

PREMIER INTERCLUB COMPETITION RULES

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RULE 1 INTRODUCTION AND INTERPRETATION

- 1.1 All Ties and Matches in the Premier Competition shall be played in accordance with these rules, the Rules of Tennis issued from time-to-time by the International Tennis Federation and the Tennis New Zealand Participant Protection Policy (including the [General Code of Conduct](#)).
- 1.2 These rules shall be interpreted to:
- (a) preserve the traditional character and integrity of the game of tennis;
 - (b) ensure fair competition and promote good sports conduct; and
 - (c) ensure fair, consistent and expeditious review and consideration of any complaints.
- 1.3 If Unforeseeable Circumstances arise, the Premier Committee may exercise a discretion to waive the application of any rule.
- 1.4 Except in the case of Unforeseeable Circumstances, any alteration to these rules made after the commencement of any draw will not take effect until the following season.
- 1.5 Due to the introduction of MatchPoint and the WTN ranking system the Committee reserves the right to amend these Rules throughout the season if deemed necessary. Any changes will be communicated to all clubs and team managers.

RULE 2 DEFINITIONS

The following abbreviations and definitions, listed in alphabetical order, are used in these Rules.

“Adjudicator” means a person, appointed by both teams during a match, who makes a decision about an on-court dispute between two players in the circumstances outlined in Rule 18.

“Breach Notice” is a notice given in accordance with Rule 20.

“Change window” means the period commencing at 00.01 on the Sunday after completion of the second Tie in a Draw and concluding at 23.59 on the subsequent Thursday.

“Club” means a tennis club affiliated to 1 of the 3 member associations (Wellington, Hutt Valley or Kapi Mana).

“Club Eligibility List” means the Men’s and Women’s Premier 1 players eligibility list.

“Combined Team” means a team arising from a decision by two clubs to combine and make one team in either a Premier Men’s Grade or a Premier Women’s Grade. A combined team is regarded as a separate club for the Premier Competition.

“Designated Away Team” means the team on the right hand side of the draw and the scoring app.

“Designated Home Team” means the team on the left hand side of the draw and the scoring app.

“Draw(s)” means a published schedules of rounds, including the dates and venues of specific Ties, for all Premier Grades in the Premier Competition. There are two Draws in the Premier Competition for each Grade:

- (a) one Draw for the Pre-Christmas Competition (‘the Pre-Christmas Draw’); and
- (b) one Draw for the Post-Christmas Competition (‘the Post-Christmas Draw’).

“Grade” means a grade in the Premier Competition specified in Rule 3.1.

“Grand Final” means the Grand Final to be played at the conclusion of the Premier 1 Post-Christmas Competition, between the 2 teams with the highest combined points total from the Pre-Christmas and Post-Christmas Competitions, in accordance with Rule 5.

“Import Player” means a player who does not meet at least one of the 2 following criteria:

- a) the player holds a current primary club membership (as indicated on MatchPoint) reflecting a current paid up membership to an affiliated Tennis Central Collective club (Wellington, Kapi Mana, Taranaki, Hutt Valley, Manawatu, Wanganui, Wairarapa) and for Premier 1 is listed on the current eligibility list for that club: or
- b) the player currently resides in the Tennis Central Collective Region; this includes students on exchange or boarding in the Tennis Central Collective Region for a minimum of one (1) School Term.

“ITF Rules” mean the current Rules of Tennis issued by the International Tennis Federation from time to time.

“Match” means an individual singles or doubles match played as part of a Tie.

MatchPoint means the Tennis New Zealand competition management and player Ranking system.

“MatchPoint Scoring App” means the free Phone Application where team lists and results have to be loaded. For more details and App download links, please click [HERE](#).

“Match Tie Break” or **“Super Tie Break”** means a method used to conclude a match instead of a final set when a match is tied at one set all. Points are scored 1, 2, 3, 4 and so on. The first player or team to win 10 points by a two-point margin wins the match. If the score in the match tiebreak becomes tied at 9 points each, play continues until a player or team has a two point lead. The player(s) who wins the “Match Tie Break” or “Super Tie Break” wins the match. Before the start of a match tie-break, there shall be a 2 minutes set break.

“Men’s Premier Competition” means:

- (a) the Ties in the Premier Men’s Grades 1, 2 and 3 which are played according to the Draws published for the Pre-Christmas and Post-Christmas Competitions; and
- (b) the Ties in the Premier Men’s Grade 4, for the Post-Christmas Competition only.

“Men’s Premier One Club Eligibility List” means the list of players that are eligible to play for a Premier One Men’s team during the pre or post Xmas competitions.

“Player” means a member of a team.

“Post-Christmas Competition” means the Ties played for all Premier Grades according to the Post-Christmas Draw.

“Pre-Christmas Competition” means the Ties played for all Premier Grades according to the Pre-Christmas Draw.

“Postponed Tie” means a Tie that was scheduled but not commenced on the Scheduled Date – refer to Rule 14.

“Premier Committee” means the Tennis Capital Coast Premier Interclub Committee.

“Premier Competition” means the Men’s Premier Competition and the Women’s Premier Competition, which includes both the Pre-Christmas Competition and the Post-Christmas Competition.

“Referee” means a person appointed pursuant to Rule 18.4.

“Reply” has the meaning given to it in Rule 20.

“Re-scheduled Date” means the venue and time determined by the Premier Committee to complete a Tie in accordance with Rule 15.9.

“Round” means a Tie scheduled on a particular weekend as part of a Draw.

“Ruling Request” means a request made pursuant to Rule 20.

“Scheduled Date” of a Tie (and Matches played as part of a Tie) is the date in the published Draw for all Premier Grades in the Premier Competition.

“Super Tier Break” - refer to the definition of “Match Tie Break”.

“Suspended tie” means a Tie that was commenced but not finished – refer to Rule 15.

“TCC Administrator” means Tennis Capital Coast’s Events and Operations Manager.

“Team” means the group of players entered by a Club in a competition pursuant to Rule 6.

“Team Captain” means the person who:

- has control of a Team during a Tie;
- is present during the playing of a Tie;
- makes decisions on behalf of the Team about the playing of the Tie; and
- discharges the responsibilities of a Team Captain set out in these Rules, including deciding whether to suspend or postpone a Match and signing Results Sheets.

The Team Captain may be a player, a non-player appointed to the role of Team Captain, or a Club Captain or a Team Manager. The Team Captain may also change from Tie to Tie.

“Team Manager/Primary contact” means the person who is responsible for managing a team, including:

- ensuring there are sufficient players for each Tie;
- ensuring the team supplies the correct number of balls per Tie;
- entering team scores online (MatchPoint) using the MatchPoint Scoring App. on the day; and
- acting as the main point of contact for the team and for other Team Managers/Primary Contacts.

A Team Manager/**Primary contact** can be a Team Captain.

“Tennis Central Collective” means the collective including Wellington, Kapi Mana, Hutt Valley Tennis, Wairarapa, Whanganui, Manawatu and Taranaki

“Tennis Capital Coast Competitions Committee” (TCCCC) means the Committee established by the Tennis Capital Coast Board to consider, amongst other things, appeals made under these Rules.

“Tennis New Zealand General Code of Conduct” (TNZ Code of Conduct) means the General Code of Conduct published by Tennis New Zealand as ‘Attachment A’ to the Tennis New Zealand Tennis Participant Protection Policy (December 2018) <https://tennis.kiwi/assets/Files-pdf-word-docs-etc/Tennis-NZ-Participant-Protection-Policy-2021-t.k.pdf>, set out in Appendix A to these Rules.

