

TALL GUMS SPORTS CENTRE

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Winter 2015 Saturday fixture information – Juniors & Seniors

2015 REGISTRATION:

Tall Gums, Tennis Ipswich Inc. & MyTennis (Tennis Queensland) - all players should have their MyTennis registration details and receipt. Please let me know if you haven't.

CONTACT:

Email is my preferred way of contact. If you send me an email to say you can't play etc, I will flick you an acknowledgement email. If you don't hear back from me, this can only mean that my computer is not working or I haven't received your email, as it's floating around the galaxy somewhere, so please give me a call.

MATCH FEES:

Juniors \$14.00 at all venues;

Seniors \$16.00 at all venues.

PLAYING TIMES:

Morning matches commence at 8.30am and finish no later than 12noon. Please arrive around 8.15 to have a warm up, fill in the result sheet etc. Please make sure you are all ready to start play at 8.30. No hit up after 8.30.

Afternoon matches commence at 1.30pm and finish no later than 5pm. Please arrive around 1.15 to have a warm up, fill in the result sheet etc. Please make sure you are ready to start play at 1.30. No hit up after 1.30.

When time is called at the end of the match, you can finish the point you're playing but do not keep playing any more points even if there is only 1 more point to play in the set. The score for the set is whatever the game score was at the last completed game when time was called.

RESULT SHEET:

The result sheet must be filled out properly. Juniors must fill in both sections and circle your names on the sheet. All players please check the result sheet before signing it and handing it in to the centre supervisor. **If the result sheets are incomplete or incorrectly filled out your team will receive zero points for the match.**

SENIOR RANKINGS:

You have all been ranked in the playing order of 1, 2, 3 so that's the way you must play until everyone starts accumulating ranking points. I will let you know if any rankings change.

ORDER OF PLAY:

Each player's initial ranking number is listed on your roster. If you are the number 1 player you cannot play anywhere else in your team. **If you play out of order, your team will receive zero points for any set played out of order.**

ROSTERS:

Please exchange phone numbers with your team members. If you are rostered on to play and for some reason you are unavailable, organize to swap with your team member rostered off for that day. You will have to contact me if the team member rostered off is unable to play for you. Remember though, if you do swap with another team member, make sure everyone plays in the correct order. If you are unsure, and you are at another centre, please ring me before you start play.

UMPIRING - JUNIORS:

J2. Home team umpires the 1st and 2nd sets of singles and the away team umpires sets 3 and 4 of singles. If sets have to be played out of order (because someone is late or someone has to leave early), please make sure the umpiring is done in the correct order otherwise one player will have to do two umpires and someone will miss out on umpiring. Players have to umpire the doubles themselves.

J4. Home team umpires the 1st and 2nd sets (singles) and the away team umpires sets 3 and 4 (singles). If sets have to be played out of order (because someone is late or someone has to leave early), please make sure the umpiring is done in the correct order otherwise one player will have to do two umpires someone will miss out on umpiring. Home team parents umpires the doubles.

LATE START PENALTIES:

If after 10 minutes a set cannot be commenced, the team with the least number of players available shall forfeit the first scheduled set. If after a further 15 minutes a set cannot be commenced, the second scheduled set shall be forfeited. If after 45 minutes from scheduled start of play a set still cannot be commenced, the team with the least number of players available shall forfeit the day and shall be liable to pay the playing fees for both teams.

BEHAVIOUR:

It goes without saying that all Tall Gums players are expected to act in the best, possible manner all the time.

SHOES:

Only tennis shoes can be worn during matches at any venue. If you are not sure if your shoes are suitable, please take a look at our website as there are photographs of correct and incorrect shoe soles. If still in doubt, check with Stuart.

VENUES:

There are 5 clubs playing in the competition this season. Please note that not all grades play at all of these venues.

FD & Brassall teams play at Tall Gums Sports Centre and Ipswich District Junior Tennis Association Chermiside Rd Ipswich

Ips teams play at Ipswich District Junior Tennis Association Chermiside Rd Ipswich

SL teams play at Grande Park Grande Ave Springfield Lakes

DTA teams play at Ipswich Tennis Centre 18 Boundary St Moores Pocket

RAINY DAYS:

Some centres do not want to receive calls enquiring whether tennis is on or not. The current procedure is that if centres are washed out they will advise the clubs scheduled to play there that day. So as soon as I know if a centre is off, I will let you know by email and Facebook.

Keep checking your emails as I always let you know if we are washed out if we know early enough. If we know Friday night that we're washed out, if it has been raining during the week and we're not sure if we'll play or not, I will keep you updated by email and post on Facebook.

Just a reminder,

if tennis is washed out the message on the answering machine will say tennis is washed out;

if we're unsure, the message will say something like 'it's been drizzling so we will update the message in an hour'; BUT

if the message is 'we can't take your call right now bla bla bla' it means we're out doing the courts, tennis is on so hop to it !

FINALS:

Finals can be morning or afternoon but that decision won't be made until after the last match of the season. Dates for all finals are listed at the bottom of your draw.

Note: If any finals are washed out, play will be the next day (Sunday) providing the rain has cleared. Tennis Ipswich Inc Committee reserves the right to change this rule to move matches to other venues if they see fit.

If any finals have been started and are washed out during the afternoon, the same people must play the next day otherwise the team will have to forfeit.

The format for semi-finals is: On the points table: 1st will play 4th (losing team will be finished for the season); 2nd will play 3rd (losing team will be finished for the season). Matches will be played at the home courts of the 1st and 2nd teams.

There are no time limits for any finals. Obviously we don't want the matches to go on and on so keep the game moving along just like in a normal match. If at the end of the match the game and sets are even, the players who played the last set of the match must play a tie-breaker to decide the match.

FORMATS & ORDER OF PLAY:

S1 & S2 (Senior 1 & Senior 2)

- 2 players each match
- 1 set of doubles followed by
- No1 v No1 player followed by
- No2 v No2 followed by
- Another set of doubles
- Doubles, first to 6 games, tie-break is played at 5 all
- Singles, first to 8 games, tie-break is played at 7 all

J2 & J4 (Junior 2 & 4)

- 2 players each match
- No1 v No1 singles followed by
- No2 v No2 singles followed by
- Reverse singles (order is written on the result sheet) followed by
- 1 set of doubles, first to 6 games
- All sets, first to 6 games, tie-break is played at 5 all

HOW TO PLAY A TIE-BREAK for sets first to 6 games:

The winner of the set is first to 7 points but must be ahead by 2 points. So, if the score gets to 6 all, keep playing.

- Serving continues in the same order as has been played during the set
- the first server serves 1 point to the deuce court
- the next server serves 2 points – the first point is to the advantage court and the second point is to the deuce court
- Each change of server, serves to the advantage court first
- When the score adds up to 6 (or 12 etc.) players change ends, just remember the server has already served to the advantage side down the other end.