

Hume Country Tennis Association

Summary of Rules for 2025/26

Scoring and Results

- All scores must be recorded on the HCTA score sheet and **signed** by both captains.
- Score sheets must be **legible** and **full names** used for the first matches.
- Score sheets must be retained for the 2025/26 season in case any disputes arise.
- The **home** team is responsible for entering the results via [Google Forms](#)
- The **home** team must enter the results by **10am on the Sunday** (next day)
- The score sheet must be uploaded to Google Forms (requires google account).
- Name the file using the following format – [S#] [Home Team] v [Away Team], eg S1 Burrumbuttock v Jindera
- If a result is entered incorrectly or disputes regarding results cannot be resolved between clubs, please contact the President or Score Recorder of the HCTA ASAP

Registered Players and Qualifying

- New registrations – please email details to Di Carter, di_friedrich@hotmail.com with name and section

2025/26 Season

- Borrowing players from the opposition:
 - If borrow players from opposing team, scores will be counted
 - If opposing team offers a player, the team short a player does not have to accept but are encouraged to
 - Any issues that arise from loaning and borrowing players, must be sent to the HCTA Executive ASAP and not wait until later in the season.
- Teams cannot have a lady playing as a gent and a boy playing as a lady in the same match on the same day. To avoid a forfeit, only one option can be used ie, lady substituting as a gent or a boy playing as a lady.

To avoid a forfeit:

- Sections 1 to 5 can play with three ladies and three men if they have notified the opposing Club by 9pm on the Thursday before play. In addition, if both captains agree, teams can play 4x3/3x4 without needing to forfeit any games. If you do not notify the opposition by 9pm on the Thursday before play, the sets will be forfeited.
- If three men and three ladies are played, sets will be first to six games in all sections, except Sections 1 and 2 who play tie break at five all.
- Sections 2, 3 and 4, can play two boys, 14 years and under, as ladies. Two boys cannot play as ladies in finals unless approved by the HCTA committee. The boys' names to be noted on the score sheet.
- Section 5, up to four boys and four girls can be substituted for either and the boys substituting as girls must be 12 years and under.
- To avoid a forfeit, Section 6 can play with two girls and two boys if they have notified the opposing Club by 9pm on the Thursday before play. Boys substituting as girls must be 12 years or younger. Sets shall be the first to six games.

Other

- Section 6 – if a game proceeds to deuce, then the advantage is played. If the advantage is lost and the score returns to deuce, the next point wins the game. However, this rule is flexible and if you chose to, you can play as many deuces as you wish.
- If any final is washed out on the scheduled Saturday and then the Sunday, the highest placed team is declared the winner and goes through to the next round or is announced the premiership team, in case of the grand final being washed out. Also, if one venue is unplayable, the final can be re-located to another venue