“Tennis New Zealand Tennis Participant Protection Policy” (TNZ PP) means the Tennis Participant Protection Policy published by Tennis New Zealand <https://tennis.kiwi/assets/Files-pdf-word-docs-etc/Tennis-NZ-Participant-Protection-Policy-2021-t.k.pdf>

“Tie” means the four singles and two doubles matches played between two teams.

“Tie Break” means a method used to conclude a set when games are tied at 6 all. Points are scored 1, 2, 3, 4 and so on. The first player or team to win 7 points by a two-point margin wins the set. If the score in the tiebreak becomes tied at 6 points each, play continues until a player or team has a two-point lead. The player(s) who wins the “Tie Break” wins the set.

“Unforeseeable Circumstances” means circumstances which are unforeseeable and include, but are not limited to:

- (a) personal circumstances which would result in an unjustifiably harsh impact on a player(s), a team(s) and/or the Premier Competition.
- (b) natural disasters such as earthquakes, hurricanes, fires, floods, lightening and other “Acts of God”;
- (c) local or national governmental action such as quarantines and lockdowns, whether arising from epidemics, pandemics or otherwise; and
- (d) war, riot, insurgence or any other similar event.

“Women’s Premier Competition” means the ties in the Premier Women’s Grades 1, 2 and 3 which are played according to the Draws published for the Pre-Christmas and Post-Christmas Competitions.

“Women’s Premier One Club Eligibility List” means the list of players that are eligible to play for a Premier One Women’s team during the pre or post Xmas competitions.

“WTN Ranking”- means World Tennis Number. Please click [here](#) for the definition.

RULE 3 PREMIER COMPETITION STRUCTURE

3.1. The structure for the Premier Competition is:

Grades	Number of teams Pre-Christmas	Number of teams Post-Christmas
Premier 1 Men	8	6
Premier 1 Women	6	6
Premier 2 Men	8	8
Premier 2 Women	8	8
Premier 3 Men	8	8
Premier 3 Women	8	8
Premier 4 Men	-	8

- 3.2. If there are too many or too few entries into one or more of the Premier Grades, the Premier Committee may change the structure, by increasing or decreasing the number of teams in one or more of the Premier Grades or cancelling a Grade, to ensure a fair and effective Premier Competition, providing the affected teams are given the opportunity to enter other Grades.
- 3.3. If the Premier Committee intends to make any change to the structure in accordance with Rule 3.2, it will give all practicable notice of the change to affected Clubs.

Premier 1 Format

- 3.4. For the Pre-Christmas Competition, the Premier 1 Men's Grade comprises a round robin draw with 8 teams and 7 rounds. For the Post-Christmas Competition, the Premier 1 Men's Grade comprises a round robin draw with 6 teams and 5 rounds.
- 3.5. For the Pre-Christmas Competition, the Premier 1 Women's Grade comprises a round robin draw with 6 teams and 5 rounds. At the conclusion of the round robin draw, there will be a playoff to determine the winner of the Katrina Mihaere Cup. Please refer to the below diagram for the playoffs format. Team placings are based on each team's point table placement at the conclusion of round 5 in the Round Robin draw. Any team points won during the Playoffs will not count towards the overall total of points at the end of the season to determine the teams which qualify for the Grand Final.

Pre-Christmas Premier One Women's playoffs format:



For the Post-Christmas Competition, the Premier 1 Women's Grade comprises a round robin draw with **6** teams and 5 rounds.

Winners

3.6 For the **Pre-Christmas** Competition:

- the winner of the Premier 1 Men's Grade will receive the Anthony Adams Cup; and

- the winner of the Premier 1 Women's Grade Playoffs final will receive the Katrina Mihaere Cup.

For the **Post-Christmas** Competition, Tennis Capital Coast Plates will be awarded to the winners of the Premier 1 Men's Grade and the Premier 1 Women's Grade.

Refer to Rule 13.6 for the method of determining the placings of the Pre and Post Christmas Competitions.

Premier 2 and 3 – Men's Grades & Women's Grades - Format

- 3.7. For the Pre-Christmas Competition, the Premier 2 and 3 Grades for both Men and Women, each comprises a round robin draw with 8 teams and 7 rounds.
- 3.8. For the Post-Christmas Competition, the Premier 2 and 3 Grades for both Men and Women each comprises a round robin draw with 8 teams and 7 rounds.

Winners

- 3.9. The winners of each of the Premier 2 and 3 Grades for both Men and Women will be awarded titles for both the Pre-Christmas Competition and the Post-Christmas Competition.

Premier 4 Men

- 3.10. The Premier 4 Men's Grade comprises a round robin draw with 8 teams and 7 rounds and takes place only for the Post-Christmas Competition.

Winner

- 3.11. The winner of the Premier Men's 4 competition will be awarded the title for that competition.

RULE 4 PROMOTION AND RELEGATION

- 4.1. If the structure of the Premier Competition is in accordance with Rule 3.1, the promotion and relegation rules set out in Rules 4.4 to 4.17 apply and are subject to the eligibility criteria set out in Rule 6.1.
- 4.2. If the structure of the Premier Competition is changed in accordance with Rule 3.2, the Premier Committee may make any necessary adjustments to the promotion and relegation rules set out in Rules 4.4 – 4.17 and the eligibility criteria set out in Rule 6.1, provided that the Premier Committee will give all practicable notice of the changes to affected Clubs.
- 4.3 To determine the placings for the purposes of promotion and relegation in Rules 4.4 – 4.17, refer to the methodology described in Rule 13.6.

Premier 1 – Men's Grade

Pre-Christmas

- 4.4. At the conclusion of the Premier 1 Men's Pre-Christmas Competition, the seventh and eighth placed teams will be **relegated** to the Premier 2 Grade Men's Post-Christmas Competition.

Post-Christmas

- 4.5 At the conclusion of the Premier 1 Men's Post-Christmas Competition:
- (a) all six teams will return to the following season's Premier 1 Men's Pre-Christmas Competition; and
 - (b) the first and second placed teams from the Premier 2 Men's Post-Christmas Competition will be **promoted** to the following season's Premier 1 Men's Post-Christmas Competition.

Premier 1 – Women's Grade

Pre-Christmas

- 4.6 At the conclusion of the Premier 1 Women's Pre-Christmas Competition, there will be no relegation or promotion for the Post-Christmas Premier 1 Women's Competition.

Post-Christmas

- 4.7 At the conclusion of the Premier 1 Women's Post-Christmas Competition:
- (a) the top five teams will return to the following season's Premier 1 Women's Pre-Christmas Competition;
 - (b) the sixth placed team will be **relegated** to the following season's Premier 2 Women's Pre-Christmas Competition; and

- (c) the top placed team from Premier 2 will be **promoted** to the following season's Premier 1 Women's Pre-Christmas Competition.

Premier 2 – Men's Grade

Pre-Christmas

- 4.8. At the conclusion of the Premier 2 Men's Pre-Christmas Competition, the seventh and eighth placed teams will be **relegated** to the Premier 3 Men's Post-Christmas Competition.

Post-Christmas

- 4.9. At the conclusion of the Premier 2 Men's Post-Christmas Competition:
- (a) the first and second placed teams will be **promoted** to the following season's Premier 1 Pre-Christmas Competition; and
 - (b) the first and second placed teams from the Premier 3 Men's Competition will be **promoted** to the following season's Premier 2 Men's Pre-Christmas Competition.

Premier 2 – Women's Grade

Pre-Christmas

- 4.10 At the conclusion of the Premier 2 Women's Pre-Christmas Competition:
- (a) the seventh and eighth placed teams will be **relegated** to the Premier 3 Women's Post-Christmas Competition; and
 - (b) the first and second placed teams from the Premier 3 Pre-Christmas Competition will be **promoted** to the Premier 2 Women's Post-Christmas Competition.

