



# NORTHERN SUBURBS TABLE TENNIS LEAGUE (INC)

## MATCH REGULATIONS

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For the purposes of this document the following definitions apply:

1. The Northern Suburbs Table Tennis League (NSTTL) Management Committee includes the following office bearers of the League and may include invitees at the request of the Committee:
  - President;
  - Vice-President;
  - Secretary;
  - Treasurer; and
  - Assistant Secretary.
  
2. For the purposes of roster the following apply:
  - a. Game – is individual game played between players won by the player or pair first scoring 11 points unless both players or pairs score 10 points, when the game shall be won by the first player or pair subsequently gaining a lead of 2 points. e.g. R Huxtable played S McDougall and won the Game 11-9 or R Huxtable played S McDougall and won the Game 16-14;
  - b. Set – is result of any odd number of Games. e.g. best of five (5) games - R Huxtable played S McDougall and won the Set, 3 Games to 2; 9-11, 11-9, 5-11, 11-6, 11-9;
    - i. If teams of two (2) then Sets shall consist of best of 7 games up to 11; and
    - ii. If teams of three (3) applies, then Sets shall consist of best of five (5) games up to 11.
  - c. Match – is overall result between competing teams. e.g. Magpies won 5 sets to Crows 4 sets – Magpies won the Match 5 sets to 4.

## B Authority to conduct competitions

1. A Roster Committee shall be appointed by the NSTTL Board of Management with the authority to conduct roster and other Table Tennis competitions in accordance with the NSTTL Constitution, Code of Conduct and these Match Regulations. Specifically, the Roster Committee shall:
  - a. Roster Seasons - The Calendar for rosters for the following year is to be prepared by the Rosters Committee for approval at the December NSTTL Management Committee meeting;
  - b. Veterans Roster Competitions – players MUST have attained the minimum age of thirty (30) years, and
    - i. MUST be 30 years of age before 31<sup>st</sup> December of that playing year; and
    - ii. Under special circumstances the Roster Committee MAY allow a player under 30 years of age to play if playing numbers are short.
  - c. Senior Roster Competitions – the following conditions apply:
    - i. Open to any age or gender;
    - ii. Roster Committee to decide teams based on standard and previous results if applicable.
  - d. Junior Roster Competitions – the following conditions apply:
    - i. ALL junior competitions will be conducted in accordance with Table Tennis Australia (TTA) policies and procedures.
  - e. Restrictions of Entry to Roster Competitions – the following conditions apply:

- i. The Roster Committee shall have the right to refuse players and/or teams' entry into roster or other competitions and may also restrict the number of teams in any roster;
  - ii. The NSTTL Management Committee may direct the Roster Committee to restrict or refuse players and/or teams, however, the Roster Committee may exercise its right to do so without the NSTTL Management Committee's direction; and
  - iii. In that event the Roster Committee may be required to explain its actions to the NSTTL Management Committee, which body may, by a majority vote of those present at that meeting, vary ANY decision by the Roster Committee.
- f. Reserve Players (Not Finals):
  - i. A player from a lower division may fill in for any player in a higher division;
  - ii. A player from a higher division is NOT eligible to fill in in a lower division;
  - iii. A player from the same division (if that player's team has a bye) may fill in on another team as long as the Roster Committee is satisfied the player is of a lower standard; and
  - iv. If a player has played more than three (3) matches in a calendar year they must have completed a Player Registration form.
- g. Reserve Players (FINALS) – the following are eligible to play:
  - i. A player from a lower division may fill in for any player in a higher division, as long as they have played 75% of the matches their team was involved in, in a lower division AND the Roster Committee approves that replacement;
  - ii. A player that has filled in at least three (3) times for that same team in the roster; and
  - iii. A player that is deemed to be of a lower standard by the Roster Committee.
- h. Fixtures:
  - i. The dates of all matches are to be determined by the NSTTL Management Committee; and
  - ii. Teams mutually desiring to alter the date of any fixture shall apply, giving reasons, to the Roster Committee.
- i. Commencement Time of Matches and Sets:
  - i. Unless otherwise specified, Matches are timed to commence at 7.00 pm;
  - ii. Should a team (who has given NO notice of being late) be unprepared to start thirty (30) minutes after the starting time the Roster Committee shall award the Match to their opponents, providing the opposing team is ready to begin; and
  - iii. Each Set shall commence within two (2) minutes of the conclusion of the previous Set.
- j. Team Size – shall be determined by the Roster Committee.
- k. Home and Away Teams:
  - i. In roster matches, the first named team on the printed roster shall be the Home Team and the other team shall be the Away Team; and
  - ii. In Finals matches, the Home and Away teams shall be determined by the toss of a coin.
- l. Balls:
  - i. ALL balls shall be of a colour and brand approved by the NSTTL Management Committee;

