



## **MTA Winter Singles League 2021 Guidelines**

- Matches will be played on a round-robin basis with players grouped according to approximate ability, regardless of gender. We want to avoid mismatches, but at the same time give players a chance to test themselves against stronger opposition than they might be used to.
- The number of groups, and the number of players in each group, will depend on how many players enter the league.
- A schedule of matches will be arranged for each group, giving players two weeks to play each of their matches. It will then be up to the players to organize their matches at a time convenient to them within that two-week window. However, if for any reason it is not possible to play the scheduled match within that window (injury, bad weather, holidays, etc.) that game can be played later, provided it is played before the final cut-off date for completion of the entire round-robin. Other scheduled matches can be brought forward and played within an earlier two-week window provided both players agree, but the scheduled match within each window should always have priority.
- The duration of each round-robin will depend on the numbers in the group, but will be approximately two weeks per match. For example, if a group has six players, all matches will need to be completed within about 10 weeks.
- All matches will be best-of-three sets (each set to 6 games, with seven-point tie-breaks at 6-6).
- New balls must be used for each match with the cost to be shared among the two players.
- The MTA has an ongoing agreement with the MTC for court use. As this is an authorised MTA competition, matches can be played at the MTC courts without payment of court fees, even if one or both players are not MTC members.
  - If both players are non-members of MTC then they should contact Daniel Riordan (021 085 77505), who will facilitate access and also email details of players, dates and times to the MTC.
  - Given the format of the event it is not feasible for matches to be played using the court lighting and therefore matches will need to be organised for daylight hours.
  - Players may use any court except courts 1 and 2 which must be kept available for MTC members at all times. In fixing a date and time players should view the MTA calendar so as to avoid pre-planned events. There may also be coaching onsite, which will take precedence, but with 14 courts there should not normally be a problem.
- Winning players should email their results to [daniel.riordan1@gmail.com](mailto:daniel.riordan1@gmail.com), who will collate on behalf of the MTA management committee. Results will be recorded on the MTA website so players can monitor their standings in each group.
- Results will also be uploaded to Tennis NZ's MatchHub system, so each match will count towards players' gradings.
- Once the first groups are completed, subsequent groups may be organised, depending on player interest.
- Any issues or disputes between players should be referred to the Association which will adjudicate as appropriate.
- The competition will start in April with the exact date yet to be determined. Players will be notified by email.