Post-Christmas

- 4.11 At the conclusion of the Premier 2 Women's Post-Christmas Competition:
- (a) the first placed team will be **promoted** to the following season's Premier 1 Women's Pre-Christmas Competition; and
 - (b) the seventh and eighth placed teams will be **relegated** to the following season's Premier 3 Women's Competition.

Premier 3 Men's Grade

Pre-Christmas

- 4.12 At the conclusion of the Premier 3 Men's Pre-Christmas Competition, the seventh and eighth placed teams will be **relegated** to the Premier 4 Men's Post-Christmas Competition.

Post-Christmas

- 4.13 At the conclusion of the Premier 3 Men's Post-Christmas Competition:
- (a) the first and second placed teams will be **promoted** to the following season's Premier 2 Men's Pre-Christmas Competition; and
 - (b) the remaining teams will stay in the following season's Premier 3 Men's Pre-Christmas Competition.

Premier 3 Women's Grade

Pre-Christmas

- 4.14 At the conclusion of the Premier 3 Women's Pre-Christmas Competition, the first and second placed teams will be **promoted** to the Premier 2 Women's Post-Christmas Competition.

Post-Christmas

- 4.15 At the conclusion of the Premier 3 Women's Post-Christmas Competition:
- (a) the top 2 placed teams will be **promoted** to the following season's Premier 2 Women's Pre-Christmas Competition; and
 - (b) the seventh and eighth placed teams will be **relegated** to divisional competitions (Tecnifibre and/or Hutt Valley); and
 - (c) the first and second placed teams from the top teams in the divisional competitions (Tecnifibre and/or Hutt Valley) will be **promoted** to the following season's Premier 3 Women's Pre-Christmas Competition.

Premier 4 Men

- 4.16 At the conclusion of the Premier 3 Men's Pre-Christmas Competition, the seventh and eighth placed teams will be relegated to the Premier 4 Men's Post-Christmas Competition, together with a maximum of six teams from the Hutt Valley and/or Tecnifibre Men's Interclub Competitions.
- 4.17 At the conclusion of the Premier Men's 4 Post-Christmas Competition:
- (a) the top two placed teams will be **promoted** to the following season's Premier 3 Men's Pre-Christmas Competition; and

- (b) all other teams will be **relegated** back to their divisional competitions (Tecnifibre and/or Hutt Valley) for the following Pre-Christmas Competition.

Unforeseeable Circumstances

- 4.18 If Unforeseeable Circumstances occur and any of the Pre-Christmas and/or Post-Christmas Premier Competitions cannot be completed, the following rules will apply:

Grade winners

- (a) If the last tie in a draw cannot be played (e.g. round 7 in a grade of 8 teams), the grade winners will be determined as follows:
- (i) teams which can mathematically still win the Grade based on ties won which have been played against common opponents, including ties against each other; or
 - (ii) if two or more teams have an equal number of wins on ties played against common opponents, including each other, the team with the best differential shall be placed above the other team or teams.

“Differential” in this case means:

- the number of matches won minus the number of matches lost; or
- if still even, the number of sets won minus the number of sets lost; or
- if still even, the number of games won minus the number of games lost.

Promotions and relegations

- (b) The same process referred to in Rule 4.18(a) will apply to determine the bottom teams of a grade and promotions and relegations will occur in accordance with Rules 4.4 – 4.17.
- 4.19 If two or more rounds in a grade cannot be played, none of the teams will be declared grade winners and neither Promotion nor Relegation will occur.

RULE 5 GRAND FINAL

- 5.1 For each of Men’s Premier 1 and Women’s Premier 1, there will be a Grand Final (“the Men’s Grand Final” and “the Women’s Grand Final” respectively) played at the conclusion of the Premier 1 Men’s and Women’s Post-Christmas Competitions. Each Grand Final will be played between the 2 teams with the highest combined points total from the Pre-Christmas and Post-Christmas Competitions.

Format

- 5.2 Each of the Men's Grand Final and the Women's Grand Final will be played as:
- (a) four singles matches, with Singles 1 and 2 first, followed by Singles 3 and 4, all played as the best of three Tie-Break-sets;
 - (b) followed by two doubles matches played as best of two Tie-Break sets with a deciding Match Tie-Break.
- 5.3 In the event of a draw in either the Men's Grand Final or the Women's Grand Final, where both teams are equal on matches, sets and games differential, a doubles match tie-break shall be played to determine the winner. That Match Tie-break may be played by any combination of players.

Eligibility

Men's Premier 1 Grand Final

- 5.4 To be eligible to play in the Men's Grand Final, the top 3 **WTN ranked** singles players (whether or not they play singles) according to WTN must have played in at least 4 previous Ties in total in the Pre-Christmas and Post-Christmas Premier 1 Competitions.

Women's Premier 1 Grand Final

- 5.5 To be eligible to play in the Women's Grand Final, the top 3 **WTN** ranked singles players (whether or not they play singles) according to WTN must have played in at least 2 previous Ties in total in the Pre-Christmas (including the Playoffs) and Post-Christmas Premier 1 Competitions.

Note: for each of the Premier 1 Men's and Premier 1 Women's Competitions, if a match was physically played but one player was ineligible to play that match, the win or loss by the eligible player will count towards eligibility for the Grand Final. For example, if Player X was eligible to play in a match and played against Player Y who was ineligible, X's result in that match counts as a match towards eligibility for the Grand Final. However, Player Y's result does not count towards eligibility for the Grand Final.

Award of Grand Final Cups

- 5.6 The Premier 1 Men's teams shall play for the Jack Taylor Shield and the Premier 1 Women's teams shall play for the Eva Travers Memorial Cup in the Grand Final ("the Grand Final Cups").
- 5.7 If a Grand Final cannot be played because of Unforeseeable Circumstances, then each Grand Final Cup will be awarded to:

- (a) the team combining the most points over the Pre and Post-Christmas Premier 1 Competitions (provided that all the Premier 1 Pre and Post-Christmas Competition rounds have been played – refer Rule 4.18); or
- (b) if two or more teams have equal points and have won an equal number of Ties, then the team which has won the most head-to-head Ties between those teams; or
- (c) if two or more teams have equal points, have won an equal number of Ties and are equal on head-to-head Ties, then the team with the best differential.

“Differential” in this case means:

- (i) the number of matches won minus the number of matches lost; or
- (ii) if still even, the number of sets won minus the number of sets lost; or
- (iii) if still even, the number of games won minus the number of games lost.

RULE 6 ENTRIES

6.1 Clubs may enter teams in a Premier Grade according to the following criteria:

- (a) There is automatic promotion/relegation in accordance with Rule 4 to establish team placings for subsequent draws and seasons.
- (b) Clubs wishing to enter in the Premier Competition must notify the TCC Administrator by the date indicated by Tennis Capital Coast.
- (c) Clubs may enter a maximum of one team in the Premier 1 Men’s Grade, one team in the Premier 1 Women’s Grade and two teams in all other Premier grades.
- (d) **If a Club has more teams eligible for a grade than its entitlement, the team(s) with the highest aggregate WTN singles ranking (meaning the weakest team) will be placed in the grade below.**
- (e) Two clubs may combine to make one team in either the Men’s Premier Competition or the Women’s Premier Competition. This “combined team” is considered to be a separate club for the purposes of the Premier Competition.
- (f) If a team declines its allocated position in a grade, the Premier Committee will not allow that team to play in another grade, unless doing so would be consistent with the purposes stated in rule 1.2.
- (g) If there are any vacant positions in a Grade (determined by the Competition structure in Rule 3.1) after promotions and relegations have been made at the conclusions of the Pre-Christmas or Post-Christmas Competitions (per Rule 4.1,) that vacant position will be filled in accordance with the following process:

- (i) by the highest placed team which is to be relegated in that Grade (for example, the 7th placed team in a grade of 8 teams would be offered the vacant position); or
- (ii) if a vacant position in a Grade cannot be filled in accordance with the process outlined in (a) above, then by the lowest placed team which is to be relegated in that Grade (for example, the 8th placed team in a grade of 8 teams would be offered the vacant position).