- ii. The Roster Committee shall provide one (1) new ball at the start of each Match; if a ball needs to be replaced a previously used Match ball should be utilised if practical; and
  - iii. Where Team Captains cannot agree as to the suitability of ANY ball, the matter shall be referred to the Roster Committee whose decision shall be final.
- m. Playing Laws:
  - i. ALL Matches will be played in accordance with the current I.T.T.F. Laws of Table Tennis unless otherwise stipulated in the Match Regulations.
- n. Absent / Injured / Unwilling players:
  - i. In the event of a team being unable to field a full team then the absent player/s shall forfeit their Games, points and Sets to the opposing team;
  - ii. If a player is unable to play when it is their turn to play, their Captain may replace their player with another eligible player (see points f. and g. above for eligibility) who has not until then been named in the team; and
  - iii. If a player of a doubles pair has commenced a Set and they are unable to continue play they cannot be replaced, and the opponent/s shall have been deemed to have won the Game and Set.
- o. Playing Fees:
  - i. Playing fees are payable before the commencement of your Games to be played;
  - ii. Membership fees are included in your Playing fees; and
  - iii. Playing fees are determined by the NSTTL Management Committee in December each year to apply to the following year.
- p. Roster Ladder Points:
  - i. The Match winning team shall be the team which wins the greatest number of Sets during the Match;
  - ii. Each team shall score one (1) Ladder point for each Set won;
  - iii. Walkover – a team receiving a walkover will receive Ladder points as follows:
    - 1. 2 player side – 5 points;
    - 2. 3 player side (11 Sets) – 11 points; and
    - 3. 3 player side (9 Sets) – 9 points.
  - iv. Bye – a team which has a bye will receive Ladder points as follows:
    - 1. 2 player side – 3 points
    - 2. 3 player side (11 Sets) – 6 points; and
    - 3. 3 player side (9 Sets) – 5 points.
- q. Roster Score Sheets:
  - i. An official score sheet shall be provided to each table by the Roster Committee and must NOT be removed from the venue without the permission of that Committee;
  - ii. After the names of players have been inserted on the score sheet NO alteration shall be made to the names of players or playing order without the consent of BOTH Captains AND the Roster Committee;
  - iii. Both team Captains are responsible for ensuring that a completed, including signing, score sheet is handed in on completion of the Match;
  - iv. Torn, illegible or incomplete score sheets may be rejected, and results disregarded at the discretion of the Roster Committee; and

