



Dear Players & Parents,

Welcome to TGC Fixtures for the Winter Season 2021. We hope you will find this an enjoyable and rewarding experience.

The following important information is provided to help ensure our Fixtures run well.

Always refer to www.tennisgoldcoast.com for any information behind the Season, including Team Captain Contact Numbers & Tennis Centre locations.

1. Team Draw

To access the draw, visit: matchcentre.tennis.com.au

If you have not yet created an Account, please do so. Select Register.

Once you have an Account, click Sign In.

Search "Tennis Gold Coast" this will bring up "Tennis Gold Coast" in the selection, please Select.

Scroll down to "League Navigator" and select the League you are playing in.

e.g. "2021"; "Saturday Pennant Winter 2021"; "Pennant 1" - GO

"2021"; "Saturday Section & Green Ball Winter 2021"; "Section 1" - GO

[If you experience any issues – please contact 1800 PLAY TENNIS or play@tennis.com.au](mailto:play@tennis.com.au)

The team name appearing first on the draw is the HOME team and the match will be played on their home court (as indicated on the draw).

2. Player Roster

- Establish good communication with your team members. You need to work as a team on and off the court.
 - Formulate a roster of who is playing each week.
 - If you cannot play, please contact the other member of your team who is rostered off. If this person cannot play, contact your Team Captain as soon as possible in order for your Captain to arrange a Reserve Player.
 - Team Captain: please first try contacting your Tennis Club for a Reserve Player (either from another team – equal or lower grade player) to fill-in.
 - If no success, please contact the players on the Tennis Gold Coast "Reserve List"
 - You can also contact the other teams in your Grade (or lower), if your Grade has a bye (ask the team who has the bye) if one of their players can play
- If you have to forfeit (please exhaust all steps above first) - FORFEIT FEES APPLY**
- Please inform the opposition Team Captain as soon as possible
 - Please also inform the Tennis Club where your match was to be played as soon as possible
 - Record your match result as a "forfeit"



As a Team Captain, you are responsible for making sure you can field a team each week

3. Arrival

- Please arrive 15 minutes before your match schedule time. If you are running late please contact the Home Centre and Opposition to notify of your expected arrival time.
- Pay your Competition Fee at the Centre Office: \$10.00 Section/Green Ball; \$15.00 Pennant.
- Collect the Scorecard and New Balls (2).
- The Home Centre Caretaker will speak to all Players as a Group prior to the match.
- Introduce yourself to your opponents and complete Players Names on the Scorecard.
- Toss to see who will Serve or Receive.
- Commence your 5 minute warm up, and then commence play immediately.

4. Forfeit Fees

- Any Team Forfeiting, regardless of the notice period to the host Tennis Club will be subject to paying the Full Competition Fees for the day (i.e. Pennant \$60, Section/Green Ball \$40).
- If such fees are not paid within fourteen (14) days of the scheduled match to the host Tennis Club, then the team shall receive no further points until payment of the Forfeit Fee.
- The host Tennis Club receiving the forfeit will raise an Invoice to your Home Tennis Club for the Forfeit Fee.

5. Parent Supervision for Green Ball

For all Green Ball Matches – parents from both teams are asked to help supervise on court for each match. We do encourage players to still score their match and call all balls, with the aid of a parent supervisor on court to help correct and educate. Final decision is with the Parent Supervisor.

6. Umpiring / Behaviour / Etiquette / Rules of Tennis

Home Player 2 Umpires the first Singles Rubber.

Away Player 1 Umpires the second Singles Rubber.

Doubles, all players umpire their match.

If Umpires cannot be obtained due to court allocations, all Players (except for Green Ball) Umpire their own matches.

Please familiarise yourself with Tennis Gold Coast's Fixture Rules & Regulations

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- 15.0 Playing the Match: Matches Played without a Chair Umpire
- 18.0 Tennis Etiquette
- The Rules of Tennis

Many players are still learning the skill of calling their own calls and scores. Mistakes will be made. This is part of the learning process. Centre Caretakers will strongly encourage good sportsmanship. If attention is required, players are to seek the help of the Centre Caretaker immediately – not to wait until the match is completed.

7. Wet Weather Procedure

A Team Captain should phone the Tennis Centre where the team is scheduled to play and check the court availability for play, approximately half an hour before the scheduled commencement time for a decision regarding play. If play is not cancelled at this time, all players are to arrive at their respective venue, and shall remain at the centre for a period of not less than half an hour from the scheduled starting time, when the court caretaker shall make a decision whether play will commence.

Further details can be obtained under 12.0 TGC Rules & Regulations.

8. Scorecard

- Ensure each player's full name is written clearly under the correct position played (i.e. Player 1 or 2).
- Ensure the match scores are written clearly and correctly in the boxes with the Points added.
- Both Teams need to sign the card (as correct).
- Reserve Player details are to be completed on the back of the scorecard.
- Your scorecard will be submitted to Tennis Gold Coast by your Home Club.

9. Competition Ladder

To view the ladder: follow the steps in '1. Team Draw' matchcentre.tennis.com.au

Tennis Gold Coast Fixtures is about players enjoying the game of tennis, being part of a team and learning the skills of tennis fixtures in a friendly environment.

Remember the Centre Caretaker is always available to answer your questions.

