



### 3. GRADES

Premier	Tournament level players including juniors
Div One	Open tournament & competitive players including juniors
Div Two	Senior average players
Div Three	Senior first year players (novice)
Juniors	Year 9 and 10 only- Juniors with ability should play in senior grades
Div One	Average players
Div Two	Junior first year players (novice)

### 4. ORDER OF PLAY

- [i] Playing order will be singles number 2 followed by number one then doubles.
- [ii] Teams must declare their playing order on the match sheet before the tie starts.

### 5. DURATION OF PLAY

- [i] All games will be the best of 2 short sets (short sets are the first to 4 games with a tiebreaker to 7 at 4-4 with normal deuce). If sets are tied at 1 all a tiebreaker to ten is then played to determine the winner.

### 6. DRESS

All players are to wear dress appropriate to tennis as outlined in the NZTA handbook – this could include school PE uniform. It does not include school day uniform, tracksuit pants, rugby jerseys and beach clothing. Venue convenors should default players unsuitably attired, and should ensure acceptable standards are maintained by all their own players and those visiting your school.

### 7. BALLS

Each team is to provide two good quality, firm but not necessarily new balls for each match. Please put some form of school ID on them. Regional premier teams need to provide 2 new balls each game.

### 8. POINTS

Each Match is worth 1 point. This means a total of 3 points are available per tie.

### 9. DEFAULTS

- [i] Should be advised no later than 12.00noon on the day of play both to the opposing school and College Sport. Failure to notify a default will incur the College Sport default fee
- [ii] Any team defaulting on two occasions may be withdrawn from the competition and the College Sport withdrawal fee applied. Division 1 teams should not be defaulted - promote players from lower teams.

### 10. CANCELLATIONS

Will, where possible, be notified no later than 12.30pm on the day of play

### 11. RESULTS

All team captains should hand in the completed match sheet to their school convenor the day after play. Each school is then responsible for entering their weekly results through the College Sport website no later than they day after play.

**12. USE OF ZONE HEADQUARTERS – Renouf Centre and Mitchell Park**

This is a privilege offered to you (not a right). Please ensure all teams' behaviour is exemplary and that standards at these complexes are complied with

**13. DUTY**

It is the rostered duty person's responsibility to ensure:

- [i] Players are allocated to their assigned courts
- [ii] Dress and behaviour are exemplary
- [iii] Players don't engage in lengthy hit ups
- [iv] On arrival at Mitchell Park report to Pro Shop.

Complex Managers: Mitchell Park: Shane Jackson  
Renouf Centre: (Pro Shop)

**14. INDIVIDUAL REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

In order to be eligible to participate in these, players must play for their school in a minimum of 50% of the weekly competition games. Exceptions will be considered on application and will be at the discretion of College Sport whose decision will be absolute.

**15. CHAMPIONSHIP DATES**

Open: Individual Championships 1 March – Renouf Centre

Juniors: Individual Championships 22 November – Renouf Centre

**16. SENIOR TEAMS PLAY OFF DATES**

Regional Premier Final 4 April  
Regional finals 30 March

**17. QUALIFYING TOURNAMENT FOR NZ SECONDARY SCHOOL TENNIS NATIONALS**

Those schools interested to attend this National event will be invited to participate in Qualifying Tournament at the Renouf Centre 15 February 2017 for Boys and Mixed if necessary and 22 February for Girls. Please note that 2 teams from our region then qualify for the Zone play offs to be held in Palmerston North on 9 March.