

IGSSA

Independent Girls' Schools Sports Association

TENNIS

RULES

1. TEAMS

- Teams can have up to 5 players.
- Teams are open regardless of year level.
- grades are to be: Premier League (Senior A), Open and Intro. Schools are encouraged to enter a Premier League team, an Open B and then where they wish.
- Premier League to be held at a central venue on Monday afternoons 4:00-6:00pm. All other grades to be held on Saturday mornings.

2. UMPIRING

- Students may request an umpire.

3. MATCHES

- Matches will start at 8.00 am, therefore players should arrive at 7.45am.
- A and B senior teams must play sets to 6 games.
- Sets in lower games may be shortened in order to finish all games by 11.30 am (except when playing at Co-Ed schools – must be finished by 10am). Girls should understand whether they are playing a 6 or 4 game set before they begin.
- All teams will play a tie-breaker at 5 games all.
- Hit up time should not be excessive (approximately 3 minutes).
- When 2 teams are playing at a neutral venue, the 1st named team are to supply the balls.
- In the Div 4 grade, the second service may be made from the service line and/or served underarm.
- The Div 4 grade is the only one where coaching/parental assistance from the sidelines is permitted

4. EQUIPMENT

- Match quality balls are to be supplied by the host school. New balls are to be used for "A" & "B" teams.

5. RESULTS

- Results of 'A' & 'B' matches along with results of first singles matches must be sent to Executive Officer by the following Tuesday of match.
- As per the minutes of the 26 November 2018 meeting (point 9.3): **All results from the preceding week's matches must be in by COB each Tuesday afternoon. EO will update the standings tables Tuesday evenings. Standings tables will then be forwarded to all, and published on the IGSSA website, each and every Wednesday morning**
- A shield is awarded in Open 'A' and 'B' grades.
- If finals are being held, finalists will be determined by total points initially (ie win/loss tally) and then SD (Score differential) if points are equal but a split needs to be made.
- If the finals match is tied (ie the 1 v 2 shield play off), the shield is no longer shared between the two teams. As per the IGSSA meeting on 7th Feb 2019:

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- split method is sets, then games, then play 2 x doubles if required. Those matches are to be played as first to 10 points, but must be 2 points up.
- If a match is washed out part way through, there needs to be at least 4 of the 6 sets completed for a winner to be announced. Otherwise, a tie is awarded. If the match is not even started due to weather, every effort will be made to re-schedule the match.

Ref: IGSSA Sport Rules

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