



**CENTRAL
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ASSOCIATION**

Simplified Match Regulations

A guide to:-

- Order of play in matches
- Who qualifies for finals
- Forfeiting matches for late starts
- Injury time allowed
- And a few other things

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Definitions:-

Season – duration will be determined by the Committee each year but will normally be between 14-18 rounds plus 2 rounds of finals.

Round – All matches necessary to ensure all teams (including a bye) play each other on a night.

Match – The total number of games/sets to be played – 5 sets(2 player Competition) or 6 sets(4 player competition) between 2 teams of players.

Set –

Singles:- a set shall consist of the best of three games using the rally point scoring system (sometimes referred to as a best of 3 games rubber)

Doubles:- a set shall consist of the two games using the rally point scoring system

Game – A game shall be won by the side which first scores 21 points (doubles) or 15 points (singles).

Ace – means a point won in a game

Premiership points – see premiership ladder paragraph.

Singles

Singles teams shall comprise of 2 players – non-gender specific.

1 additional player may be named in the team but only 2 players can play each match during the home and away season.

Three players may play in finals with match secretary approval and in an order specified by the match secretary.

A match will consist of 5 sets being 4 singles and 1 doubles.

A match will be won by the team winning most of the sets

If one unfinished set – may need to use doubles method to decide the winner.

Doubles.

Doubles teams shall consist of 4 players – at least 1 must be a woman – an all-male combination may be approved by the match secretary.

1 additional man and 1 additional woman may be named in the team but only 4 players (at least 1 lady) can play each match during the home and away season.

A maximum of 5 players can play in the finals with match secretary approval and in an order specified by the match secretary.

Players must play in order of strength – if the lady is the strongest player she should play first.

A match will consist of 6 sets being 1&2, 3&4, 1&3, 2&4, 1&4 and 2&3. Can be played in any sequence.

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As only 2 games per set are played the match will be won by the team winning the most games – if games won are equal, the most aces. If games and aces are all equal the match will be a draw. If still equal in finals the team that won the most recent match between the competing teams will be the winner.

Order of matches

The preferred order of matches is :

- Singles, singles, doubles, singles, singles in the 2 player competition
- 1&2, 3&4, 1&3, 2&4, 1&4 and 2&3 for the 4 player competition
 - **but matches may be played in any order.** (change the preferred order if a player missing).

Starting Time

As courts are booked from 8:00 pm matches should start as close as possible to this time. Should one team be indicated on the scoresheet as responsible for a start later than 8:15 pm and there be any unfinished matches those unfinished matches will be awarded to the team not responsible for the late start.

The entire team must be present by 8:50 pm to ensure sufficient time to complete all matches – and to permit players a short break (up to 5 minutes) between rubbers

In 4 player format

- If a match is unable to start by 8:30 pm the team responsible shall forfeit one match – if unable to start by 8:45 pm a second match shall be forfeited – and if not possible to start by 9:00 pm the match shall be forfeited.
- If unable to start as both teams are missing players (one team has all men present, another team all ladies) – the team with players of the preferred order of play absent shall forfeit.
- Matches forfeited shall be 1&2 doubles then 3&4 and 1&3 unless agreed otherwise.

In 2 player format

The same time frame shall apply but the matches forfeited shall be the doubles match and one of the singles matches (only reason for no play would be if a team had no player present).

Forfeit Penalty

Any team that forfeits an entire match shall be required to pay a fine of \$20 00 (singles), \$30.00 (doubles) a team.

The Match Secretary and Committee shall decide whether all matches are treated as Walk-overs or wins to zero depending on team history/reasons given and current ladder positions. Walkovers will be scored as 21/10 all doubles matches and 15/7 Singles unless the Match Secretary decides otherwise.

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Unfinished Matches.

Any match unfinished shall not be counted as a match won - completed games and aces shall be included and may decide the winner of the match.

Casual team vacancies.

A team that has named additional players at the start of the season must fill casual vacancies from their list of players before obtaining emergency players.

Teams are to attempt to obtain players from any team scheduled on a bye for the round.

The match secretary must be consulted before using an emergency player for the first time. Once approved that player may be used again without match secretary consultation. The results of 2 matches are usually required to ascertain a player's strength. The committee may regrade any player at any time – if that player is considered to be playing well below their grade.

The total number of players used in any one season shall not exceed:-

Singles teams 6 players

Doubles teams 10 players overall – unless exceptional circumstances.

A 3 point deduction in each and every singles game played and a 5 point deduction in each and every doubles game played will be the penalty imposed on the player whose inclusion causes these maximum numbers to be exceeded.

Injuries

A player is allowed a once off maximum time of 3 minutes (per set/rubber) for treatment of an injury.

Any player injured during a match may be replaced by another player **in any subsequent matches** provided the replacement player is eligible to play that grade (or lower) and they can play without any undue delay to the playing of any subsequent matches.

