

# SCHOOL SPORT AUSTRALIA

## 18 YEARS & UNDER TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

### THE JACK PIZZEY CUP COMPETITION

### RULES AND GUIDELINES

#### SECTION A – CHAMPIONSHIP OVERVIEW

- A - 1.** These Rules and Guidelines should be read in conjunction with School Sport Australia Policies, Championship Protocols and the Tennis Operations Manual.
- A - 2.** Except for matters contained in these rules, Rules of Play shall be as laid down by Tennis Australia. Tennis Etiquette and Rules for Non-Umpired matches is to be included in the published program.
- A - 3.** The Championships shall be conducted in accordance with a current Memorandum of Understanding between School Sport Australia and Tennis Australia.
- A - 4.** The Championships (*The Jack Pizzey Cup Competition*) will be held concurrently with the *Tennis Australia Cup Singles Championships*. The *Singles Championship* consists of a main draw and the *Kevin Horrigan Plate*.
- A - 5. Eligibility**
- All representative players' ages must be in conjunction with Tennis Australia age eligibility rules (currently under 19 years of age at the end of the month the Championship finishes).
- To be eligible for the *Tennis Australia Cup Singles Championship*, players must be members of their respective State / Territory Pizzey Cup Team.
- A - 6. Age Dispensation**
- Age Dispensation may be granted to a State or Territory for these Championships as allowed through the School Sport Australia Sport Participation Policy.
- A - 7. Team Size**
- Teams will comprise of seven (7) boys and seven (7) girls. Any State / Territory not able to field a team of (7) boys and seven (7) girls, must obtain permission from School Sport Australia prior to the commencement of the tournament.
- A - 8. Attendance at Championships**
- All students who participate in the School Sport Australia Tennis Championships must remain at the Championship location throughout the duration of the Championships and be bound by all Championship arrangements, except in exceptional circumstances as per School Sport Australia policy.

Students who are selected to play in the SSA Championships will not be allowed to compete in any tournament played at the same time as the Championships.  
(Added December 2020)

## **SECTION B – COMPETITION STRUCTURE**

### **B - 1. Jack Pizzey Cup Competition**

#### **B - 1.1 Program / Schedule**

- B - 1.1.1** The competition will be played on a Round Robin basis.
- B - 1.1.2** Each State / Territory will be required to submit the names of all players in seeded order for printing in the program. The seedings for the Pizzey Cup singles matches will be confirmed at the Pre Championship meeting of the Championships.
- B - 1.1.3** Managers may make substitutions or changes to the original nominations at the Pre Championship Meeting.
- B - 1.1.4 Ranking of Players**

At the commencement of the interstate series, the players for each state will be ranked, and this ranking shall be maintained throughout the series, replacements shall occupy the number six position, with the other players moving up correspondingly. Opposing managers are required to verify team orders before play commences

The addition of singles rankings is to be used to rank doubles pairs. If a tie occurs, then the pair with the highest ranked player becomes the higher ranked pair. In mixed doubles, if pairs are equal on points, the highest ranked boy player must play in the higher position.
- B - 1.1.5** Players must play a minimum of two Pizzey Cup singles matches.
- B - 1.1.6** Unless there are exceptional circumstances, all players selected must play in each Pizzey Cup round.
- B - 1.1.7 Pre-Tie Ceremony**

At the commencement of each tie teams should have a mini opening ceremony where team members are introduced by the captains and state badges are swapped. Teams should also shake hands at the conclusion of each fixture.
- B - 1.1.8** A tie will comprise of twelve (12) singles (6 boys and 6 girls) and six (6) doubles– doubles matches to be played first, followed by singles. The doubles matches will be 2 boys, 2 girls and 2 mixed.
- B - 1.1.9** Team order to be listed before the commencement of each Tie.

- B - 1.1.10** The order of play for boys and girls shall be 1 to 6 in singles, except at the discretion of the Tournament Director.
- B - 1.1.11** Six (6) boys and six (6) girls will play singles in each Tie and may play in any or all of the Ties provided they play in their graded team positions and play a minimum of two (2) singles matches during the championships.
- B - 1.1.12** If for example, the Number 3 player is replaced by the first reserve Number 7 – all players numbered 4, 5 and 6 would move up a place, while Number 7 would assume the Number 6 singles grading.
- B - 1.1.13** In the event of forfeit in doubles due to illness or injury, or subsequent illness/injury after the doubles match (subject to medical certification), that player may be substituted in the singles position. A lower ranked player can replace the injured player from a doubles match only into the injured player's singles position. If there is no lower-ranked player the two Team Managers to negotiate with the National Tennis Advisor and the Tournament Director a possible replacement of the order of play and thus rescheduling of matches. In the event that no singles matches from the gender of the person being replaced have been played below them, the player is removed and all players from that position down move up. *(Amended October 2022)*
- B - 1.1.14** Teams playing out of order, forfeit the rubber involving the players who played out of order.
- B - 1.1.15** Two nominated team managers from each state will be allowed to coach their player at the change of ends on any of the six courts. Only allowed one coach on a court at a time. *(Amended October 2022)*
- B - 1.1.16** If matches are postponed due to rain etc., those matches will be completed before the next round of matches are commenced
- B - 1.1.17** Where possible the six (6) boys' singles play first on Day 1 in the Pizzey Cup and then are drawn first to play in the Tennis Australia Cup. This is to alternate on each day i.e. the six (6) girls' singles playing first on Day 2.

