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## TENNIS RULES (Men & Women)

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These championships are conducted in accordance with the current rules of the International Tennis Federation <http://www.itftennis.com/technical/rules/> and Tennis NZ with the following exceptions and competition clarifications:

### 1. TEAM SIZE

- 1.1 There are no limitations on the number of competitors a University can enter into the Tennis competition.
- 1.2 Both divisions will have an individual singles competition and a doubles competition. (There is no mixed doubles competition)
- 1.3 A competitor can enter both the singles and doubles competition, but may enter either competition without entering the other.

### 2. COMPETITION FORMAT

- 2.1 All matches shall be best of three (3) tie-break sets.

Please note: Due to exceptional circumstances match durations may need to be altered, match durations will be confirmed at the sport's technical meeting prior to the start of competition.

### 3. FORFEITS

- 3.1 A forfeit will be declared ten (10) minutes after the scheduled start of play time where either team is unable to play.
- 3.2 The forfeit score shall be two (2) sets to nil with each set being scored six (6) to nil, with zero competition points rewarded to the team that forfeits.
- 3.3 Penalties for forfeiture of playing commitment are outlined in the USNZ Event Bond Policy.
- 3.4 If a team is found to have played an unaccredited player any matches this occurred in will be recorded as a forfeit. The forfeit score or actual completed match score will be recorded; whichever is higher.

#### 4. PRESENTATIONS AND EVENT POINTS (SHEILD)

- 4.1 At the completion of the championship gold, silver and bronze medals will be presented to the first three finishers in both divisions (men's and women's) of each format (singles and doubles). A trophy (if existing) will be awarded to the individual that wins the competition(s):
- Men's Individual Champion
  - Men's Doubles Champions
  - Women's Individual Champion
  - Women's Doubles Champions
- 4.2 At the completion of the championship a trophy (if existing) will be awarded to the university that wins the:
- Men's Overall University Team Championship
  - Women's Overall University Team Championship
- 4.3 To find the Overall University Team Champion in each division (men's and women's) each university's points will be based on the collation of the points earned by their best three placed competitors or pairs in both the singles and the doubles competition.
- 4.4 The singles competition will be based on the number of competitors. Competitors will score the following points for finishing in the following positions;

1 <sup>st</sup>	-	Number of competitors plus (+) 3
2 <sup>nd</sup>	-	Number of competitors
3 <sup>rd</sup>	-	Number of competitors minus (-) 1
4 <sup>th</sup>	-	Number of competitors minus (-) 2
5 <sup>th</sup>	-	Number of competitors minus (-) 3
6 <sup>th</sup>	-	Number of competitors minus (-) 4
7 <sup>th</sup>	-	Number of competitors minus (-) 5
8 <sup>th</sup>	-	Number of competitors minus (-) 6
9 <sup>th</sup>	-	Number of competitors minus (-) next no. etc, etc

e.g. The women's singles competition has 40 competitors Massey Albany's competitors finish 3<sup>rd</sup> (39 points), 5<sup>th</sup> (37 points), & 40<sup>th</sup> (2 points), their total for the singles competition would be 78 points.

- 4.5 The doubles competition will be based on the number of doubles in the competition. Doubles will score the following points for finishing in the following positions;

1 <sup>st</sup>	-	Number of doubles plus (+) 3
2 <sup>nd</sup>	-	Number of doubles
3 <sup>rd</sup>	-	Number of doubles minus (-) 1
4 <sup>th</sup>	-	Number of doubles minus (-) 2
5 <sup>th</sup>	-	Number of doubles minus (-) 3
6 <sup>th</sup>	-	Number of doubles minus (-) 4
7 <sup>th</sup>	-	Number of doubles minus (-) 5
8 <sup>th</sup>	-	Number of doubles minus (-) 6
9 <sup>th</sup>	-	Number of doubles minus (-) next no. etc, etc

e.g. The women's doubles competition has 30 competitors (15 doubles combinations), Massey Albany's competitors finish 1<sup>st</sup> (18 points), 4<sup>th</sup> (13 points), & 10<sup>th</sup> (7 points), their total for the doubles competition would be 38 points.

- 4.6 The points awarded to each University in the singles and doubles competitions will be combined to find the Overall University Team Champion for each division (men's women's).

e.g. Massey Albany would score (78 + 38) 116 points for the Overall Women's University Team Championship.

- 4.7 In drawn situations where universities are tied on total points (for the overall university team championship) they shall be separated by the position of their best placed finisher in the singles competition.
- 4.8 Event points (Shield) will be allocated to both divisions (men's and women's) using the overall university team championship rankings as per the USNZ Awards and Points Scoring Policy – Individual sports: Points allocation formula

## 5. UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

### 5.1 General USNZ Uniform Requirements

- Each competitor shall wear the uniform of their university
- All required safety and protective equipment for that sport must be worn
- A competitor must not use equipment or wear anything that is dangerous to him/herself or another competitor (including any kind of jewellery)
- Long or sharp fingernails are to be trimmed or taped

- 5.2 Sport Specific Uniform Standards – The uniform requirements for each sport should be as per the National Sporting Organisations standard's with the following minimum requirements;

**Tennis** – Shorts and coloured shirts, Tennis dress or skirt (women) and tops.

- Clean and tidy attire
- Non marking shoes

## 6. DUTY REQUIREMENTS

- 6.1 The duty requirement for **Tennis** will be:
- There currently is no duty requirement for Tennis.
- 6.2 Penalties for not fulfilling the officiating requirement are outlined in the USNZ Event Bond Policy.