfeit if both players have not arrived on court ready to play 15 minutes after matches are called. If both players have not arrived 30 minutes after the match is called, the team match will be a forfeit.
8. Matches may be called up to 15 minutes prior to their scheduled start time, or earlier if both teams are present and courts are available.

Ladder Sorting and Finals Advancement

1. Teams will be placed in two separate groups, named A and B, in each grade.
2. A round-robin will be played in each group.
3. One ladder point will be awarded for each set won, and two points will be awarded for each team matches won.

4. Ladder sorting will be determined by ladder points, then by sets won percentage, then by games won percentage, then by head-to-head matchup. If two teams are still drawn at the top of the ladder, then both teams will select a doubles combination and they will play a seven-point tiebreaker to determine the team that advances.
5. The teams that finish on top of the A and B groups using this ladder sorting method will advance to the State Championship match for their grade.
6. Players do not need to have participated in any round-robin matches to participate in the State Championship match.
7. If State Championship matches end in a draw, both teams will select a doubles combination and those combinations will play a ten-point tiebreaker to determine the State Champion.

Powers of Tennis Victoria

1. Tennis Victoria reserves the absolute right to make any determination or alteration on these rules as they see fit before, during, or after the Championships.