

# School Sport SA Tennis

## Statewide schools rules of the competition division 1

For years 6 to 12

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Team composition of a team may consist of up to six (6) players. An order must be established by a day's play. The fifth and sixth players can play in doubles or singles.

Singles: Players shall be ranked in order of ability. 1 v 1, 2 v 2, 3 v 3, 4 v 4.

Doubles: The first double must include the highest ranked player.

### Matches

A match consists of 4 singles and 2 doubles rubbers.

Standard match guidelines:

- Each Singles / Doubles Rubber to be a best of 3 set match with a super tie breaker (first to 10 with a two point advantage) for the third set to decide the match
- Seven (7) point tie breaker system to be used in the first 2 sets if games get to 6 all (i.e. first to 7 points with a 2 point advantage)
- Should a draw occur in the match (equal rubber, sets and game) the match will be decided on a super tiebreak double with the first ranked and 4, 5 or 6<sup>th</sup> ranked players from each team playing.

### Finals

For the grand final only if both sets and games are equal, then joint winners will be declared.

### Balls



## Umpiring matches

Players are to umpire their own matches using the following instructions:

- Players are to call shots out only on the lines for which they are responsible.
  - If a serve is out – ‘fault’ should be called clearly
  - If a shot is out – ‘out’ should be called clearly
- If a shot is in, nothing should be called
- A score disagreement should be resolved before the next point is played
- Players may wish to call for a teacher/coach/manager to the court to assist resolve any disagreements. This support staff member may remain at the court to help ensure continued fair play
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