The score sheet shall indicate the nature and time of the injury as this may be required for an injury insurance claim

The score achieved by the injured player's team shall stand with the opposition being awarded that game to 15(21) points and any additional games 15(21) to nil to ensure a result for the rubber.

If no substitute player available any following matches will be treated as walk-overs to the opposition.

A person is not permitted to play in two different teams on the same night.

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Match Results

Both team captains are requested to email the result to the match secretary within 72 hours of the completion of each match.

Permanent team changes

Any permanent change to a team player will require match secretary approval of the change – it will only be given to ensure a minimum number of players are available (if you have 3 men/women at the start and one leaves that player cannot be replaced).

For purposes of the finals eligibility rules, the new player will be deemed to have played all the matches played by the replaced player.

Finals eligibility

A player will automatically qualify for the finals if he/she plays the number of games established by the match secretary – normally half the number of matches in a season (rounded down).

No player will be permitted to play in a finals match if they have not played a match in that or a lower grade during the season. The committee may over-ride this rule if necessary for the lowest grade.

Permission to play a player not automatically qualified for the finals must be obtained at least 48 hours prior to the final being played.

Ladders

A team that wins a match will be awarded 2 premiership points.

A Bye is also recorded as a win.

If the match results in a draw each team will be awarded 1 premiership point

Positions on Ladder are decided:-

- On Premiership points.
 - Then on Rubbers Difference (rubbers won less rubbers lost).
 - Then on Games difference (games won less games lost).
 - Then on Points difference (points won less points lost).

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Finals

Referee

If no referee is appointed for the finals the match secretary shall be the referee. The referee shall have sole responsibility for ensuring matches are completed in time on the available courts.

Refusal to abide by any referee directions may result in defaulting a game or games if matches do not finish as a result of this non-compliance.

Umpiring

Teams not involved in finals are to umpire as directed by the match secretary – in most instances for the second week of the finals.

Seasons

The summer season will usually start the last week in January and continue through to the week prior to the June/July school holidays.

The winter season will start the week after the June/July school holidays and continue through to the week prior to the School Volleyball championships (usually the first full week in December).

If possible breaks in the seasons will coincide with the Victorian school holidays and the week including the Melbourne Cup public holiday.

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Fixtures and Finals

4 teams in grade

- Will be avoided as would need to play each team 5 times (15 rounds).
- Finals will be 1st v 2nd second on the ladder. Other 2 teams umpire.
- Requires 16 weeks of competition.

5 or 6 teams in grade

- Will play each team 3 times (15 rounds).
- Finals will be 2nd v 3rd on the ladder with the winner playing 1st on the ladder. 5th & 6th on ladder umpire semifinal, 4th & semifinal loser umpire final.
- Requires 17 weeks of competition

7 or 8 teams in grade

- Will play each team twice (14 rounds).
- Finals – Week 1 1st v 4th, 2nd v 3rd – week 2 winners play for gold/silver, losers play for Bronze
5,6,7 umpire week 2 of finals or 7&8 week 1, 5&6 week 2
- Requires 16 weeks of competition

9 or 10 teams in grade (will only be 10 if can get 5 courts for the grade)

- Will play each team twice (18 rounds).
- Finals will be SF1 1st v 4th, SF2 2nd v 4th
Gold/Silver playoff -- winner SF1 v winner SF2,
Bronze playoff --loser SF1 v loser SF2
- Umpires week 1 – 8, 9 & 10 and 5, 6 & 7 umpire week 2.
- Requires 20 weeks of competition
 - If 20 weeks not available for competition, an alternative using the number of available weeks shall be used (at the discretion of match secretary).

The above are standard setups – The match secretary may use any variations of these to solve any problem arising due to unusual situations – Insufficient weeks/courts or unforeseen circumstances (will need committee approval).

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Documents available to download from the CBA website.

- Excel version of the 2 player scoresheet for completion and return to the match secretary.
- Excel version of the 4 player scoresheet for completion and return to the match secretary
- Copy of these match regulations.

Available to team captains on request:-

- Listing of all players in competition including recommended emergency players – this shows name, email address and mobile number.

This can only be made available to team captains (on request) due to privacy concerns

The committee has sole responsibility in enforcing the match regulations – these simplified rules have been published as a guide to the full regulations which are being revised and should be available prior to the start of the Autumn 2019 season.

Amended November 2013

- Added information about umpires for finals

Amended January 2015

- Added times that entire teams must be present.
- Added words “(per rubber)” to injury time rule
- Added requirement for both team captains to submit the result.
- Clarified information concerning the Ladders.

Amended July 2015

- Changes to Mixed doubles pairings
- Forfeit penalty clause added
- No substitute paragraph added to the Injury clause
- Reworded paragraphs in ‘permanent team changes’, ‘seasons’ and ‘fixtures and finals; sections.

Amended January 2018

- Changes relating to 4 player teams (with at least 1 lady) competition
- Changes related to 2 game matches – and deciding winner.