

Maryborough & District Tennis Association

Teams Trial Formats for the 2017/18 Season

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C Grade Competition to trial the following format for the 2017/18 season:

Aim: to run at least 4 teams.

Currently: have 4 teams -Amphitheatre, 2 Avoca teams and Cal Gully Lawn.

- Reduce teams to 4 players, each player plays 3 sets, total number of sets played will be 6;
- Boys can play as girls;
- Retain 6 games sets with no tie break.
- Retain maximum age of players is 12 years as at 1 November 2017;
- Shorten season to 11 rounds –
 - Rounds 1 to 4: 28 Oct 2017 to 18 Nov 2017
 - Break for Energy Breakthrough, 25 Nov 2017
 - Rounds 5 to 7: 2 Dec to 16 Dec 2017
 - Rounds 8 to 11 3 Feb 2018 to 24 Feb 2018
 - Grand Final: 3 Mar 2018 between 1st & 2nd finishing teams on ladder.

MDTA Inc Rules effected by the above trial are:

- 2.1 Registration of Players and Teams - number of players in team
- 5.1 Points per match – 4.5 points to be awarded for bye round if applicable

B Grade Competition to trial the following format for the 2017/18 season:

Currently: have 7 teams - 3 Avoca, Amphitheatre, Cal Gully Yellow, Lawn and Talbot.

- Reduce teams to 4 players, each player plays 3 sets, total number of sets played will be 6 with 1 men's, 1 women's and 4 mixed sets;
- Maximum 2 boys per team, however one additional boy can play as girl with permission from Match and Permit Committee - maximum age of boy to play as girl is 12 as at 1 November 2017;
- 6 game sets to be played with tie breaks and players are to umpire their own sets.
- Games to be played in mornings;
- Maximum age of players is 17 as at 31 March 2018;
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- Shorten season to 12 rounds –
 - Rounds 1 to 4: 28 Oct 2017 to 18 Nov 2017
 - Break for Energy Breakthrough, 25 Nov 2017
 - Rounds 5 to 7: 2 Dec to 16 Dec 2017
 - Rounds 8 to 12 3 Feb 2018 to 3 March 2018
 - Break for Long Weekend 10 March 2018
 - Preliminary Finals: 17 Mar 2018 between 1st & 4th, and 2nd & 3rd finishing teams on ladder.
 - Grand Final: 24 March 2018 between winners of preliminary finals.

MDTA Inc Rules effected by the above trial are:

- 2.1 Registration of Players and Teams - number of players in team
- 2.3 Eligible Ages for Junior Grades – age limit on B Grade players 17 and under as at 31 March 2018
- 3.4 Games in a Set – B Grade games reduced to 6 games sets and 6 set matches
- 3.5 Starting Time – B Grade to play in the mornings
- 5.1 Points per match – 4.5 points to be awarded for bye round if applicable

A Reserve Grade Competition to trial the following format for the 2017/18 season:

Aim: to run at least 4 teams.

Currently: have 4 teams - Avoca, Cal Gully Black, Cal Gully Red and Lawn Gold.

- **Reduce teams to 4 players, each player plays 3 sets, total number of sets played will be 6 with 1 men's, 1 women's and 4 mixed sets;**
- **Maximum number of Males is 2;**
- **8 game sets to be played.**
- **Shorten season to 13 rounds –**
 - **Rounds 1 to 8: 28 Oct 2017 to 16 Dec 2017**
 - **Rounds 9 to 13: 3 Feb 2018 to 3 Mar 2018**
 - **FINALS: 10,17 & 24 March 2018**

MDTA Inc Rules effected by the above trial are:

- *2.1 Registration of Players and Teams - number of players in team*
- *3.4 Games in a Set – A Reserve Grade sets reduced 6 set matches*
- *5.1 Points per match – 4.5 points to be awarded for bye round if applicable*

A Grade Competition for the 2017/18 season:

Aim: to run A Grade teams in accordance with the MDTA Inc Rules.

Currently: have 7 teams -Avoca, Amphitheatre, Bealiba, Cal Gully White, Lawn Green, Majorca and Moonambel.

A Reserve teams from Avoca and Lawn have indicated they are not prepared to play in the A Grade competition, so A Grade competition has been reduced back to the 7 teams submitted at the Teams Submission meeting.

- **Teams and sets format to remain unchanged.**
- **Season 2017-18 will be 15 rounds**
 - **Rounds 1 to 10: 14 October to 16 December 2017**
 - **Rounds 11 to 15: 3 February to 3 March 2018**
 - **FINALS: 10,17 & 24 March 2018**
 - **Championships - All Grades Sunday 18 February 2018 (back up 25 February 2018 if required)**

MDTA Inc Rules effected by the above trial are:

- *Nil*