



Top Spin Tennis

Winter Midweek Competition 2010

Tennis Central is pleased to have **Top Spin Tennis** on board as our new sponsors for the 2010 Winter Midweek Competition.

Registrations will be conducted in the Rodney Callender Lounge at the Renouf Centre.

1. A - B Grade from **9.00am** on Wednesday 31st March
2. C Grades from **10.00am** on Wednesday 31st March
3. Posted entries will **not be** accepted
4. The entry fee (\$528/team) is the same as in 2009. This fee must accompany the attached entry form
5. Only one entry per person will be accepted
6. Entry forms must list players in **strict order of merit**.
7. Team Make-Up (see page 3)
8. Please ensure a contact email address is on the entry form
9. Duration of competition Monday 3rd May - Friday 10th September
10. One pair of new Slazenger High Visibility balls are to be used for each contest
11. **Please see attached sheet regarding ball availability**
12. Indoor courts will be used for this competition
13. Playing Days - maximum 14 teams/day except Tuesdays
 - Mondays - A & A Reserve Grades
 - Tuesdays - B Grade (*maximum 16 teams*)
 - Wednesdays - C Grade
 - Thursdays - C Grade
 - Friday - C Grade
14. Please enter your team in the correct grade rather than the day that best suits you.

Grading Notes:

1. The bottom 10-20% of teams in each grade at the end of 2009 are encouraged either to consider playing in a lower grade or to strengthen their team.
2. The number of entries in each grade on any day will determine the format of the competition. This will be **emailed to team contacts** with the draw and rules during the week of 19-23 April.
3. The Tournament Director has the right to re-grade teams and/or increase/reduce teams in each grade based on entries received.
4. **C Grade:** in the unlikely event that your first choice of day is unavailable please have an alternative day arranged.

2009 Winning Teams Please Note:

All teams who won their respective grades and who retain two or more of last year's team members must enter a higher grade.

i.e.

A Grade Winners - Networkers

A Reserve Winner - SWAT to A Grade

B Grade Winners - Happy Wackers to A Reserve

C Grade Wed Winner - Oceanic Six to B Grade

C Grade Thurs Winner - Wellington Wondergirls C (Fri) or C (Wed)

C Grade Fri Winner - Kiwianas to C (Wed)

The above teams receive automatic entry into this year's competition. In order to take advantage of this, the above teams will need to confirm their entry by way of making payment for the competition by Tuesday 30th March. Should any of the winning teams not register by the Tuesday 30th March, they will be required to register on Wednesday 31st March, however the automatic entry will not apply.

Teams with direct entry to the 2010 Competition can obtain the 4 cans of balls required for the competition at the Top Spin Tennis shop after completing their registration at the office.

"PLAYING WEEKS" GUIDE

Play will take place in the weeks commencing:

May 3rd 10th 17th 24th 31st

Queen's Birthday - week off (June 7th - 11th)

June 14th 21st 28th

Second term break - two weeks off (July 5th - 16th)

July 19th 26th

August 2nd 9th 16th 23rd 30th

September 6th (Tournament round)

Contests will commence at: 9.00am and conclude at 12 noon, and/or
12 noon and conclude 3.00pm

TEAM MAKE-UP

There will be four players in each team on match day.

No player can play for more than one team in this Midweek competition, except in an *emergency* when a lower ranked player from another team not playing in the same grade, may play. This can happen only once and only with the prior approval of the Tournament Director. If no effort is made to contact the Tournament Director at the earliest opportunity match points may be deducted.

The teams can be mixed i.e. men and women and there is no limit to the number of players that can be listed on the team list subject to the following.

A GRADE: up to two men may play on match day however only one regional (1/2/3) man per team.

A RES GRADE: up to two men can play on match day however only one regional (2/3) or lower grade one, man per team.

B GRADE: only one man may play on match day, lower grade (2/3/4/5) qualify, no regional or/ lower grade one men, no regional (1/2) women.

C GRADE: only one man may play on match day, lower grade (3/4/5) qualify, no regional men or lower grade (1/2), or regional (1/2/3) women.

N.B. The intention of these rules is to ensure that players of similar abilities play in the same grades thereby enhancing the level of enjoyment.

ORDER OF PLAY

Teams must submit their list of players (including reserves) in playing order.

Each player will play 2 doubles in each contest in the following order:

	Rounds 1-7	Rounds 8 - 15
First Game	1&2 v 1&2	3&4 v 3&4
Second Game	1&3 v 1&3	2&4 v 2&4
Third Game	2&4 v 2&4	1&3 v 1&3
Fourth Game	3&4 v 3&4	1&2 v 1&2

The order of play i.e. 1&2, 1&3 etc will alter to 3&4, 2&4 etc beginning **round 8**, to allow an equitable distribution of playing times. The fourth games in each match may not finish therefore player 3 & 4 may have less time on the courts in rounds 1 - 7 and players 1 & 2 may have less time on the courts in rounds 8 - 15.

THE COMPETITION

Each contest comprises four doubles matches, each match being the best of fifteen games, tiebreak if necessary at seven games all. If matches are equal, games won decide the contest winner. Points accumulate during section play on the basis of matches won plus a bonus for each contest winner. A full set of rules and the draw will be emailed to all team contacts during the week of 19-23 April. Please ensure all team members read and understand these rules prior to playing in this competition.

THE OCCASION

Matches in the **Top Spin Tennis** Winter Midweek Competition are social and sporting occasions and present a great opportunity to meet people. The accent is on enjoyment.

ENQUIRES TO

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