

*Parramatta-Baulkham Hills & Districts Hardcourt Tennis Association  
Inc.*

## **COMPETITION BY-LAWS**

(As at A.G.M. 14.11.01)

**[Apply to all competitions]**

- 1.1 **DEFINITIONS:**
- (a) COMMITTEE means the Committee of Management of The Parramatta-Baulkham Hills & Districts Hardcourt Tennis Association Incorporated.
  - (b) TEAM means a team consisting of the prescribed number of players.
  - (c) REGISTERED/COMPETITION PLAYER means a player whose name appears on an entry form of a team graded into a competition.
- 1.2 **AFFILIATION:**  
All teams competing must be affiliated with The Parramatta-Baulkham Hills & Districts Hardcourt Tennis Association Inc. and matches must be played in accordance with these By-laws, the competition's rules and the Rules of the Lawn Tennis Association of Australia.
- 1.3 **CONTROL:**  
The Committee is empowered to control all matters within these By-laws, each competition's rules and the Incorporated Rules of the Association.
- 1.4 **MATTERS NOT MENTIONED:**  
The Committee shall have the power to deal with all matters not mentioned in these By-laws.
- 1.5 **ELIGIBILITY:**
- (a) Players must be qualified in accordance with the Incorporated Rules of the Association to be eligible to play in competitions conducted by the Association. Players shall take full responsibility for ascertaining prior to entry that they are eligible for the grade or division for the competition in which they enter. Acceptance of an entry by the Committee shall not be taken as an admission of eligibility of a player or team.  
Should the Committee at any time become aware of the ineligibility of a player or team, it shall act in accordance with these By-laws. Ignorance of these By-laws shall not be an excuse for wrongful entry, and the offending player or team shall pay or forfeit the fee chargeable for such entry, irrespective of any other actions taken by the Committee.
  - (b) Provided that a player was registered as an original member of their team, they will be eligible to play in elimination matches without having played in a round match during the competition.
  - (c) A team playing a player who is not a registered member of that team, or a player who is not an eligible borrowed player, shall forfeit the entire match and may be disqualified from the competition.
- 1.6 **ACCEPTANCE:**
- (a) Team entries for a competition shall be made on the entry form published by the Committee.
  - (b) Teams will not be accepted unless the full names and residential addresses of their players, (date of birth in the case of junior players), are shown on the entry form. The form must be signed as correct by the team captain.
  - (c) The team entry fee must accompany the form.
  - (d) Team entries with less than the specified number of players will not be accepted.
  - (e) The Committee reserves the right to refuse the entry of any team and/or the registration of any player.
- 1.7 **LATE ENTRY OF A TEAM:**  
When entries for a competition have closed, the late entry of a team may be accepted, provided a bye exists in the grade or division applied for and/or with the approval of the Committee.

1.8 **LATE REGISTRATIONS:**

A player registered after the grading of teams has been completed must not be of a higher grading than the team in which they wish to register. Late registrations should be lodged with the Competition Secretary not later than two hours before match commencement time. All late registrations shall be subject to retrospective approval by the Committee. A player registered after a team has been accepted and graded must play in three or more round matches to be eligible to play in elimination matches.

1.9 **GRADING:**

- (a) There may be such grades or divisions as the Committee decides.
- (b) The Committee shall have the power to place a team in any grade or division regardless of the grade or division requested.
- (c) Players will be graded at the commencement of each competition in accordance with the grade or division in which their team is accepted.
- (d) Players shall not play in a lower graded team than that in which they were accepted originally.
- (e) Players without a previous grading will be given the same grading as the lowest graded member of their team, and an entire team without previous grading will be graded by the Committee.
- (f) The Committee shall have the power to regrade individual players.
- (g) Players cannot compete in more than one team in any one competition except as set out in these By-laws.
- (h) Any team which wins their grade shall be promoted to the next grade whenever practical, provided membership of the team remains unaltered.
- (i) Any team coming last in their grade shall be demoted one grade whenever practical, providing membership of the team remains unaltered.

1.10 **OBLIGATION:**

Players of all teams must remain financial with their team and court owner until the competition has been finalised.

1.11 **FULFILMENT OF ENGAGEMENTS:**

Teams entering a competition shall be responsible for the fulfilment of their engagements as drawn on the competition fixture sheet for the competition entered. Should a team not play its first or subsequent matches, all fees shall be forfeited, and the team shall be responsible for any unpaid fees. The players registered with such a team shall be debarred from transferring to another team unless an acceptable explanation is submitted to the Committee.

1.12 **TRANSFERS:**

A player may be allowed to transfer to another team in the same grade or division or to a team in a higher grade or division upon the payment of the fee set by the Committee and the production of evidence that all financial obligations to the player's team have been met. Only one transfer per player will be permitted in any one competition.

Transfers will not be permitted after 50% of round matches in a competition have been completed.

