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2024/25 WRTA JUNIOR SUMMER COMPETITION GRAND FINAL MATCHES – 22nd/23rd March 2025

- 1. All matches commence at **8.30 am**. There are no time limits on grand-final matches.
- 2. Each team competing in finals shall provide one pair of **new** Tennis Victoria approved tennis balls. Please note that the **Section**, **24**, **25**, **26**, **27**, **28** & **Sunday Section 9** & **10** matches use the green-dot tennis balls
- 3. The first named club is deemed to be the home team and shall provide the scorecard. There must be a scorecard/hard copy of the match results, so away teams can take a photo for their records.
- 4. Please ensure that any player that participates in finals matches is qualified to do so. If a team has more than 3 eligible players, the team may play 4 players in any finals match. The sets will be played as follows:

No. 1 Player Singles
No. 3 & 4 Players Doubles
No. 2 Player Singles
No. 1 & 4 Players Doubles
No. 3 Player Singles
No. 1 & 2 Players Doubles

- 5. The match results must be passed to a WRTA Junior Committee member and results do not need to be entered online.
 - 6. Majority of teams are not playing at their home courts; the exception is if you are playing another team from your club in your section. Please note that some teams may not be playing at their home venues. Please pay attention to the venues specified for your team's match. In addition, all club secretaries/junior secretaries need to ensure access to their clubs for finals matches. All clubs hosting finals matches shall be required to appoint a competent senior member of their club to act as Referee to adjudicate on any disputes that arise.
- 7. All matches need to be played out on the day (if possible). No matches can finish drawn. An extra set is to be played in this circumstance using the 1 & 3 players in a doubles set. Before abandoning any match due to adverse conditions, teams must consult one of the following Junior committee,

 Marlene Russell 0419 533 435, Steve Whitford 0417 156 595
- 8. The WRTA encourage team players to umpire themselves where possible and it is expected that umpires will only be required where requested. The WRTA also encourages team players and supporters to show the correct sporting attitude for all matches. *See below for more information*.
- 9. The WRTA Bylaws has all the current competition rules. This document can be found on the WRTA website: www.wrta.net.au

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me on 0419 533 435. Good luck to all.

Marlene Russell Junior Match Chairperson Western Region Tennis Association

The following are selected Competition rules from the WRTA Bylaws:

5.14 Supervision of Teams – All matches

Clubs are required to provide a supervisor for each team. Non-compliance will incur a fine. (See Fine Schedule). The supervisors will act as referees if required to adjudicate on matters of conflict.

The Supervisor is required to:

- Determine if the players, the supervisor, or a nominated competent person who understands the rules, will be umpiring before sets commence.
- Remain courtside for the duration of the match. This does not mean they need to be inside the court area.
- Check all details required are entered on the scorecard. Non-compliance by the offending team will incur a fine (see Fine Schedule).
- Ensure that only players, supervisors or umpires be inside the court area during play.
- Control the behaviour of all players during play (which includes verbal and physical abuse). The behaviour of team supporters (ie parents, relatives and friends) should also be controlled (this includes any interference of match progress). Any offenders should be reported on the back of the scorecard or directly to the Administrator via the appropriate club secretary/club junior match secretary. Any report may be investigated further by the Match Committee.

5.15 Umpiring – All Matches

- All players are encouraged to umpire their own matches wherever possible.
- If it is decided that an umpire is required, no Supervisor is allowed to umpire a match where a relative is playing. Another appropriate adult should be chosen to umpire the given match. If all attending adults are related to the playing member, the Supervisor can umpire.

5.16 Match Behaviour

- No player should behave in an unacceptable manner on court. This includes verbal abuse, audible obscenities, visible obscenities, equipment/ball abuse and club facilities abuse. Any offender should be reported on the back of the scorecard or directly to the Administrator via the appropriate club secretary/club junior match secretary. Any report may be investigated further by the Match Committee.
- No spectator known to one of the players (ie parent, relative, friend, coach) should interfere with a set in progress from outside the court area. Any offender should be reported on the back of the scorecard or directly to the Administrator via the appropriate club secretary/club junior match secretary. Any report may be investigated further by the Match Committee.
- Non-compliance will lead to the following:
 - a) A warning will be issued to the club on behalf of the offending person
 - b) A fine will be issued to the club on behalf of the offending person (see Fine Schedule)
 - c) The team related to the offending person will be suspended from the relevant competition for the duration to be decided by the Match Committee.