

Committee Regulations of Maungaraki Tennis Club Inc.

Senior Club – Subscriptions, Interclub & Twilight – Version 2

Approved by the Committee on 03 Sep 2012 pursuant to Rule 8.1(k) of the Club Rules.

1. Due date

Subs, fees and due dates are set annually, at the Club's AGM. Subs and interclub fees will usually be due by 20th September in each year.

2. Subs & Eligibility for Interclub and Twilight League Participation

(a) Any player who has not paid their subs and/or interclub fees by the due date will not be included in the initial team selection and will not be able to play in any interclub team or twilight league until payment is made. This rule enforces the corresponding rules of Tennis Central (Rule 4.4) and Hutt Valley Tennis (Rule 5.2(a)).

(b) Please note that interclub and twilight places are limited and are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Late payers may be placed in a team, if places are available.

3. Payment of Subs and Interclub Fees

Our Committee spends too much time dealing with late subs and interclub fees. We need everyone to help us with this. The due date is 20th September. The payment options are:

- Pay online (*please* use first name, surname & phone number as references, otherwise we won't be able to match you with the payment)
- Pay by Credit Card through our online renewal system (Promato) – this is handled via PayPal to your credit card, with a 3.6% processing charge added to the account.
- Cash or cheque, if you must.
- Remember – **no pay, no play!**

4. Interclub fees due dates

(a) Summer interclub. Each player who wishes to be included in a summer interclub team (Hutt Valley or Regional) must pay the interclub fee by 20th September.

(b) Winter interclub. Winter interclub fees must be paid by 1st May.

(c) Interclub fees include the cost and supply of team tennis balls.

5. Team Composition - Regional and Hutt singles-based Interclub

(a) Regional teams will have six players and other teams will have five players.

(b) Subject to Rules 2, 3, 4 and 5(c), team positions are filled from the top down based on merit. Players have the right to challenge for any team they

feel they should be in via the club challenge ladder system, which is designed to provide a basis for team selection. Ladder challengers must be made before 1st October. Once teams are entered to both Hutt Valley Tennis and Regional Tennis they are fixed for the season. A player cannot after this stage challenge to be in a higher team.

(c) All final team compositions are determined at the discretion of the Club Captain, who has responsibility for entering teams to the various competitions.

6. **Midweek, President's, Winter interclub (doubles only interclub)**

(a) Rules 2, 3 & 4 apply for doubles interclub competitions.

(b) Team composition. The Club Captain may put teams together as requested by members or members may enter their own teams through the Club Captain, as they wish.

7. **Interclub Commitment**

(a) Members should only be entering interclub competitions if they are confident of their continued availability throughout the interclub season to play in the vast majority of matches

(b) Players who are unable to give this commitment at the start of the season will only be considered for fill in positions (see Rule 10).

(c) Players acknowledge that when they apply to play open interclub they are making a commitment to the interclub competition and they agree to play for MTC regardless of which interclub team they end up playing in.

8. **Players unable to be accommodated in an interclub team**

If a player pays the interclub fee and is then unable to be included in a team their fee will be immediately refunded by the Club. If they wish, they can be placed on a 'fill in' list outlined in Rule 10.

9. **Player call up for interclub teams**

(a) Subject to eligibility rules set by Hutt Valley and Regional Tennis, when a team is short of a player the captain of that team can request that a player be called up from a lower team to play for them.

(b) The lower team is under no obligation to provide a player but should cooperate if at all possible. Requests should be made no later than three full days prior to the playing date (i.e. by Tuesday evening for a Saturday match).

(c) Note that if a player plays up a grade on more than one occasion (HVT) or twice (Regional) in a particular round (pre or post Christmas) then this could affect their ability under Hutt Valley Tennis or Regional rules to continue to play in their original lower grade during that round. Players should check Hutt Valley and Regional rules for themselves. If in doubt please seek advice from the Club Captain.

10. **Fill in players for interclub**
 - (a) If a Club member is not in a team or is unable to commit to playing the vast majority of rounds in a competition, but would like to 'fill in' when required, they can make their own arrangement with the team captain who may or may not ask for some contribution to team fees.
 - (b) Fill in players will not be required to pay an interclub fee to the Club.
 - (c) Fill in players will need to be registered with the Club Captain, so that they are listed on the interclub database for player eligibility and for TNZ 'Configure Rankings' (formerly 'Top Dog') points.
11. **Regional One sponsored team**
 - (a) The Club sponsors a top-flight team by paying for entry fees, balls and Club subs for up to a maximum of six players for Regional One. There will be no other subsidised places either in Regional One or other grades.
 - (b) All Regional One players who are in the sponsored team, and who live in the Wellington area, are required to play in the MTC Club Championships.
12. **Default and other fines**

If the Club is fined for defaulting an interclub round or for any other reason then the team responsible for the default or fine is liable to reimburse the Club. It is the Team Captain's responsibility to collect fine monies from their team members.
13. **Junior Members playing Senior interclub**
 - (a) Any Junior member wishing to play senior interclub will first have to pay full senior interclub fees as in Rule 4.
 - (b) They are not required to pay a senior membership subscription.
14. **Unpaid fees from previous season**

Any member who owes fees from the previous season will, on sign up for the new season, be required to pay all outstanding fees, plus a \$50 administration fee, in addition to the current season's subscriptions and fees. The Committee has the right to waive this provision on a discretionary basis (for example, on compassionate grounds).
15. **Twilight Competition**
 - (a) The Twilight Convener is responsible for determining the rules, format and composition of Twilight teams and competitions.
 - (b) An equivalent to Rules 7 and 10(a) apply to Twilight.
 - (c) The Twilight Convener will be the final arbitrator in any matter in dispute in relation to Rules 15(a) and (b).

16. **Interclub Team Captain Responsibilities**

All senior team captains have the following responsibilities:

- (a) To be familiar with the Tennis Central or Hutt Valley Tennis interclub rules (supplied by the Club Captain) applying to their competition.
- (b) To ensure that a team is in place for every tie in the competition.
- (c) To contact all their team members by the preceding Wednesday to confirm participation for the upcoming weekend.
- (d) To advise the Club Captain immediately if they perceive a risk that they may be unable to provide a full team for a tie.
- (e) To bring to each tie the required new balls. The season's supply of new balls is provided at the start of the round by the Club Captain.
- (f) If winning a tie, to update Configure Rankings (Top Dog) each week by the Monday following the completion of the tie.
- (g) When playing at home to ensure that the Clubrooms are opened beforehand and then left clean, tidy and secure at the conclusion of the tie.
- (h) In the case of a fine being levied (Rule 12), to collect fine monies from their team members.

17. **Club Captain's Interclub Responsibilities**

- (a) To enter all Regional, Divisional, Presidents and Winter interclub teams to Tennis Central and Hutt Valley Tennis Associations by the due date for entries to be lodged.
- (b) To provide each team captain with the required balls for the round.
- (c) At the start of each season to provide each team captain with a copy of the Association rules for their competition. This can be an email link to a document on an Association website.
- (d) To be the final arbitrator in any matter in dispute in relation to these Rules, apart from Twilight under Rule 15.

18. **Determination & Interpretation**

The Club Captain will be the final arbitrator in any matter in dispute in relation to these Rules, apart from Twilight under Rule 15.