

Monday Women's Doubles and Wednesday Mixed Doubles [Updated May 2024]

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.

EXTRA PLAYER RULES:

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 and is cold, we ask that you play a short deuce so the extra does not have to wait too long.

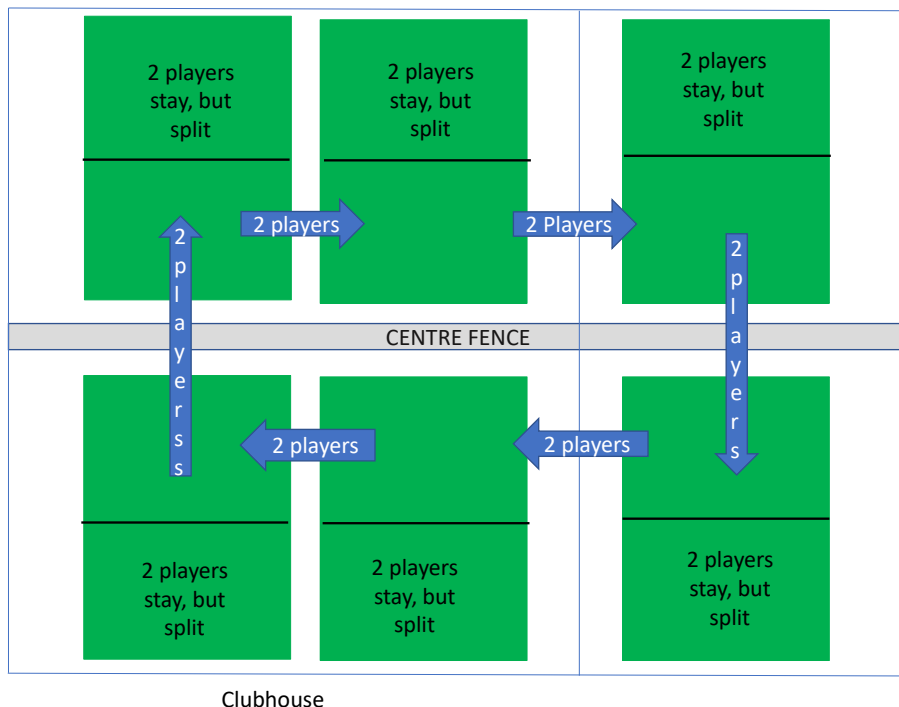
As we allow people to arrive and join (not all have to be there at 9am), at times we will have extra players who arrive and will suddenly be waiting to come on as the server comes off, please keep an eye out whether someone is waiting, if you are playing.

How this works is dependent on the number of extras (assuming we have 1 or more courts in action):

- 1 extra - stay on courts being used (typically those two that are near clubhouse, but also are by carpark) and both courts rotate in extra.
- 2 extra - one on court 1st court and 1 on 2nd court being used staying on that courts to speed up time of change over
- 3 extras

- a) if have three courts or more full then go and be on one court swapping in unless we have 2 back courts full then do like only 1 extra and swap in on both courts.
- b) three extras when we only have one or two full courts:
 - Option 1 three play America doubles on the another court.
 - Option 2 sit in a row and stay in order of coming off, then in the order get swapped in, with next person joining the end being #3 to come on
- c) three extra only one court full. Three play American doubles until server comes off other full court and, in order, replaces the next person due to come on full court and is the last person on for American doubles. OR can sit together and chat while waiting.

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!**

If you are sitting down when the call is made, you will swap on for the current server, that means if the current server is closest to fence and moving, they would sit down and you move, or if the current server is staying, they sit down and you replace them on the court you were the extra on.

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.

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. WE WILL NOT TOLERATE RUDENESS TO ORGANISERS NOR OTHER PLAYERS AND YOU NEED TO PLAY BY THE RULES. AS PART OF BEING IN THE CLUB YOU AGREE TO ABIDE BY OUR RULES AND THE RULES ON THE ORGANISED GAMES.

Happy playing!