1.13 **SUBSTITUTE PLAYERS:**

- (a) Should a player become incapacitated due to injury during a set in a match, a substitute, who must not have taken part in the match previously and who is an eligible member of the team, will be allowed. The set will resume from the exact point in play when the player became injured. Play must be continuous. However, if play cannot be continuous, the remainder of that set must be forfeited and, if a replacement is not ready to play by the time the injured player was due to play again, each set concerned will be forfeited. Notice of substitution must be forwarded to the Competition Secretary and marked on the result card.
- (b) A substitute will not be allowed for a player who took part in an unfinished match, unless the player has become unavailable due to circumstances beyond their control. Applications to play a substitute must be submitted in writing to the Competition Secretary for approval prior to the commencement of the match.

1.14 **MATCH POSTPONEMENTS:**

In elimination matches, a postponement of seven days may be granted in the case of bereavement within a team member's immediate family. Applications for a postponement must be submitted in writing to the Competition Secretary prior to the commencement of the match.

1.15 **FORFEITURE:**

- (a) A team playing a match with less than the prescribed number of players shall forfeit the sets in which the absent player would have played. All sets forfeited must be shown as such on the result card.
- (b) Should a team forfeit an entire match, it may be fined unless a written explanation, satisfactory to the Committee, is submitted to it within 72 hours of the date the match was set down to be played or completed. The opposing team will be awarded all points as for a completed match.
- (c) In the event of a match forfeit, the forfeiting team is obliged to notify the court owner and the opposing captain before the commencement time of the match.
- (d) Should a team forfeit a match on two consecutive occasions, it may be disqualified from the competition and all points for and against will be cancelled.

1.16 **MISCONDUCT:**

Any player guilty of misconduct during a match shall be liable to disqualification, suspension, and/or fine as set out in the Incorporated Rules of the Association.

1.17 **TENNIS ATTIRE:**

Should conform to the following:-

- (a) **Colour:** Any colour is permissible for clothing designed, described and designated as tennis attire, including cardigans, pullovers, jumpers, caps, hats and eyeshades. Clothing bearing lettering, writing or other illustration obviously designed as advertising is not permitted, provided that small manufacturers' motifs and monograms are permissible.
- (b) **Footwear:** Must be designed for use on tennis courts and be free of heels, bars and treads.

1.18 **COURTS:**

Teams entering a competition must provide a court and must make their home court available for elimination matches if required by the Committee.

1.19 **MULTIPLE MATCHES:**

A player must not compete in more than one match in any one competition on the same day.

1.20 **REPLAY OF MATCHES:**

The Committee may order the replay of any match and will name the time, the day and the court for the playing of such a match.

1.21 **PROTESTS AND APPEALS:**

All protests arising from play in any competition must be submitted in writing to the Committee within 72 hours of the match.

Teams or players not satisfied with any decision reached as a result of a protest may appeal in accordance with the Incorporated Rules of the Association.

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## ELIMINATION MATCHES

(As at A.G.M. 10.11.04)

- 9.1 Elimination matches shall be semi-final and final.
- 9.2 At the end of the ordinary round matches, the four leading teams in a grade or division will engage in elimination matches to decide the winner of the grade or division. Where two or more teams in a grade or division are equal on points for first, second, third or fourth positions, the final positions of the teams will be determined by the percentage of games won to games lost in ordinary round matches.
- 9.3 In semi-final matches, the team finishing the ordinary round matches in first place will play the team finishing fourth, the team finishing second will play the team finishing third. The winners of the semi-final matches then play each other in a final match. The winner of the final shall be declared the winner of the grade or division.  
For drawn matches, refer to relevant Competition Rules.”
- (9.4 Deleted - re Minor Premiers and challenges. AGM 14.11.01.)
- 9.4 All courts in their respective grade or division will be declared neutral for any elimination match.
- 9.5 The team mentioned first in the draw for elimination matches must provide result card and balls. Both teams shall share the cost of the court hire and balls.
- 9.6 In elimination matches, there will be two tosses - the winner of the first toss will choose to be either home or visiting team; the winner of the second toss shall have the right to choose to serve or receive in the first set.  
The winner of the second toss will have the choice of:
- (a) the right to be SERVER or RECEIVER in which case the other team shall choose the end; or
  - (b) the end, in which case the other team shall choose to be SERVER or RECEIVER; or
  - (c) requesting the opposing team to make a choice of (a) and/or(b).
- Thereafter, the right to choose shall alternate each set.
- 9.7 Players who are either late registrations or borrowed must have played two (2) ordinary round matches to be eligible to play in elimination matches. Players cannot be borrowed from teams who have qualified for elimination matches (see also references to clauses in individual competitions).
- 9.8 Play must continue in all elimination matches until a result is reached. If, however, extinguishment of lights, rain or adverse weather conditions do not permit a result being reached, the match will be taken up at the exact point of stoppage at a time mutually convenient to the Competition Secretary and the opposing captains.
- 9.9 Awards: To be entitled to an award, a player in a winning team must have competed in at least three matches with the team.  
A player winning an award with the team in which he or she is registered will not be entitled to a second award if he or she has played as a reserve for a team winning a higher grade or division.

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