- 6.2 Clubs wishing to withdraw a team before the Post-Christmas Draw must do so as early as possible, preferably at least **4** weeks prior to the start of the competition.
- 6.3 All Clubs that enter must make at least two courts available for Premier Competitions. The courts must be of an appropriate standard (preferably tennis lines only and net band in the middle of the net attached to the ground). Alternatively, Clubs may arrange for two other home courts of appropriate standard to be made available.
- 6.4 The TCC Administrator shall advise the amount of the team entry fees two weeks prior to the closing date for entries. Tennis Capital Coast may, as a condition of entry, charge additional fees to Clubs that do not make sufficient courts available and/or make payments to those Clubs that make more than two courts available. Those fees and payments shall be advised by the TC Administrator to all Clubs at least one week prior to the draw being made.

RULE 7 SINGLES TEAM ORDER OF PLAY

- 7.1 For singles matches all players are to play the **first two rounds** of the Pre Christmas competition in order of their singles Match Hub ranking order. Teams must play all players in order of singles merit in accordance with the "S" rankings published on Match Hub (S1 above S2, S2 above S3 etc.). Within each Match Hub "S" ranking, Clubs may list players in any order.
- 7.2 For singles matches all players are to play **from round 3** of the Pre Christmas competition and all the rounds in the Post Christmas competition in order of their singles WTN ranking order. Player WTN numbers are between 40 and 1. Beginners start closer to 40 and professionals are nearer to 1.
- 7.3 A player can be placed above another player with a better (lower) WTN as long as the whole number part of their ranking is not more than one higher. Decimal values are ignored – only the whole number matters for this rule.

For example:

A WTN of 25.7 is treated as 25.

A WTN of 26.9 is treated as 26.

A WTN of 24.1 is treated as 24.

A player with a WTN in the 27's can play above someone in the 26's but not above someone in the 25's.

Example 1 – OK

<i>Player Position</i>	<i>WTN</i>
#1	23.1 – 23
#2	25.7 – 25
#3	24.3 – 24
#4	28.7 – 28

Player #2 (25) is above Player #3 (24). This is OK because 25 is only 1 higher than 24.

Example 2 – OK

<i>Player Position</i>	<i>WTN</i>
#1	23.1 – 23
#2	25.7 – 25
#3	25.1 – 25
#4	28.7 – 28

Player #2 and #3 are both WTN 25. This is OK because no one is jumping 1 full WTN bracket.

Example 3 – Not OK

<i>Player Position</i>	<i>WTN</i>
#1	25.6 – 25
#2	23.9 – 23
#3	29.4 – 29
#4	28.7 – 28

Player #1 (25) is above Player #2 (23). This is not OK as 25 is 2 full numbers higher than 23.

Example 4 – Not OK

<i>Player Position</i>	<i>WTN</i>
#1	25.6 – 25
#2	24.1 – 24
#3	23.2 – 23
#4	28.7 – 28

Player #1 (25) is above Player #3 (23). This is not OK as 25 is 2 full numbers higher than 23.

Summary:

Only whole-number WTN values count.

A player can be placed above another player if they are only 1 WTN number higher (e.g., 25 above 24 = OK).

A difference of 2 full numbers or more is not allowed.

7.4 If a player does not have a WTN number, he/she may play two competition rounds without a WTN. In that case the player without a WTN number can be placed in order of merit within his/her team, except in the number 1 position.

7.5 In exceptional circumstances a club may request a temporary special exemption for a player if his/her WTN Number is significantly and inexplicably inflated or deflated relative to his/her actual playing ability. This request must be received by the Premier Committee no later than 5pm on the Thursday preceding a 1pm Saturday Tie, or no later than 72 hours before the starting time for any other Tie (i.e.: postponement, suspended ties etc....).

RULE 8 DOUBLES TEAM ORDER OF PLAY

8.1 For doubles matches, all players are to play the first two Rounds using their Match Hub Singles Ranking, with the top ranked singles player playing doubles (regardless of whether that player plays singles) playing in the number one doubles pairing.

8.2 For doubles matches from Round 3, the lowest combined pair (strongest pair) based on their combined Singles WTN numbers must play in the number one doubles pairing.

Example:

Player A has a Singles WTN of 21, player B is on 22, player C is on 24 and player D is on 26:

- A&B must play #1 Doubles, because their combined WTN equals 43 which is lower than C&D (50 WTN)
- A&C must play #1 Doubles, because their combined WTN equals 45 which is lower than B&D (48 WTN)
- B&C must play #1 Doubles, because their combined WTN equals 46 which is lower than A&D (47 WTN)
- A&D must play #2 Doubles, because their combined WTN equals 47 which is higher than B&C (46 WTN)

8.3 Rule clarification:

Rule 7.3 for Singles does not apply to Doubles. In Doubles, the pair with the lowest combined Singles WTN must play in the top Doubles position.

- If both pairs have the same combined Singles WTN number (e.g., both pairs total 47), the team then may decide to play them in any order.

RULE 9 PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

General

9.1 For any player to be eligible to play in any Premier 1 Tie, they must be listed on their Premier One Club Eligibility List, which will be displayed on the [Tennis Capital Coast website](#).

9.2 A maximum of two Import Players are eligible to play in each Tie.

9.3 Once a player has played:

- in three Ties in any Premier Grade for the Pre-Christmas Competition **or** the Post-Christmas Competition; or
- in a total of four Ties in any Premier Grade during the Pre-Christmas Competition **and** the Post-Christmas Competition,

that player becomes **ineligible** to play for a team in a lower Premier Grade for the remainder of the Competition. However, if a team is relegated for the Post-Christmas Competition, the player may continue to play for that team.

9.4 If a Club has more than one team in a Premier Grade, when a player has played once for one of that Club's teams in that Grade in a Draw, that player becomes **ineligible** to play in any other of that Club's teams in that Grade, during that Draw.

9.5 In Premier 1, 2, 3 and 4, players may not play in more than one Premier team in either the same round of interclub play, or in round 7 in one Grade and in the Grand Final. For example:

- if a player has already played round 2 for their team, the player cannot play a postponed or suspended round 2 match for another team;
- if a player has already played round 7 for their team, the player cannot play the Grand Final for another team;
- if a player has already played in the Grand Final, the player cannot play a postponed or suspended round 7 match for another team.

Eligibility after Medical Treatment

- 9.6 If, after medical treatment or rest, a player who withdrew from an earlier match due to illness or injury is able to play in a later match, they are eligible to do so.

Ineligibility due to playing out of order

Singles

- 9.7 Any player(s) who does not play singles according to the WTN Team Order of Play rule (Rule 7) is deemed to be **ineligible** to play. All such 'out of order' singles matches are treated as defaulted to the other team.

Examples:

- (a) If the player ranked 1 (player #1) plays out of order according to Rule 7, their match is defaulted. If, as a consequence of player # 1 playing out of order, any other players also play out of order (e.g., the second ranked player played at #1), the second ranked player will also have their match defaulted. However, if the third and fourth ranked players still play in their correct rankings, their matches stand and will not be defaulted because they did not play out of order.
- (b) If the player ranked 3 (player #3) plays out of order according to Rule 7, their match is defaulted. If, as a consequence of player # 3 playing out of order (say, by playing in the fourth ranked position), player #4 will also have their match defaulted. If Players #1 and #2 still played in their correct order, their matches will stand because they did not play out of order.

