**<Monday Women’s Doubles and Wednesday Mixed Doubles> [Updated 11/2020]**

Hi, tennis players!

This is an update of our organisation of the **Monday/Wednesday tennis sessions**:

Where: **Mangawhai Tennis Courts**

When: **Monday and Wednesday mornings**

Normal hours: 8:30/9:00/9.30 for 1.5 to 2 hours. Please check starting times with the organiser before coming to the courts.

Who: [Mondays] Ladies of **all skill levels are** welcome. (However, basic knowledge of tennis skills, scoring and rules is necessary.)

[Wednesdays] In addition to the ladies described above, senior men are welcome but only by invitations from existing female players.

How: We fill the courts up **based on the arrival time of players, NOT according to perceived skill levels.**

If we have full double courts, single or 3-people games, and no extra people waiting:

we play the **first slot of 30 min from the start** including warm-up. After the completion of that 30min start time, we have 1-2 mins for drinks and changeover to mix players. Then after a total of 30min (less the changeover time), we play for the next time bracket of 30 min games followed by the 1-2min swap-over/drink time and so on.

**IMPORTANT**: When the timekeeper calls out, the games must stop **immediately** to allow the changeover to take place. The two players **closest to the centre fence** [to avoid discrimination and this is a change from before, where winners moved and losers stayed] **move clockwise** [that is TO THE RIGHT] to the next court and split up as shown below:



The ones furthest from the centre fence **stay on their court and split up too**, so that the **new combination consists of a new person and an existing person on each side. This means that your partner becomes your opposition in the next game!**

The call to changeover naturally comes most of the time in the middle of a set or a game. Still we have to stop **IMMEDIATELY** in order to enable a smooth and time efficient changeover.

If we have extra people, we swap them in by **replacing the last server** with one waiting extra person

**AFTER EACH GAME** (NOT SET), preferably over at least 2 courts. That way the extras are not sitting too long, and we avoid getting cold and then injured. We do expect that the extras pay attention when it is their turn to join a court as the server is coming off and move there as soon as a request gets called out. If we have an extra person waiting, we ask that you play a short deuce so the extra does not have to wait too long.

If there are 2 or 3 people, we suggest that they play and warm-up if they want.

If two or more players decide to leave early and no new players are moving to your court, split up and join other courts as an extra(s). Please don’t expect organisers to tell you what to do. We are also there to enjoy the games.

We hope that we satisfactorily can accommodate all the players this way, but we are always open to suggestions for improvement, and additional organisers are welcome!

**PLEASE NOTE: THE ORGANISERS VOLUNTEERED TO RUN MON/WED TENNIS AND SHOULD BE TREATED KINDLY.**

Happy playing!