## **B - 1.2 Draw**

- B - 1.2.1** The Draw is to be made by the National Tennis Advisor from the previous year's results.

## **B - 1.3 Duration of matches**

- B - 1.3.1** Singles are to be two Tie-Break sets (7-point Tie-Break at 6-6) with a Match Tie-Break (10 pt) to be played if needed.
- B - 1.3.2** Doubles matches are to be two Tie-Break sets (7-point Tie-Break with a Match Tie-Break (10pt) to be played if needed.

**B - 1.3.3** In the event of tie break third set, the win should be written as 1 set and 1 game.

For Example

6 – 3

3 – 6

10 – 8

Would be 631 360

1 Rubber, 2 Sets, 10 Games to 0 Rubbers, 1 Set, 9 Games.

## **B - 1.4 Results**

**B - 1.4.1** Ties will be decided first on rubbers, and in the event of a tie, the result will be on sets, and finally if still not decided, on games.

### **B - 1.4.2 Points Scoring System**

**B - 1.4.2.1** The competition shall consist of a series of Ties, each being a separate entity. Each State / Territory shall play the other only once.

**B - 1.4.2.2** The winner of each Tie is the team winning the most number of matches (rubbers).

**B - 1.4.2.3** Should the total number of matches (rubbers) in a Tie be equal, the results will then be decided on sets.

**B - 1.4.2.4** Should the total number of sets be equal, the results will then be decided on games.

**B - 1.4.2.5** Should games be equal, then a draw shall be declared.

### **B - 1.4.3 Honour Team Point Scoring System – “Sudlow Version”**

#### **B - 1.4.3.1 Points Allocation for Pizzey Cup Teams Event**

The allocation of points is dependent on the final placing of teams in the tournament and the playing position for each match won. The rationale for this is that winning a match against the top team in the tournament (i.e. What are likely to be the best players) should be worth much more than winning a match against the team that finishes last. It also removes the pressure managers may have to always play their best players even against weaker opposition (i.e. Not many points are sacrificed if a player rests against the weaker teams)

<b>Teams Final Place</b>	<b>Points</b>
First	7
Second	6
Third	5
Fourth	4

<b>Playing Position</b>	<b>Points</b>
1	6
2	5
3	4
4	3

Fifth	3
Sixth	2
Seventh	1

5	2
6	1

Points are only given for winning a singles match (No points for any matches lost!) and points are worked out by multiplying the points for the playing position by the finishing position of the team played.

For example,

- i. The number two players for the Fourth placed team wins his/her match against the second placed team. This results in 5 points (for playing at no. 2) x 6 points (for opposition team's final place) = 30 points.
- ii. The number Five player for the Fourth placed team wins his/her match against the second placed team. This results in 2 points (for playing at no. 5) x 6 points (for opposition team's final place) = 12 points.

An Excel sheet has been created to make these calculations as simple as possible but due to the reliance on the final placing of the teams it is not possible to have any relevant running totals. The data can be entered during the event however until final team places are known.

#### **B - 1.4.4 Winner of the Pizzey Cup**

**B - 1.4.4.1** The winner of the Pizzey Cup will be the team with the most Ties.

If Ties are equal, the team with the most number of matches (rubbers) will be the winner.

If matches (rubbers) are equal, the team with the most number of sets will be the winner.

If sets are equal the team with the most number of games will be the winner. Should these be equal, then joint winners will be declared.

**B - 1.4.4.2** Results for the Pizzey Cup should be displayed under the following headings:

Win; Rubbers; Sets; Games; Position.

## **B - 2. Tennis Australia Cup Singles Championship**

### **B - 2.1 Program / Schedule**

There will be separate competitions for Boys and Girls.

## **B - 2.2 Draw**

**B - 2.2.1** The draw shall be a 16 draw in each of the Boys and the Girls competitions. The draw is to be done as per Tennis Australia rules.