Doubles

- 9.8 If a doubles pair does not play doubles according to Rule 8, all doubles matches will be treated as defaulted to the other team.
- 9.9 Match scores played out of order will still be recorded on WTN for player(s)' individual points purposes.

Playing ineligible players

- 9.10 If a team plays an **ineligible** player(s), all matches played by those players, and all matches which are played below those players' matches, will be treated as defaulted to the other team. Examples of an ineligible player are (but not limited to):

- (a) player who is not on the Premier One Club Eligibility List – Premier One only;

- (b) player who plays in both teams when clubs have two teams in a grade;
- (c) player who plays for two different teams in the same round;
- (d) player who plays for two different clubs in the same competition.

Player eligibility for the last tie in a Draw (either Pre-Christmas or Post Christmas)

Pre-Christmas Competition

9.11 In all Premier grades except Premier One Women, to be eligible to play in the last Tie in which a team plays in the **Pre-Christmas Draw**, the top two singles WTN ranked players on the day, according to their WTN singles rankings (whether or not they play singles), must have played in at least two previous ties in the Pre-Christmas Draw for their Club (Premier, Tecnifibre Men's & Women's [Saturday morning only] or Hutt Valley Divisional).

(b) In Premier One Women, to be eligible to play in the last Tie of the Round Robin in which a team plays in the Pre-Christmas Draw, the top two singles WTN ranked players on the day, according to their WTN singles rankings (whether or not they play singles), must have played in at least one previous Tie in the Pre-Christmas Draw for their Club (Premier, Tecnifibre or Hutt Valley Divisional).

(c) In Premier One Women, to be eligible to play in the playoffs following the Round Robin draw, the top two singles WTN ranked players on the day, according to their WTN singles ranking (whether or not they play singles), must have played in at least one previous Tie in the Pre-Christmas Draw for their Club (Premier, Tecnifibre or Hutt Valley Divisional).

Post-Christmas Competition

9.12 In all Premier grades except for the Premier One Women's Competition, in the last Tie in which a team plays in the Post-Christmas Draw, the top two singles WTN ranked players on the day, according to their WTN singles ranking (whether or not they play singles), must have played in at least:

- (a) 2 Ties in the Post-Christmas Draw; or
- (b) a total of 4 Ties combined in the Pre-Christmas Draw and Post-Christmas Draws, namely:
 - 3 Ties in the Pre-Christmas Draw **and** 1 Tie in the Post Christmas Draw
 - 4 Ties in the Pre-Christmas Draw

9.13 In the Premier One Women's Competition, in the last Tie which a team plays in the Post-Christmas Draw, the top two WTN singles ranked players on the day, according to their WTN singles ranking (whether or not they play singles), must have played in at least:

(a) 1 Tie in the Post-Christmas Draw; or

(b) a total of 3 Ties combined in the Pre-Christmas Draw, the Pre-Christmas Playoffs and the Post-Christmas Draw.

Notes:

1. If a Tie is played after the final *scheduled* Tie in either the Pre-Christmas Draw or the Post-Christmas Draw (for example because of a postponement), that Tie may be the last Tie played by a team.
2. If a match was physically played but one player was ineligible to play that match, the win or loss by the eligible player will count towards eligibility for the last Tie. For example, if Player X was eligible to play in a match and played against Player Y who was ineligible, X's result in that match counts as a match towards eligibility for the last Tie. However, Player Y's result does not count towards eligibility for the last Tie.

Player eligibility for a Grand Final

9.14 For eligibility to play in a Grand Final, refer to Rules 5.4 and 5.5.

RULE 10 TEAM LIST ON MATCHPOINT APP

10.1 Before the start of a Tie in Premier 1, the team manager/primary contact must record the players' names for the singles Tie in the MatchPoint App. Doubles pairings are named at the conclusion of the singles matches.

10.2 Before the start of a Tie in Premier 2, 3 and Men's Premier 4, the team manager/primary contact must record the players' names for the doubles Tie in the MatchPoint App. Singles players are named at the conclusion of the doubles matches.

RULE 11 START TIMES AND SCHEDULE OF PLAY

11.1 Ties are to start at 1.00pm at the venue stated on the Draw. The Premier Committee may change that time for specific Ties and will notify any changes to the Draw.

- 11.2 Any player that arrives more than 15 minutes after the scheduled start time of a Tie or conclusion of the previous match shall be defaulted from their match (refer to Rule 13).
- 11.3 **For Premier 1**, singles matches shall be played with Singles 1 and 2 first, followed by Singles 3 & 4, unless both Team Captains agree otherwise. Singles matches shall be followed by doubles matches. The maximum amount of time between matches is to be 15 minutes.
- 11.4 For all **other Premier Grades**, both doubles matches shall be played first, followed by singles 1 and 2 and then singles 3 and 4 matches, unless Team Captains agree otherwise. The maximum amount of time between matches is to be 15 minutes.

RULE 12 MATCH FORMAT

- 12.1 A maximum of six players may play for a team in each Tie.

Singles

- 12.2 Singles shall be played as best of three conventional sets (to 6 games, tiebreak at 6 games all).

Doubles

- 12.3 Doubles shall be played as two tie- break sets with a deciding match super tie-break (at one set all). No-Ad scoring shall be used. At Deuce, the receivers shall choose whether to receive the serve from the right half or the left half of the court.

Player shortage

- 12.4 If a team is one player short for a Tie, or becomes one player short during a Tie, all remaining players shall play in the highest available positions for both singles and doubles according to Rules 7 & 8.

Conduct during a tie

- 12.5 Only Team Captains or Team Managers/Primary Contact on the day, or players listed on the MatchPoint Scoring App may sit courtside and offer coaching to players at changeovers and set breaks. For **Premier 1**, a maximum of one person per team for each court is permitted to sit courtside.

RULE 13 COMPETITION POINTS

13.1 Each Match in a Tie is worth one competition point for the team that wins it.

13.2 Two bonus points shall be awarded to the team that wins each Tie or, if there is a draw (equal on matches won, sets differential, and games differential), each team shall be awarded one bonus point.

13.3 Results of ties will be decided:

- (a) on the number of Matches won; or
- (b) if each team has won an equal number of Matches, then on the number of sets won minus number of sets lost (set differential). If both teams have won 3 Matches each, please email the Premier Committee who will allocate the bonus point(s) based on Rules 13.2 & 13.3; or
- (c) if each team has an equal number of sets differential, then on the number of games won minus number of games lost (games differential).

13.4 If each team has won an equal number of Matches and is equal on sets and games differential then the tie shall be a draw. In that situation, please email the Premier Committee who will apply Rule 13.5 below and award 1 bonus point to each team on the MatchPoint system.

13.5 For the purposes of a count-back of sets or games, the Premier Committee will apply the following:

- (a) defaulted matches shall be recorded as 6-0, 6-0 wins for the team which did not default;
- (b) if a player retires, or is defaulted while a Match is in progress, the score up until that point shall be recorded and the winning player shall be awarded the minimum number of games and sets necessary for him or her to attain a score that would have otherwise won him or her the Match;
- (c) a Match tie-break shall be recorded as one set, and 7 games to 6 (7-6).

13.6 The place of teams in the Pre-Christmas and the Post-Christmas Competitions shall be determined as follows:

- (a) by the number of competition points each team has obtained; or
- (b) when two or more teams have equal points, the team that has won the most Ties shall be placed above the other team or teams; or
- (c) if two or more teams have equal points and have won an equal number of Ties, then the result of the head-to-head Ties between those teams determines the places in the Competition; or

- (d) if three or more teams have equal points, have won an equal number of Ties and are equal on head-to-head Ties, then the team with the best differential shall be placed above the other team or teams.

