

# Latrobe Valley Tennis Association Incorporated

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## Trial Rules

as adopted by the Association on 22 September 2016 for the 2016-17 season

***That LVTA Inc trial the following rule change to bylaw number 10 for 2016-17 pending changes to the Bylaws at next year's AGM:***

### **10. NAMING OF TEAM MEMBERS**

~~Order of Merit lists for all junior teams playing in finals, must be submitted by 4.00 pm on the Tuesday before the date of the semi-finals. Names must be supplied starting with the strongest at number 1 down to the weakest.~~

Before commencement of each match, opposing captains shall record the names of their personnel on the score sheet in the order in which they shall play, with the home team filling out the sheet first.

In the event of a substitute player from a lower grade taking part in a match, such player shall occupy the lowest position, unless approval is given by the Match and Play Committee to vary the playing order.

In matches with singles play, each player shall play one of the opposing team. The members of each team shall be arranged in Order of Merit by their respective captains. In every case number 1 player shall play the number 1 player of the opposing team, the number 2 shall play number 2, and so on.

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In the event of any dispute arising over the playing order of the team, the match shall be played under protest, and the Match and Play Committee shall determine the matter after receipt of a protest in writing from the Club.

~~The graded order of singles play shall not be changed after the completion of round 6 without first obtaining the approval of the Match and Play Committee.~~

### **COMPETITIONS CONSISTING OF FOUR PLAYERS PER TEAM**

In teams consisting of four players with doubles play, the number 1 must always play the opposing number 1, but the playing partner can be chosen at the captain's discretion (eg. 1+2 v 1+4; 3+4 v 2+3).

For competitions generally consisting of four players per team, where more than four players are qualified to represent a team in finals play, up to six qualified players may play for a team during the finals. The playing order shall be as follows:

- Five players: ~~Players ranked 1,2,3,5 will play the doubles and players ranked 1,2,3,4 will play the singles~~  
**Players ranked 1,2,3,4 will play the singles and players ranked 1 and 5 and any two other nominated players will play the doubles**
- Six players: ~~Players ranked 1,2,5,6 will play the doubles and players ranked 1,2,3,4 will play the singles~~  
**Players ranked 1,2,3,4 will play the singles and players ranked 1, 5 and 6 and any one other nominated player will play the doubles**

### **COMPETITIONS CONSISTING OF THREE PLAYERS PER TEAM**

For competitions generally consisting of three players per team, a team may play with four players. The playing order shall be as follows:

- Four players: Set A - Players ranked 1 and 2 will play doubles  
Set B - Player ranked 3 will play singles  
Set C - Players ranked 3 and 4 will play doubles  
Set D - Player ranked 1 will play singles  
Set E - Players ranked 1 and 4 will play doubles  
Set F - Player ranked 2 will play singles

For competitions generally consisting of three players per team, where more than three players are qualified to represent a team in finals play, up to five qualified players may play for a team during the finals. The playing order shall be as follows:

- Four players: as shown above

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- Five players: Set A - Players ranked 1 and 4 will play doubles  
Set B - Player ranked 3 will play singles  
Set C - Players ranked 2 and 5 will play doubles  
Set D - Player ranked 1 will play singles  
Set E - Players ranked 3 and 4 will play doubles  
Set F - Player ranked 2 will play singles

## 12. MATCHES

### COMPETITIONS CONSISTING OF FOUR PLAYERS PER TEAM

Junior matches shall consist of two 6-game tie break sets of doubles and four 6-game tie break sets of singles with a tie break occurring at 5 games all. Number 1 player must play in the first doubles pair.

In the lowest junior section, the doubles sets will be won by the first team to win six (6) games and the singles sets will be won by the first player to win four (4) games. There will be no tie breaks played. All games are played with no advantage scoring (ie. At deuce, next point wins the game).

### COMPETITIONS CONSISTING OF THREE PLAYERS PER TEAM

Junior matches shall consist of ~~two~~ **three** 6-game tie break sets of doubles and ~~four~~ **three** 6-game tie break sets of singles with a tie break occurring at 5 games all.

In the lowest junior section, the doubles sets will be won by the first team to win ~~six~~ **four (4)** games and the singles sets will be won by the first player to win four (4) games. There will be no tie breaks played. All games are played with no advantage scoring (ie. at deuce, next point wins the game).

## 13. ORDER OF PLAY

~~Doubles matches shall be played first followed by singles matches. A rotating order of play for singles shall be encouraged.~~

Unless agreed by the team captains, the order of play shall be as shown on the score sheets. However a rotating order of play shall be encouraged.

~~Pennant matches — odd rounds, doubles first; even rounds, mixed first.~~