**B - 2.2.2** Seedings and draw for the Singles Championship to be done by the Tournament Director and approved by the referee, prior to publication.

**B - 2.2.3** Seedings for this event shall be done in accordance with the Tennis Australia ratings.

**B - 2.2.4** The top sixteen (16) "seedings" in both the boys and the girl's competitions to be the responsibility of the Tournament Director and are to be declared prior to the Championships.

**B - 2.2.5** The draw is to be done as per Tennis Australia rules

### **B - 2.2.6 Kevin Horrigan Plate**

There will be 33 Players in the draw in both the Boys and Girls competition. The draw is to be done as per Tennis Australia rules, with the following exception, that in the Round of 64 and 32 no players from the same state are to be drawn against each other (invoke the optimal state separation of seeded athletes).

(Amended Jan 2026)

## **B - 2.3 Duration of matches**

### **B - 2.3.1 Tennis Australia Cup Singles Championship**

All matches will be two sets and a match tie break.

### **B - 2.3.2 Kevin Horrigan Plate**

All matches shall be the best of two 4 game sets with a 7-point tiebreaker at 4 all and a match tie-break (first to 10 points with a margin of two) in lieu of a third set. A structured timetable is to be included in the program for the Plate matches.

(Amended September 2016)

## **B - 2.4 Points Allocation for Tennis Australia Singles and Kevin Horrigan Plate**

Points are only allocated when a player is eliminated from the tournament and depend on which stage of the Australian Cup or Horrigan Plate this elimination occurs.

Players receive points based on the following table;

Point of exit from tournament. Points allocated on exit

Winner in final of Aust Cup	100
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Loser in final of Aust Cup	60
Loser in semi final of Aust Cup	45
Loser in quarter final of Aust Cup	30
Loser in first round of Aust Cup	20
Winner in final of Plate	25
Loser in final of Plate	20
Loser in semi-final of Plate	15
Loser in quarterfinal of Plate	12
Loser in third round of Plate	6
Loser in second round of Plate	2
Loser in first round of Plate	0

### **B - 3. Tennis Australia Tennis Etiquette and rules for Non-Umpired matches**

Tennis Australia procedures for non-umpired matches will apply.

## **SECTION C – FACILITIES / EQUIPMENT**

### **C - 1. Venues**

- C - 1.1** Where possible a minimum of eighteen (18) courts should be available for the full day.
- C - 1.2** Where possible, one venue should be used and no more than two venues.
- C - 1.3** Where possible boys' and girls' teams are not to be separated.
- C - 1.4** When split venues are used, where possible court surfaces must be compatible.

### **C - 2. Match Balls**

The number of balls allocated per match shall be at the discretion of the Tournament Director. A minimum of two (2) balls per rubber shall be used.

- C - 3.** The School Sport Australia Checking Sheet must include Tennis Australia's *My Tennis Id* for all players.

## **SECTION D – UNIFORM**

- D - 1.** During the Pizzey Cup and Individual Championship matches, players must wear the designated state/territory uniform.

## **SECTION E – INJURY MANAGEMENT**

- E - 1.** Refer to School Sport Australia Championship Protocols and Policy for the management of injuries.

## **SECTION F – OFFICIALS**

- F - 1.** Championship Organiser
- F - 2.** Championship Referee
- F - 3.** Tournament Director
- F - 4.** Court Supervisors
- F - 5.** Certificated or competent umpires using elevated chairs are to be provided by Host member body for the Boys and Girls final of the 18 Years & Under Tennis Australia Cup.

## **SECTION G – DISPUTES**

- G - 1.** Clarifications regarding the rules of the Pizzey Cup are the responsibility of the National Tennis Advisor or his/her nominee.

## **SECTION H – JUDICIARY**

- H - 1.** The Tournament Committee, comprising the National Tennis Advisor, Championship Organiser, Championship Referee and the Tournament Director, shall have sole control of the conduct of the Championships and the Tennis Australia Cup Singles Championship.

## **SECTION I – TROPHIES / AWARDS / MEDALS**

### **I - 1. All Australian Team**

At the conclusion of the event, ten (10) Boys and ten (10) Girls will be selected for the Australian Merit team using the 'Sudlow' points system displayed in item B - 4.3.1. The team will be announced in alphabetical order and will receive a plaque supplied by School Sport Australia that is to be included in the Championship budget.

### **I - 2. Tennis Australia Cup Singles Championship**

Winners of the Tennis Australia Boys and Girls Singles Championship will each receive the Tennis Australia Cup.

### **I - 3. Kevin Horrigan Plate**

Winners of the Boys and Girls Consolation Event shall receive the Kevin Horrigan Trophy.