

Tennis Valley
Presents the
45th Annual
Grade 1 - Open Tennis Tournament
2010



Grade 1 events will be held over 4 weekends

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Entries Close:	Wednesday 11 August
Tournament Dates:	Sun's – 22 & 29 August, Sat & Sun 4 & 5 September, Sat & Sun 11 & 12 September
Finals:	Sat & Sun 11 & 12 September
Alternative Finals:	Sat & Sun 18 & 19 September

Based on the positive member feedback regarding the changes to the tournament format last year, we will continue with events being run over a short period of a few weeks.

Please read the conditions of entry (refer next page) and the entry form very carefully and fill in the required information. This will assist in making processing quick and accurate.

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. **ALL FINALS WILL BE PLAYED ON SATURDAY 11 SEPTEMBER AND/OR SUNDAY 12 SEPTEMBER** (Or the following weekend in the event of a washout during the event). Finalists not available on finals weekend will be forfeited and their semi finals opposition will be promoted to the finals. Please do not enter the tournament if you are unavailable for the finals.
2. No matter what the reason, **anyone not showing up for a scheduled match will be forfeited** and the opposition will be awarded a walkover unless the committee has made an error. Many people have been frustrated by postponed matches in previous years. Unfortunately we will not allow matches to be postponed due to illness or any other excuse. Each person may have 1 unavailable day (not finals weekend) if and only if their unavailability is noted on their entry form. Absolutely no exceptions.
3. Junior participation in doubles events will be encouraged with free entry into any doubles event(s), provided they are financial members. If they are playing with a senior member in the doubles, the senior member still needs to pay their entry fee.

4. **It is your responsibility to check the draw.** We will attempt to forward the draw for each weekend to all players by email. Please make sure your current email is included on your entry form. If you have not got an email of your own, maybe you can provide a family member's email. If you do not have access to email or the internet, please phone Col Ritchie on 0425 292 639.
5. **Entries must be made on the correct form** and the entry fee must accompany all entries. Each player must fill out their own form.

We hope you enjoy the Club Championships in 2010.

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TIMES OF PLAY – Play will commence at 12:30pm on Saturdays and 1pm on Sundays. Please note that due to large draws, some matches may start late in the day, and continue till 7pm. In cases of scheduling delays due to bad weather, the occasional night match may need to be scheduled; players will be consulted regarding these.

WHO CAN ENTER - All *financial* members of Willoughby District Tennis Club can enter the events. Payment for the tournament must accompany the entry form.

NUMBER OF EVENTS - Players may enter singles, doubles and mixed. Note that entering more than two events may require the player to play a large number of sets per day.

MATCH ATTENDANCE - Players must play their match at the time, place, and date notified or they will forfeit the match. Illness and injury are unfortunate.

PLAYER AVAILABILITY - Given the shorter duration of events during this tournament, the maximum unavailability of any player is one day (i.e. to attend a wedding or similar immovable event) if and only if it is nominated on the entry form. No postponements will be given for sickness or any other excuse.

Forfeits due to players not advising their unavailability's on their entry form is regrettable and will be enforced. Note: No unavailability's are allowed on finals weekend. If a finalist is unavailable, the other semi-finalist from their side of the draw will be invited to play in their place

MATCH FORMAT - Events are the best of 3 sets (Tie-break at 6-all). A tie-breaker is played in the first 2 sets, and the third if necessary. The tie-breaker is according to the current NSTA system. However, if due to any time constraints, the committee may reduce matches to a lesser number of games.

PARTNER ALLOCATION - All players entering doubles events requesting a partner shall accept the partner allocated by the Tournament Committee. This condition imposes no obligation on the Committee to find a partner.

SUBSTITUTE DOUBLES PLAYERS - Prior to their first doubles match, a player may obtain a substitute partner. This combination must be retained in any subsequent matches.

BALLS - Good used balls will be provided for all matches except for the Semis and Finals. New balls will be provided for these matches.

TENNIS ATTIRE - Correct tennis attire must be worn at all times.

How To Find The Weekly Draw

The weekly draw will be available from WEDNESDAY before each weekend.

The draw will be:

- Displayed on the Club Notice Board
- Available on the Club website – www.tennisvalley.com.au
- Emailed to players from Wednesday – players without email addresses can telephone Col Ritchie on 0425 292 639.