- v. In the case of a walkover, the team claiming the walkover shall hand to the Roster Committee representative on that night the score sheet indicating the walkover has been claimed.
- r. Umpiring:
  - i. The umpire for each Set shall normally be appointed according to the order listed on the official score sheet;
  - ii. It is the responsibility of every player to be competent to umpire in a capable and responsible manner;
  - iii. A team Captain may replace a listed umpire from their team with another suitable umpire if necessary;
  - iv. The Roster Committee reserves the right to appoint umpires for any finals Matches; and
  - v. The umpire's decision in all matters relating to the game and scoring shall be final. The umpire may seek advice from the Roster Committee if unsure about any matter.
- s. Roster Organisers:
  - i. The Roster Committee shall nominate to the NSTTL Management Committee the "Official Night Organiser" (ONO) for each playing night;
  - ii. The ONO acts as the official representative of the Roster Committee on their respective nominated organising night;
  - iii. The ONO must act in a professional manner at all times;
  - iv. If any incidents occur, then the ONO must report the facts to the Roster Committee who will decide if further action is required; and
  - v. The NSTTL Management Committee has the right to remove the ONO by a majority vote, at any time.
- t. Order of Play:
  - i. The order of Play shall be as per the prepared Score Sheets with any changes to that order necessitating agreement between the opposing Captains and approval of the Roster Committee;
  - ii. Prior to the commencement of play each Captain will, in advance and independently prepare the team playing order for that Match and hand to the Roster Organiser for preparation of the Official Score Sheet;
  - iii. Specifically, for 3 persons teams contesting 11 Set Matches:
    - 1. The 11 Sets will comprise nine (9) singles and two (2) doubles;
    - 2. Order of Play will be three (3) singles followed by the first doubles, then three (3) singles followed by the second doubles as follows:
    - 3. Player H(Home) 1 v player A(Way) 1, H2 v A2, H3 v A3, first doubles;
    - 4. Player H2 V A1, H1 v A3, H3 V A2, second doubles;
    - 5. Player H2 v A3, H3 v A1, H1 V A2.
- u. To ensure each team member plays as nearly as possible an EQUAL number of Doubles Sets over a Roster, the doubles pairings will be rotated from week to week so that over any three-week period each team member will have played the same number of times. This will mean for example for members A, B, C – week 1 pairings would be AB, AC; week 2 AB, BC; and week 3 AC, BC.
- v. Eligibility for Finals:
  - i. To be eligible to play in finals, a player must have played in at least three (3) roster matches with their team.
- w. Determining Ladder finishing order for the purpose of finals (Count Back):

- i. When two (2) or more teams complete the roster matches with the same number of Ladder points, a count back shall be conducted by the Roster Committee to determine the finishing order for those teams;
  - ii. The Count Back shall be conducted as follows:
    - 1. The team which won the most MATCHES shall be determined to finish ahead of a team which won fewer MATCHES;
    - 2. Should there be a tie of MATCHES, the total number of SETS won shall be determined and the team which won the most SETS shall finish ahead of a team which won fewer SETS;
    - 3. Should there still be a TIE; then the total of GAMES won shall be determined and the team which won the most GAMES shall finish ahead of a team which won fewer GAMES; and
    - 4. In the unlikely event of there still being a tie, the Roster Committee shall arrange a playoff match between the tied teams.
- x. Finals:
  - i. At the conclusion of the roster, the premier team of each division shall be determined as follows:
    - 1. In a division of four (4) to eight (8) teams, the teams shall play a knockout competition as follows:
      - a. The leading team shall play the fourth ranked team in a semi-final;
      - b. The second and third ranked teams shall play each other in a semi-final; and
      - c. The winner of the two semi-finals shall play each other in the grand final.
    - 2. In a division of nine (9) or more teams the Roster Committee, with the approval of the NSTTL Management Committee, will decide the format of the Finals before the commencement of the roster.
    - 3. A Finals match terminates when a result has been reached.
- y. Roster Awards:
  - i. Each Grand Final player in the winning teams will be awarded a trophy or prize as deemed appropriate by the NSTTL Management Committee;
  - ii. Leading Player award is to be given to the player in each grade where the following rules apply:
    - 1. If there is a tie between two (2) or more players, then EACH tied player shall receive the award;
  - iii. Eligibility for the award:
    - 1. A player MUST play at least 70% of the games their team is rostered for in that roster in one (1) specified team;
    - 2. If a player has a bye then they are deemed as present for that night;
    - 3. If a player fills in for another team those games are counted toward the award;
    - 4. If a player fills in for more than one (1) team on a particular night then only one set or results count towards the award; and
    - 5. The award is based on a win/loss percentage on SINGLES SETS only and the player with the highest percentage (subject to the conditions above) at the end of the roster is the Leading player for that division.