
MBTC Interclub Guidelines

Principles, Rules and Guidelines

1 Purpose

This document is prepared for all club members and outlines the basis of our involvement in interclub in Auckland and what is expected from each club member participating.

Mission Bay Tennis participates in the Auckland Tennis Summer, Winter, Junior and Mid week interclub competitions

Our involvement is to provide competitive tennis competition to the members over and above the tennis environment provided within the club.

Interclub is an excellent vehicle for developing personal tennis skills in a competitive environment, while enjoying the camaraderie of a team-based atmosphere amongst fellow club members and other Auckland tennis players.

Teams will be entered in the various grades available based on the members' desire to participate and the ability of the club to successfully field a team in those grades throughout the season

2 Objectives

Mission Bay Tennis has established some generic objectives in addition to specific objectives for this current season and for specific teams.

- 1 Mission Bay will participate in grades with a competitive standard of tennis.
- 2 We do not wish to enter teams where our strength is too strong or insufficient to be competitive
- 3 Mission Bay will work on the principles that each entry will comprise members who can operate as a team both on and off the court.
- 4 Mission Bay will protect its entry in any grade which is controlled through a promotion/relegation system.
- 5 Our interclub participation is predicated on avoiding any situation which may negatively impact on Mission Bay's image and reputation in Auckland Tennis.

3 Selection of Grades & Team Members

- 1 Interclub grades will be entered in accordance with the rules of Auckland Tennis. The number of teams will be decided by the Mission Bay Tennis Executive Committee based on a recommendation Interclub Selectors.
- 2 The make up of the teams will be decided by the Interclub Selectors.
- 3 The interclub selectors are required to seek applications from and/or approach members and prospective members, and to take into consideration the purpose and objectives of Mission Bay Tennis.
- 4 The selectors need to balance the interest in particular grades against the ability of a representative team being fielded for the duration of the competition
- 5 Teams will be based on members who can create and sustain a team-based attitude.
- 6 The interclub selectors are required to promote and organise trials for singles teams ensuring that all interested members and prospective members are given the opportunity to gain entry to a team. In selecting team members for both singles and presidents grades the selectors will take into account current gradings, previous performance, monthly challenge, trial matches and any other results to hand.

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- 7 Where a team does not win their grade but is offered the chance to be promoted, players from that team will be consulted before a decision is made to accept or decline the promotion.
 - 8 The decision on the make up of each team (including doubles and combines combinations) rests with the team captain. Team selection, grading order and combinations are decided upon to ensure the best possible result for the team at that particular event. Combinations may change during the season according to the results to date and the expected competition. In the event that a member disagrees with the decision of the captain, the member should:
 - a) Seek resolution directly with the team captain
 - b) Request a review with the Interclub convenor stating the grounds for the review
 - c) Write and request the Selector(s) review the decision of the Interclub convenor, again stating the grounds for the review.

4 Teams for 2009/2010

The following teams will be fielded for the current season, listed next to each team is their objective for the season

4.1 Mens Singles Grades

- 1 Caro Reserve Men – stay in the grade
- 2 1st Mens 1 – win the grade
- 3 1st Mens 2 – stay in the grade
- 4 1st Mens 3 – stay in the grade
- 5 2nd Mens - stay in the grade
- 6 Open Mens 1 – top 4
- 7 Open Mens 2 – top 4
- 8 Open Mens 3 – top 4

4.2 Ladies Singles Grades

- 1 Caro Bowl Women – top 4
- 2 Caro Reserve Women – top 4
- 3 Open Womens 1 – win the grade
- 4 Open Womens 2 – top half of the table
- 5 Open Womens 3 – stay in the grade
- 6 Open Womens 4 – stay in the grade
- 7 Open Womens 5 – stay in the grade

4.3 Presidents Grades

- 1 Ferrier Cup - top 4
- 2 Presidents A – top 3
- 3 Open Presidents 1 – top half of the table
- 4 Open Presidents 2 – win the grade
- 5 Super Mens team – top 4

5 Principles of Participation in Interclub

- 1 Mission Bay Tennis facilitates interclub competition to meet the requirements of the members. Interclub is for you and your enjoyment and development. Remember that your fellow team members are also participating for their enjoyment and development. You can help ensure that everyone benefits in some way from interclub.
- 2 Once selected for a team you will be required to ensure you are available for every game. Before the season begins a full draw will be made available providing details of match dates and venues. If there is a specific date you are unable to make, it is your responsibility to communicate this to your team captain at the earliest opportunity. Note that the captain has the obligation to have a team finalised by the Tuesday night before a match.
- 3 If the team has more than four permanent players it will be up to the captain, in consultation with team members, to ensure all players get their fair share of games.
- 4 Reserve players will be called upon when no other permanent interclub players of a suitable level are available.