“Differential” in this case means:

- (i) the number of matches won minus the number of matches lost; or
- (ii) if still even, the number of sets won minus the number of sets lost; or
- (iii) if still even, the number of games won minus the number of games lost.

- 13.7 Competition points from the Pre-Christmas Competition will not be carried across to the Post-Christmas Competition, except as provided in Rule 5.

RULE 14 DEFAULTS

Partial Tie Defaults

- 14.1 Provided that a team (Team A) plays at least three matches in a Tie (“a partial tie default”), Team A will not default the whole Tie – Team A will receive points for any wins in those matches. However, if Team A plays less than 3 matches in a Tie, it will be considered to be a ‘whole tie default’ and all matches will be defaulted to the other team (Team B).
- 14.2 Where Team A can play a partial tie default (i.e. at least three matches), Team A must notify Team B, by telephone call or text, of that partial Tie default by no later than 11 a.m. on the scheduled day of play. Team A must also email the Premier Committee, copied to Team B, of any partial tie default by no later than 11 a.m. on the scheduled day of play.
- 14.3 If a team fails to give notification of a partial tie default in accordance with Rule 14.2, it will be given a written warning from the Premier Committee. If Rule 14.2 is breached again in relation to a subsequent partial tie default, the team will have 1 point deducted from its overall team points for that Tie. No additional point will be awarded to the opposing team. The Premier Committee will record the point deduction in the “Notes for Public Display” section of MatchPoint.

Whole tie default

- 14.4 If a team cannot play a minimum of three matches in a Tie, then it will be deemed to have defaulted the whole Tie (‘a whole tie default’).
- 14.5 In the circumstances outlined in Rule 14.4 the defaulting team (Team A) must give notice not less than 24 hours before the scheduled start time of the Tie to:

- (a) the other team (Team B) by telephone call or text; and
- (b) the Premier Committee, by email (and copied to Team B).

14.6 If a team defaults a whole Tie during the competition:

- (a) one point shall be deducted from its overall team points, if the team has notified the Premier Committee and the other team of its intention to default not less than 24 hours before the scheduled start time of the Tie;
- (b) two points shall be deducted from its overall team points, if the team's default notification was not received by the Premier Committee and the other team at least 24 hours before the scheduled start time of the Tie;
- (c) the opposition team shall be awarded 8 points for winning by default.

Default for lateness

14.7 Any player that arrives more than 15 minutes after the scheduled start time of a Tie, or the conclusion of the previous Match, shall be defaulted from their Match and the opposing team will be awarded the points from that Match.

Default to another team from same Club

14.8 If a team defaults (whether a partial tie default or a whole tie default) to another team from the same Club, neither team shall be awarded any points for the Tie.

Default of two Ties in succession

14.9 If a team defaults two Ties in succession, it will be deemed to have withdrawn from the Premier Competition.

RULE 15 SUSPENDED AND POSTPONED TIES

15.1 A Tie or Match has started when the first ball has been served.

Suspended Matches

15.2 A Tie or Match is **suspended** if play has started but is then suspended pursuant to Rule 15.8.

15.3 When a match is **suspended**, all sets, games and points completed will stand. The score and the time of suspension must be recorded by the "designated home team" on the MatchPoint scoring app without "finalising" the result. The score of a suspended match and the time of the suspension

must also be emailed to the Premier Committee by the designed home team and the opposing captain copied in.

15.4 When playing **suspended ties**:

- (a) **for Matches that were not started**, a team may only change the players as long as the players are eligible (Rule 9) and meet the requirements in Rule 7.
- (b) **for Matches that have started**, players cannot be replaced.

Postponed matches

15.5 A Tie or Match is **postponed** if play does not commence.

15.6 No Tie may be **postponed** before 3.00pm.

15.7 When playing **postponed ties**, teams may change the players originally scheduled to play.

Suspended and Postponed matches

15.8 A Tie may be **suspended or postponed** due to rain but for no other reason. A decision to suspend or postpone shall be made by:

- (a) the Premier Committee; or
- (b) the Team Captains; or
- (c) the Team Managers.

15.9 **All postponed or suspended Ties must be completed within 14 days of the Scheduled Date, at a new date, time and venue to be mutually agreed by the Team Captains or Team Managers. Within 48 hours of agreement being reached, an email (including both Team Managers' email addresses) must be sent to the Premier Committee advising of the new date, time and venue.**

15.10 Any player of **a suspended Match** unavailable after agreement of the new date/time will have their Match treated as a default and they will not be postponed, unless Unforeseeable Circumstances occur.

15.11 If the Team Captains or Team Managers cannot agree on a new date, time and venue to complete a **postponed or suspended Tie**, or any Tie remains uncompleted within 14 days of its Scheduled Date, then the Premier Committee will schedule the completion of the Tie for the 15th day after the Scheduled Date (venue and time to be decided by the Premier Committee) ("the Re-scheduled Date"). If the Tie is not completed on the Re-scheduled Date for any reason other than default or rain, then the Tie will

be deemed to have been completed and any unplayed Matches will be treated as null and void and no points will be awarded to either team, unless Unforeseeable Circumstances occur. If rain prevents

the Tie from being completed on the Re-scheduled Date, the Premier Committee will continue to re-schedule the Tie until rain no longer prevents completion.

RULE 16 TENNIS BALLS

16.1 Tecnifibre X-One balls must be used for all Premier Grade tennis matches.

16.2 **Premier 1** teams are to supply six new balls per Tie and all other Premier teams are to supply four new balls per Tie.

RULE 17 TENNIS ATTIRE

Premier 1

17.1 All players in Premier 1 Grades must wear matching team shirts and substantially similar shorts, skirts or leggings when matches are scheduled at the Wellington Renouf Tennis Centre.

Premier 2 and 3 and Men's Premier 4

17.2 All players in Premier 2 and 3 Grades and in Men's Premier 4 Grade must wear shirts which are substantially similar in colour when matches are scheduled at the Wellington Renouf Tennis Centre.

For all Premier Grades

17.3 Logos are permitted on clothing without restriction but all other tennis attire must comply with the Tennis New Zealand Dress Code (Appendix 2 of the Tennis New Zealand Code of Behaviour <https://tennis.kiwi/assets/2020-Code-of-Behaviour-pre-board.pdf>) as set out in Appendix B of these rules) when matches are scheduled at the Wellington Renouf Tennis Centre.

17.4 If a team is not wearing correct team attire for an entire Tie as specified in Rules 17.1 – 17.3, the team will be given a written warning from the Premier Committee requiring the team to be in the correct attire for the following Tie. If the rule is breached again in a subsequent Tie, the team will have 1 point deducted from its overall team points for that Tie. No additional point will be awarded to the opposing team. The Premier Committee will record the point deduction **in MatchPoint.**

RULE 18 ADJUDICATION

18.1 At any time, a player may request an adjudicator.

18.2 Both teams should agree on an adjudicator. If no agreement can be reached, the adjudication should be shared between both teams.

- 18.3 If an adjudicator is appointed, the players should continue to call the lines and the score. However, if a dispute occurs about the line calls or the score, the adjudicator shall make the decision, which is final and binding.

Referee

- 18.4 If a Referee has been appointed for a venue, that Referee will be responsible for ruling on any matters relating to the Tennis New Zealand General Code of Conduct that are raised on the day of competition at that venue.

RULE 19 RESULTS TO BE RECORDED IN THE MATCHPOINT SCORING APP

General



- 19.1 Please click [HERE](#) for downloading the App and see the guidelines on how to use the MatchPoint Scoring App.

