

FINALS: EXPLANATION OF REQUIREMENTS AND MATCH RULES

(a) The Score Stewards require a list of players required for finals, taking into account Match Rule 5, to the Score Stewards for checking of eligibility for finals.

This list of players must be received by 7pm on the Tuesday (10th March) before the 1st Final. Reserves can be listed (if only to have verified that they are eligible to play).

In other words, list the teams that are playing in finals and any reserves that may be used.

Keep in mind that players must have played at least 4 matches in the relevant competition, and that if they have played more matches in a higher division, they will need permission to play in a lower division final.

Reasons for requiring such permission would be handy. e.g. order of merit position is actually in this team – has had to play up a lot because of player absences.

Once a team has been listed, those listed players cannot play out of that order. Doing so will cause loss of singles for all players out of order.

Any change in order of merit , from the minor round, for the finals must be approved by the Senior Match Committee.

Singles Order of Merit cannot be changed at all in the finals series.

Singles in Finals : cannot be altered, even just the 1 position. The ability to interchange two consecutively listed players does not apply in finals. The only changes that can be done, without having to notify or seek permission, are if another eligible player comes into the side, either because the side has more than 4 players or someone has called in sick or is unavailable at late notice. That player must fit into their Order of Merit position for singles.

Singles Order of Merit cannot be changed at all in the finals series.

Doubles: The highest or second highest ranked player in order of merit, playing doubles on the day, must play in the top doubles pairing.

The only difference in rules between the minor round and finals is that in finals you cannot swap OOM around at all. How the team finished the minor round, or how the team was given approval to play by the Match Committee, is how they will play singles in every final. Doubles is subject to the normal rules as mentioned above.

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(Match Rules concerning Finals listed below)

Match Rule 5: Eligibility for Finals

1. Eligibility for Finals

- (a) A player shall not be entitled to play in any Semi-Final or Final unless he/she has played at least four matches in the relevant competition, for his/her club, in the current season.
- (b) Any player who has played more minor round matches in a higher division which includes State/Premier League tennis cannot play in a lower division without the permission of the Senior Match Committee.
- (c) In considering an application under (b) the Senior Match Committee will be guided by team placings over the last six matches of the season.
- (d) When a match is cancelled any Club may submit a list of players for the purpose of qualification under this rule. No player, however, can be given more than one such qualification. (See Match Rule 13 (d)).

6. Team List for Finals:

- (b) All teams competing in finals shall play to the Order of Merit as listed for the last minor round match. Any change in order of merit, from the minor round, for the finals must be approved by the Senior Match Committee.
- (c) Clubs shall furnish a list of players required for finals, taking into account Match Rule 5, to the Score Stewards for checking of eligibility for finals.
- (d) Any Club submitting a team listing under this Rule which includes ineligible players or players listed out of order of merit shall be advised accordingly by the Senior Match Committee and the listing shall be amended to comply with the requirements of Rules 2 and 5.
- (e) Any player who does not play in accordance with the Order of Merit list under Rule 6 (a) and every player playing thereunder, shall be deemed to be playing out of order of merit.
PENALTY: Loss of singles score.

In the event of emergencies being required, The Club's current Order of Merit list will determine the order in which these emergencies

Match Rule 9: Inclement Weather and Incomplete Matches

(b) 2. If a finals match, once commenced (at either 1:00pm, or later up to 6:00pm because of adverse weather conditions as decided by Senior Match Committee/Executive), cannot be completed on the day set down for play, the teams shall attend at the same venue the following day at 1 pm, unless otherwise directed by the Senior Competition Officer. The match shall recommence at exactly the stage reached on the previous day. No alteration to the composition of the teams shall be permitted, ie the players as shown on the score sheets exchanged the previous day, in the same order and pairings, shall complete the match.

(b) 3. If a finals match is drawn, the team who finished higher at the end of the minor round shall be declared the winner.

(b) 4. To facilitate the completion of any major round in a timely manner, the appointed referee or the Senior Competition Officer may direct that extra courts be used at the same venue or at a different venue. Lights may be used by mutual agreement of the team captains concerned where match commences at 1:00pm, and will be used to complete match where match commences after 1:00pm up to 6:00pm.

Match Rule 8: Singles Competition – Match Play

- (a) 12. Umpires shall be provided for doubles and singles upon request from a player. The umpire shall be provided by the opponents of the person requesting the umpire. If the opponents are unable or unwilling to supply an umpire, the umpire may be provided by the team of the person requesting the umpire.

Match Rule 12: Finals Method of Play

- © All major round matches to be played on best available courts according to the schedule set out in this program unless weather or other conditions beyond its control force the Senior Match Committee to approve alternative arrangements.

CLARIFICATION OF MATCH RULE 8: **ALL FINALS** **For a 1:00pm start & 2 courts for every match**

Because 2 courts have been made available for every finals match, all players are expected to be available to commence play at 1:00pm

Both doubles are expected to start at 1:00pm

A team must have a doubles match prepared to commence at 1:00pm or the opposition can claim a forfeit on a doubles match.

If a doubles was claimed as a forfeit at 1:00pm, the other doubles cannot be claimed as a forfeit until 1:15pm.

Match Rule 8 (d) 1 & 2 refers.

However if one doubles did commence on time, then the other doubles match can be claimed as a forfeit at 1:10pm under Match Rule 8 (d) 8 & 9. Captains shall use more than one court if an additional court is available & players must be ready to play within 10 minutes of being required.

The major change is that because 2 courts are available players do not have the option of turning up late because they know they are playing in the 2nd doubles due on court, or within 10 minutes of that doubles finishing (as long as it is before 2:00pm).

All doubles players must be available to commence play at 1:00pm or have one doubles forfeited immediately and the other within 10 or 15 minutes depending on which of the above circumstances occurs.

Please impress on your finals players that all players must be ready to play both doubles at 1:00pm .

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