

INTERDISTRICT

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Hi All

GOOD NEWS!!!

Subject to Federal, State, Local Government, Tennis Australia and Tennis NSW regulations, it is the intention of The NSW Hardcourt Tennis Association to conduct the Interdistrict Competition in 2020 once again in association with Tennis NSW.

Please accept this email as an invitation for your Club, Association, School or Private Centre to enter teams.

Playing conditions, Rules etc will remain unchanged from previous years.

Dates of play for Open & Junior events remain as previously advised, but are re-listed below.

Dates of play for Seniors/Vets events will, for 2020 only, be the same as Open & Junior events. There will be no "week off" on Bank Holiday weekend for Seniors/Vets.

Playing Dates are as follows:- (For All Cups)

Comp commences 26th July thence 2nd August, 9th August, 16th August, 23 August 30th August Semi Finals & Divisional Play Offs 13th September Finals 20th September

Entries Close (for all events) - Friday 26th June

The Entry Closing Date has been extended by 1 week. It is important to note that no extension to the closing date is possible due to the amount of "back room" admin work required prior to the commencement of the competition.

<u>Due to the Corona Virus the applicable Tennis NSWCommunity Tennis Guidelines are to be followed and it is recommended that the following procedures should be implemented:-</u>

- A Duty Officer must be on site for the entire duration of ALL matches
- Social Distancing must be maintained
- Any restrictions regarding number of people in attendance must be maintained
- Club Houses Closed
- Hand Sanitiser be provided
- No Afternoon Tea Associations to provide Tea, Coffee, Sugar & Milk only. Disposable Cups to be provided.

It should be remembered that Fines can still be imposed for breaches of Govt Department/Health Department breaches of Regulations.

The program of events and other competition details follow on the following pages.



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PROGRAM OF EVENTS All Open & Junior Teams to comprise 3 Players. All Veterans Teams to comprise 4 players

No	Name of Cup	Description
OPEN EVENTS – Team members must have attained the age of 15 years as at 30 September 2020		
1	Blackwell Cup	Men's open event (Min Age as at 30 th Sept15 years)
2	Angus & Coote Cup	Ladies Open event (Min Age as at 30 th Sept15 years)
VETERAN MEN'S EVENTS		
3	George Rider Cup	All players to be over 35 years as at 30 September 2020.
4	Shea-Wilton Cup	All players to be over 45 years as at 30 September 2020.
5	George Fletcher Cup	All players to be over 50 years as at 30 September 2020.
6	Life Members Cup	All players to be over 65 years as at 30 September 2020.
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VETERAN LADIES EVENTS		
7	Jack McCall Cup	All players to be over 35 years as at 30 September 2020. Teams to
8	Bill Austin Cup	be graded on assessed ability
JUNIOR EVENTS – Team Members must be under the stated age as at 30 September 2020		
9	President's Cup	Boys' 16 years and under
10	Esca Stephens Cup	Boys' 14 years and under
11	A J McAndrew Cup	Boys' 12 years and under
12	Stan Pedersen Cup	Boys' 10 years and under
13	Irene Matthews Cup	Girls' 16 years and under
14	Wade & Neal Cup	Girls' 14 years and under
15	M C Crakanthorp Cup	Girls' 12 years and under
16	Harry Beck Cup	Girls' 10 years and under

TENNIS BALL ADOPTION

Approved balls of championship quality are to be used. Slazenger or Dunlop championships balls are available at a reduced price through the Hardcourt Association. Contact Secretary on 0411 248 178 for details.

TEAM ENTRY AND COURT DETAILS

Please complete all sections of the entry form (which is to be done electronically on the Hardcourt website www.hardcourt.com.au and provide the following information -

- The name, address and telephone number of the Association Secretary
- The name, address and telephone number of your Association's Interdistrict contact
- The name, address and telephone number of each court that your team/s will be using. If two teams are sharing one court, the name and number of the other team must also be included on the entry form.

• The date of birth for ALL players

Note: Associations may nominate as many teams as they wish for each Cup.



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JUNIOR ELIGIBILITY

Junior players are required to participate in their own age group Cup *except* where they are chosen to represent in the No. 1 team of any higher age group. Junior players may be selected in an Association's 2nd team in a higher age group but are only permitted to advance one (1) age group. Players competing in the Blackwell or Angus & Coote Cups shall be a minimum of 15 years of age as at the 30 September in the year of the competition.

BIRTH DATE

Players competing in ALL Seniors/Vets Cups shall be a minimum of 35 years of age as at 30 September in the year of the competition. In all remaining Cups players shall be UNDER the appropriate age as at 30 September in the year of the competition.

STARTING TIME

All round matches commence at 12.15pm. The starting time for finals will be listed in the fixture book.

ROSEWALL MEDAL & HARDCOURT MEDAL

The Rosewall Medal for Open and Junior players and the Hardcourt Medal for Seniors is awarded to the player competing in division 1 of the various Cups who is judged by his/her peers as the 'best and fairest' player. Team Captains/Managers nominate players and allocate points after each match.

COMPOSITE TEAMS

Entries will be accepted for composite teams. Points awarded towards the McKerihan Shield will be allocated on a pro-rata basis to the player's Association. The team when entered must be nominated as a composite team with the point distribution to be left to the Competition Secretary.

In the case of Clubs who are invited to enter teams in the competition, any points won towards the McKerihan Shield will be allocated to the Association within whose area the Club is located.

SINGLES AWARD

An award in the form of a trophy shall be made in each Open and Junior Cup. This award will recognize the best overall singles performance. Points will be allocated on a sliding scale depending on the players ranking within the team. Recognition will be made of winners in all Divisions

ENQUIRIES

All Interdistrict enquiries should be directed to the Competition Secretary, Ian Campbell - telephone 4861 5238, or mobile **0416 989 722**.

Stan Pedersen, Secretary