For Ties which are completed on the Draw date

- 19.2 For Ties which are completed on the Draw Date, the result of each completed **Match** is to be recorded on the day by the designated home team. After the designated home team submits all the Match scores and finalises the fixture, then the away team can confirm the scores are correct. If the designated away team manager/primary contact does not confirm within 24 hours, then the fixture will be finalised automatically.
- 19.3 A **match tie-break (super tie-break)** shall be recorded in MatchPoint Scoring App as specified [HERE](#).
- 19.4 **Defaulted matches which have never been started** shall be recorded in MatchPoint Scoring App as specified [HERE](#).
- 19.5 A match where a **player has retired after the match has already started** shall be recorded in MatchPoint Scoring App by awarding to the opposition the minimum number of games and sets necessary to win the match (i.e. a player retiring when he/she is up 4/2 in the first set should be recorded on the App 4/6 0/6 to the opposition).

For Ties which are postponed or suspended

- 19.6 Once a postponed or suspended Tie has been completed, or is deemed to have been completed as set out in Rule 15.11, then the result of each further completed **Match** is to be recorded on the day by the designated home team. After the designated home team submits all the Match scores and finalises the fixture, then the away team can confirm the scores are correct. If the designated away team manager/primary contact does not confirm within 24 hours, then the fixture will be finalised automatically.

For Ties which either are completed, postponed or suspended

19.7 If a team fails to enter the results in MatchPoint Scoring App as required in Rule 15.3 or 19.6, the designated home team will have 1 point deducted from its overall team points for that Tie. The Premier Committee will record the deduction of the point in the “Notes for Public Display” section of MatchPoint.

RULE 20 RULING REQUESTS, BREACH NOTICES AND PREMIER COMMITTEE DECISIONS

Ruling Requests

20.1 A Team Captain or a Club Captain may, in relation to a Match for which they were Team Captain, or Club Captain (“Team A”), submit a request (“a **Ruling Request**”) to the Premier Committee for a ruling on an alleged breach of, or application of:

- (a) these Rules;
- (b) the Tennis New Zealand Participant Protection Policy (“the TNZPP”); and/or
- (c) the Tennis New Zealand General Code of Conduct (“the TNZ Code of Conduct”).

A Ruling Request may only be made within 24 hours after the time for entering the results specified in Rules 19.2 and 19.3

20.2 A Team Captain or a Club Captain may submit a Ruling Request to the Premier Committee in relation to a match in the competition for which they were **not** the Team Captain or Club Captain (“Team C”), within 24 hours after the times specified in Rules 19.2 and 19.3.

20.3 A Ruling Request made by Team A (or Team C) must:

- (a) stipulate the rules and/or the provisions of the TNZPP and/or TNZ Code of Conduct in relation to which a ruling is required; and
- (b) be provided by Team A (or Team C) to any other team(s) (“Team B”) referred to in the Ruling Request and Team A (or Team C) must also provide Team B with all subsequent communications with the Premier Committee which relate to its Ruling Request.

Premier Committee Procedures

Premier Committee may regulate its own procedure

20.4 Subject to Rules 20.5 - 20.13, the Premier Committee may regulate its own procedure when it considers a Ruling Request. In regulating its own procedure, the Premier Committee may also

determine the manner in which teams are given the opportunity to be heard including, but not limited to, requiring written email submissions, hearing oral submissions (whether by zoom or in-person) and it may also determine the manner in which its own members consider Ruling Requests (e.g. by email exchanges, by zoom, by in-person meetings).

Premier Committee must act in accordance with natural justice

20.5 At all times, the Premier Committee must act in accordance with the principles of natural justice when it considers a Ruling Request. In particular, the Premier Committee must:

- (a) ensure that Team A (or Team C) has provided Team B with a copy of its Ruling Request and all subsequent communications with the Premier Committee which relate to its Ruling Request;
- (b) consider a Ruling Request with an open mind and without bias and, if a Premier Committee member has a conflict of interest as detailed in the Conflicts of Interest Policy, manage that conflict in accordance with the Conflicts of Interest Policy;
- (c) give reasons for its Rulings; and
- (d) publish its Rulings, with reasons, to promote transparency and understanding of the Rules and the way they are applied (for example, by publishing the Rulings in the “Notes for Public Display” section of MatchPoint.

Breach Notices

Breach notice issued relating to Ruling Request

20.6 Once the Premier Committee is satisfied that Rule 20.3 has been complied with, it must send a **Breach Notice** to Team B.

20.7 The **Breach Notice** must:

- (a) state the rule(s) in relation to which Team A (or Team C) seeks a ruling; and
- (b) provide Team B with 3 days to respond to the Premier Committee on the matters raised in the Ruling Request (**“the Reply”**).

20.8 Following the 3-day period under Rule 20.7(b), the Premier Committee must consider, as soon as reasonably practicable, the statements made in the Ruling Request and the statements made in Team B’s Reply. Before making a ruling, the Premier Committee may:

- (a) request further information from the Team Captains or Club Captains of Team A (or Team C) and/or Team B to help it make a decision on the Ruling Request;

- (b) obtain information relevant to the Ruling Request and Reply from any other source.

20.9 If additional information obtained by the Premier Committee in the circumstances outlined in Rule 20.8 includes information which Team A (or Team C) and/or Team B has not had an opportunity to

comment upon and which may have a material effect on the Premier Committee's ruling, the Premier Committee must provide to Team A (or Team C) and/or Team B that additional information and must provide Team A (or Team C) and/or Team B with an adequate opportunity to comment on it.

Breach notice issued by Premier Committee of its own volition

20.10 The **Premier Committee** may, of its own volition and without having received a Ruling Request under Rule 20.1 or 20.2, issue a Breach Notice to a team (and will do so before determining that there has been any breach of these Rules and imposing any consequence). The Breach Notice must be issued within 3 days of completion of the tie.

For Breach Notices issued by the Premier Committee of its own volition, the provisions of Rules 20.4 - 20.9 will apply with all necessary modifications.

20.11 Rulings and decisions of the Premier Committee should generally be made by consensus. Where a consensus cannot be reached, rulings and decisions will be made by majority vote. Where a majority is not available, for example, where the members of the Premier Committee are split evenly, then the TCC Administrator will make the ruling or decision.

20.12 The Premier Committee may:

- (a) rule in favour of Team A;
- (b) rule in favour of Team B;
- (c) rule in favour of Team C;
- (d) decline to make a ruling;
- (e) refer the Ruling Request and associated documentation (including any Ruling Request Reply) to the Tennis Capital Coast I Competitions Committee ("the TCCCC") for its decision;
- (f) impose any point penalties and/or defaults referred to in these Rules or any of the Codes or Policies referred to in Rule 20.1 **provided that** where the Premier Committee considers a suspension or disqualification of a player(s) is the appropriate penalty, it must first refer the matter to the TCCCC for approval before imposing any such penalty.
- (g) refer any matter to the TCCCC.

RULE 21 APPEALS

Appellant and Notice of Appeal

- 21.1 A Team Captain or a Club Captain (“the Appellant”) may, **within 24 hours** after the Premier Committee has made a decision pursuant to these Rules, lodge an appeal against that decision to the Tennis Capital Coast Competitions Committee (“TCCCC”), upon one or more of the grounds outlined in Rules 21.7 and 21.8.
- 21.2 An appeal to the TCCCC must be lodged by a **Notice of Appeal** in the form attached to these rules as **Appendix C** and sent to premier@tenniscentral.co.nz

Interested Parties

- 21.3 The Appellant must provide a copy of the Notice of Appeal, and any documents attached to it, to the following parties:
- (a) any other team or player **referred to** in the decision of the Premier Committee appealed against; and
 - (b) any other team which, or player who, may be **directly affected** by the **outcome** of the Appeal; and
 - (c) the Premier Committee.