6 Rules for Interclub

- 1 Team members must conform to Rules for Auckland Tennis competition, a copy of the booklet is provided to captains each year or can be found on www.aucklandtennis.co.nz or by using the following url
<http://www.aucklandtennis.co.nz/UserFiles/File/interclub/senior/Senior%20IC%20rulebook%2007-08.pdf>
- 2 Mission Bay Tennis expects all team members to act in a manner that upholds and enhances the image of the club. Failure to do so may result in action being taken the by the Executive Committee.
- 3 Team members will respect and support the captains of the interclub teams and their decisions.

7 Responsibilities

Role	Task
Selectors	Angela Cathcart-James (facilitator) David Bradshaw Carl Crowther Feleti Sofele Craig Robertson Amy Porter Tanya Adams
Convenor	Bruce Wickes
Captains	

7.1 Selectors Responsibilities

- 1 To provide a goal for each team.

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- 2 Take advice from players and captains on team selection and arrange trial matches where necessary.
 - 3 Take into account current gradings, previous performance, monthly challenge, trial matches and any other results to hand when selecting teams.
 - 4 Identify gaps and actively target players from outside the club to fill team places. Enlist help as required.
 - 5 Be familiar with and understand the rules of interclub and how that relates to team selection.
 - 6 Decide on the best Captains for each team and contact them for permission to give their contact details to Auckland Tennis and other club members.
 - 7 Conduct a handover/induction session for Captains which will include information on
 - a) Team goals for the season
 - b) Overview of interclub policy, specifically Captains responsibilities
 - c) Training on how to enter Top Dog results
 - 8 Present initial team selections to the Interclub Convenor before the required date and provide input into the interclub objectives.

7.2 Convenor Responsibilities

- 1 Single point of contact for interclub enquiries for team members
- 2 Single point of contact between Mission Bay and Auckland Tennis on all interclub related matters, including:
 - a) Review team selections and ensure the teams and players comply with Auckland Tennis rules
 - b) Submit transfer requests
 - c) Submit interclub teams
 - d) Submit re-gradings
 - e) Lodge enquiries and/or complaints
- 3 Resident expert on all matters relating to interclub, providing advice on rules and grading to Selectors and Team Captains.
- 4 Provide input into the objectives for the upcoming interclub season.
- 5 Submit the interclub objectives to the Executive Committee for approval.
- 6 Assist Team Captains in finding reserves.

7.2.1 Duties include:

- 1 Send out summer interclub team notice. Hang interclub form on board.
- 2 Meet with selectors. Work out numbers for teams and number of teams.
- 3 Keep player records up to date.
- 4 When the draws are received from Auckland Tennis, arrange the balls, draws and information for the Captains.

7.3 Captains Responsibilities

- 1 As a key team member, you are asked to contribute to the best of your ability to assist the team in meeting its objective set by the club.
- 2 You are responsible for the on and off court behaviour of team members and need to ensure that all team members share the common objectives

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- 3 You should provide each team member with a draw for the season. This may be a paper copy or a url link to the Auckland Tennis website
 - 4 You are responsible for Mission Bay fielding a team on each match day and it is strongly recommended that you ask your team members to determine and inform you of their availability for all the games well in advance.
 - 5 Team balls and team sheets will be provided to you at the beginning of the season. Ball and team sheets are required to be returned to the club by the Monday after your match.
 - 6 In the event that your team has a winning result, you are responsible for entering team results online into Top Dog. You will receive training and passwords.
 - 7 We recommend you secure confirmation of a team 2 - 3 days before the match and confirm transport requirements.
 - 8 A copy of the Auckland Tennis rules is provided to you or can be found on www.aucklandtennis.co.nz or by using the following url <http://www.aucklandtennis.co.nz/UserFiles/File/interclub/senior/Senior%20IC%20rulebook%2007-08.pdf>
 - 9 We strongly encourage you to organise regular team practices. The club professional is available for practice/training sessions if required at a cost to participating members.
 - 10 Gradings will be provided to you by the Convenor at the beginning of the season and after the Christmas break. These grades must be used for each player (regardless of current Top Dog grades) when determining playing order.
 - 11 Team captains must alert the Convenor if their team is in jeopardy of not achieving their goal so that preventative measures can be taken if appropriate.

