

NORTHERN DIVISION TARANAKI LAWN TENNIS ASSOCIATION

B Grade Competition Rules 2016/2017

1. Matches commence at 3:00pm Saturdays or as scheduled on the draw
2. Home team is listed first on the draw
3. At least 2 courts must be available for a match at the home court.
4. Teams can be made up of 4 players, any gender.
5. Regular A Grade Players can not play B Grade more than twice in a season without dispensation from Northern Division committee
6. Play singles and doubles. Doubles to be played in singles order (1&2, 3&4)

B Grade
Yellow Ball Full size court
Singles – best of 3 sets (sets to 6 with a margin of 2 games. Tiebreaker (to 7) at 6 all). Super tiebreaker (to 10) for the 3 rd set if one set each. Normal deuces.
Doubles – best of 3 <u>short</u> sets (sets to 4 with a margin of 2 games. Tiebreaker (to 7) at 4 all). Super tiebreaker (to 10) for 3 rd set if one set each. <u>Short</u> deuces.
Short deuce = whenever the score reaches deuce, the next point wins the game. The receiving team can nominate who the server serves to on the deuce point.

7. Each team shall supply 4 new (or good used) balls for the match.
8. There must be an adult supervisor from the club at each venue.
9. Scoresheets must be filled out before the start of each match. One sheet is required from each team. SCORESHEETS MUST HAVE SURNAMES INCLUDED AND BE LEGIBLE.
10. Points will be awarded for each match won with the winning team receiving an additional 2 bonus points for the win (eg 4-2 means the winner gets 6 points and the loser gets 2 points. In the case of a draw (3-3), the bonus points are shared 1 each (there is no countback on sets or games unless it is a semi final or final where a countback is required to determine the winning team).
11. Abandonment of play due to weather or safety factors is to be decided by all supervisors. Points for matches not completed are divided evenly between the 2 teams.
12. Points are awarded 3-3 for rained off ties. Score sheets must still be sent in for rain offs to let the recorder know. Rained out ties will be played at the discretion of the management committee if needed to settle final order.
13. If the team is 1 player short the match can still proceed but the opposing team must be informed prior. Advise which ranking is missing so the opposite player of the same ranking will stand down. If 2 players are missing, the team must default and the opposing team must be informed prior and a result sheet sent to the recorder.
14. A team list of players in their playing order is to be forwarded to the recorder, due date after the second tie of the round. Wildcards must be used if players are not members of the tennis club.
15. Players in semi finals and finals should be the players that play regularly for that team.
16. Completed and signed sheets from each team are to be forwarded to The Recorder by 4pm on the Tuesday following the match. Email to Steve Phelps – jsphelps@xtra.co.nz or deliver to 121 Brooklands Road.
Points will be collated on configure rankings: <http://www.tennis.org.nz/>

Contact the Recorder for any queries regarding the rules.