The parties referred to in (a), (b) and (c) above are individually and collectively referred to, for the purpose of Rule 20, as an “Interested Party”.

Notice of Response

- 21.4 An Interested Party may, **within 24 hours** after receiving a Notice of Appeal, lodge a Response to the TCCCC about the matters referred to in the Notice of Appeal.
- 21.5 An Interested Party’s Response must be lodged by a **Notice of Response** in the form attached to these rules as **Appendix D** and sent to premier@tenniscentral.co.nz
- 21.6 Interested Party must provide the following with a copy of the Notice of Response and any documents attached to it:
- (a) the Appellant;
 - (b) any other Interested Party; and
 - (c) the Premier Committee (as an Interested Party).

Grounds of Appeal

21.7 The only grounds upon which an appeal may be made to the TCCCC are that the Premier Committee:

- (a) made a finding of fact which was manifestly wrong and which was central to its decision;
- (b) took into account and applied a Rule which it should not have taken into account and applied, or it failed to take into account and apply a Rule which it should have taken into account and applied;
- (c) appropriately took into account a Rule but misinterpreted / misapplied that Rule;
- (d) exercised its discretion in a way in which no reasonable decision-maker could have exercised it;
- (e) failed to take into account relevant considerations when exercising its discretion or it took into account irrelevant considerations when exercising its discretion; or
- (f) breached the principles of natural justice.

21.8 An appeal may also be made to the TCCCC if substantial new evidence has become available after the Premier Committee made the decision which is being appealed.

Appeal Procedure

21.9 The procedure to be adopted by the TCCCC in determining an appeal is available on the Tennis Central Website [HERE](#)

APPENDIX A

TENNIS NEW ZEALAND GENERAL CODE OF CONDUCT

As detailed in “Attachment A” of the Tennis New Zealand Participant Protection Policy

<https://tennis.kiwi/assets/Files-pdf-word-docs-etc/Tennis-NZ-Participant-Protection-Policy-Feb-2023.pdf>

1. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of others.
2. Be fair, considerate and honest in all dealing with others.
3. Be professional in, and accept responsibility for, your actions.
4. Make a commitment to providing quality service.
5. Be aware of, and maintain an uncompromising adherence to, TNZ’s standards, rules, regulations and policies.
6. Operate within the rules of the sport including national and international guidelines which govern TNZ and NZTEs.
7. Do not use your involvement with TNZ or an NZTE to promote your own beliefs, behaviours or practices where these are inconsistent with those of TNZ and NZTEs.
8. Demonstrate a high degree of individual responsibility especially when dealing with persons under 18 years of age, as your words and actions are an example.
9. Avoid unaccompanied and unobserved activities with persons under 18 years of age, wherever possible.
10. Refrain from any form of harassment of others.
11. Refrain from any behaviour that may bring TNZ and NZTEs into disrepute.
12. Provide a safe environment for the conduct of the activity.
13. Show concern and caution towards others who may be sick or injured.
14. Be a positive role model.

APPENDIX B

TENNIS NEW ZEALAND DRESS CODE

As detailed in Appendix 2 of the Tennis New Zealand Code Of Behaviour

<https://tennis.kiwi/assets/Files-pdf-word-docs-etc/Code-of-Behaviour.pdf>

1. All events
 - 1.1. All players shall dress and present themselves in an appropriate manner for tennis. Customarily acceptable tennis attire shall be worn for matches including the warm-up.
 - 1.2. Regional and local tennis centres are encouraged to allow all tennis attire for events, particularly at junior level.
 - 1.3. **Unacceptable clothing** includes:

Gym/compression, beach or rugby shorts, sweatshirts, skivvies or t-shirts, clothing bearing the name of another sport, or specifically designed for another sport, or hats bearing the names or logos of sports teams other than tennis.
 - 1.4. **Footwear:** Shoes must have a sole designed for tennis and be of a type permitted on the court surface being used.
 - 1.5. **Racquet:** No inappropriate signage on racquet or strings
 - 1.6. The Referee may deem any piece of attire inappropriate.

APPENDIX C

NOTICE OF APPEAL

Tennis Capital Coast Competitions Committee

A Notice of Appeal must be lodged within 24 hours of the decision being received by the Appellant **and** emailed to: premier@tenniscentral.co.nz

You must provide a copy of your Notice of Appeal, and any documents attached to it, to any Interested Party (defined below) and to the Premier / Tecnifibre Committee

Details of the person / team / club appealing (“the Appellant”)

Team name	
Name of person lodging appeal	
Position of person lodging appeal (e.g. Team Captain, Club Captain)	
Mobile telephone number	
Email address	

Interested parties

- Is any other team or player **named** in the decision appealed from (an ‘Interested Party’) ? **Yes / No**
- Is any other team or player **directly affected** by the **outcome** of this Appeal (also an ‘Interested Party’)? **Yes / No**
- If you have answered “Yes” to either of those questions, please insert below their contact details and provide them with a copy of this Notice of Appeal and any documents attached to it.

Team name(s) and/or name(s) of player(s)	
Mobile telephone number(s)	
Email address(es)	
Reason person(s)/team(s) named in the decision appealed from	
Reason person(s)/team(s) may be directly affected by the outcome of this Appeal	

Urgency

Are there any reasons this appeal should be heard urgently?	Yes / No
If yes, please set out those reasons	

Decision being appealed

Please provide details of the decision which you are appealing and the date it was made.

Please also attach to this Notice:

- a copy of the decision being appealed; and
- copies of all documents submitted to the previous decision maker (e.g. signed results sheets, all communications with the previous decision maker and all relevant communications with other teams and/or Club Captains/Team Managers/players).

Details of the decision being appealed

Grounds of Appeal

Specify the grounds upon which the appeal is brought, including the relevant rule(s)

Grounds of appeal

Appeal filed out of time

If this Notice of Appeal has not been lodged within the relevant time limits, please provide reasons:

Reasons for filing out of time

Outcome sought

Please specify the outcome or relief you are seeking from the appeal.

Outcome sought

Signed and dated by the Appellant

Please email this Notice of Appeal to premier@tenniscentral.co.nz

APPENDIX D

INTERESTED PARTY NOTICE OF RESPONSE

Tennis Capital Coast Competitions Committee

Notice of Response must be made within 24 hours of receipt of the Notice of Appeal and emailed to: premier@tenniscentral.co.nz

You must provide a copy of your Response, and any documents attached to it, to any Interested Party (defined below) and to the Premier / Tecnifibre Committee

Name of person / team / club who lodged the Notice of Appeal

Date Notice of Appeal was received by Respondent

Details of the Respondent

Name of Respondent team or club	
Name of person lodging this Statement of Response	
Position of person lodging the Statement of Response e.g. Team Captain, Club Captain	
Mobile telephone number	
Email address	

Urgency

Are there any reasons the appeal should be heard urgently?	Yes / No
If yes, please set out those reasons.	

Response

Please provide details of your response to the matters referred to in the Notice of Appeal, including:

- any relevant rules;
- whether there is any other person, team or club **referred to** in the decision appealed from who / which has not been named in the Notice of Appeal (an “Interested Party”); and

- whether there is any other person, team or club who / which may be **directly affected** by the **outcome** of this Appeal who / which has not been named in the Notice of Appeal (also an “Interested Party”).

Details of Response

Please attach copies of any documents which you wish to rely on in your Response

Response Filed Out of Time

If this Statement of Response has not been filed within the relevant time limits, please provide reasons:

Reasons for filing out of time

Outcome sought

Please specify what you think the outcome of the appeal should be.

Outcome

Signed and dated by the Interested Party

Please email this Notice of Appeal to premier@tenniscentral.co.nz