7.4 Players responsibilities

- 1 All interclub players must be financial members of the Mission Bay Tennis Club.
- 2 Having submitted your name for interclub, you are prepared to play any trial games which the Interclub Selectors may ask you to play for the purpose of grading players and selecting interclub teams.
- 3 You are prepared to be available on the days scheduled for the whole season.
- 4 Any scheduled days where you are unavailable, you will advise the Team Captain at the earliest opportunity, or if there is an instance where you are suddenly unavailable, ideally you will have already organised a replacement and informed the Captain.
- 5 You accept the Team Captain is responsible for the organisation and management of the interclub team and you will abide by decisions made by the Team Captain in respect of the performance of the team.
- 6 As an interclub player, yourself, the team, the club and indeed the opposition team expect you to try your best and play to win.
- 7 You are required to wear appropriate tennis clothing.
- 8 You will turn up to the scheduled venue on time and be ready to play as determined by your Team Captain or that of the opposition team.
- 9 You will conduct yourself on and off the court in accordance with the rules of Auckland Tennis and adopt suitable court etiquette at all times. You represent Mission Bay and we zealously protect our image and reputation. Any behaviour which brings Mission Bay Tennis Club, the game of tennis, or the team into disrepute will not be tolerated. This includes unsportsmanlike behaviour, equipment abuse and foul language.
- 10 You should make yourself available for team practices as defined by the Team Captain. Practices will normally be decided upon after consultation with the team members
- 11 When you are scheduled for a home game, you will need to bring an appropriate plate for lunch/afternoon tea. You will also be expected to assist other team members with cleaning and tidying the clubroom.

12 We encourage you to participate in the annual club championships. This assists in growing and developing the competitive environment in addition to enhancing the social atmosphere that we enjoy at Mission Bay.

8 Key dates

Date	Task	Owner	Progress
Early June	Email players asking who is keen to play summer interclub	Bruce	
Mid June	Appoint selectors	Angela	
26/6/09	Close off date for responses	Bruce	
By 1/7/08	Contact relevant players and advise them they are required to play in the July monthly challenge for interclub trials	Bruce & Angela	
6/7/08	Selectors meeting – revise interclub policy and allocate teams to selectors	Selectors	
6/7 - 31/7	Call players to confirm their availability and ensure trial matches have been played	Selectors	
3/8/08	Selectors meeting – first draft of teams. Advise Bruce of any transfers	Selectors	
6/8/08	Submit transfers to Auckland Tennis	Bruce	
10/8/08	Selectors meeting – finalise teams (only if required)	Selectors	
20/8/08	Submit teams to Auckland Tennis.	Bruce	
25/8/08	Email team lists to players and captains and put up at the club	Bruce & Angela	
31/8 -12/9	Contact team members and confirm availability for the season.	Captains	
4/9/08	Draws ready to pick up from ASB Centre (this is when we can confirm which Open grade teams we have been assigned)	Bruce	
7/9/08	Meet with Captains to handover balls, team sheets, rules etc and train on entering results in Top Dog	Selectors	
12/9/08	INTERCLUB STARTS – WEEK 1 CR Men		

	Second Grade Men CR Women Ferrier Cup Open grades-even numbers		
19/9/08	INTERCLUB STARTS – WEEK 2 First Grade Men Pres A Open grades-odd numbers		
25/9/08	CARO BOWL STARTS BYE		
2/10/08	CARO BOWL MB v Royal Oak @ Royal Oak		
9/10/08	CARO BOWL MB v Glendowie @ Mission Bay		
16/10/08	CARO BOWL MB v Pompallier @ Pompallier		
30/10/08	CARO BOWL MB v Kohimarama @ Kohi		
6/11/08	CARO BOWL MB v Remuera @ Remuera		
13/11/08	CARO BOWL MB v Parnell @ Parnell		
20/11/08	SEMI FINALS		
27/11/08	FINALS		