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CANTERBURY TENNIS CONTACT DETAILS

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RULES OF CANTERBURY TENNIS FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF INTERCLUB COMPETITIONS

***Amendments for the 2011/2012 season
are in bold & italics for ease of identification***

POWERS

1. Canterbury Tennis has the power: -
 - a) To carry out and control competitions between affiliated clubs and to deal with all matters arising.
 - b) To deal with the eligible entries received under the promotion/relegation system and from new teams. The Interclub Advisory Group has discretionary power to place new teams in positions it deems appropriate, subject to positions being available.
 - c) To hear disputes, which may arise from time to time.

INTERCLUB ADMINISTRATION & CONTROLLERS

2. Interclub Tennis in Christchurch is administered by the Administration of Canterbury Tennis: -
 - a) All Interclub Tennis in Christchurch is to be played according to the Code of Conduct Rules set out in Appendix I.

- b) For Premier grades the hosting team's Club Captain or his/her nominee will be deemed to be the referee. This person shall not play in the tie.**
- c) The Referee or Controller appointed to control Interclub Tennis on any playing day shall have total authority to deal with all matters arising on the day and his or her decisions on the day will have immediate effect but will be subject to appeal as set out in Rule 9.

GENERAL

- 3 ***The Club Captain of the home team will make the call on rained off matches. If the Club Captain is also a player in the team it may be necessary for an alternate such as the President to make the call.***
4. Interclub may be played from **24 September** until **18 December** and from **22 January** until everything is completed. All days within the season must be considered playing days if required, until each grade is completed.
5. The Interclub Advisory Group shall rule on any matters arising out of these Rules that are not provided for within these Rules or matters arising from shifting matches away from Wilding Park this season.
6. The Laws of Tennis and the Code of Conduct currently sanctioned by Tennis NZ, and the regulations of the Board as laid down in the Tennis NZ handbook, so far as they are applicable, shall be observed provided they do not conflict with the Canterbury Tennis Interclub Rules.

7. Should any team fail to comply with any of the Canterbury Tennis Interclub Rules, the Interclub Advisory Group shall have power to discipline the Club in the appropriate manner.
8. If a scheduled Premier Men's or Premier Women's contest conflicts with a senior representative match, national senior championships or a senior tournament being run in Christchurch by Canterbury Tennis or Tennis NZ officials, a club with two or more players participating from the one team in the above grades only (Premier Men or Women), may apply in writing to Canterbury Tennis by 4.00pm on the Wednesday prior to the contest, for dispensation on that day. Canterbury Tennis may defer the contest between the club applying and their opponents on that day, and this match would then be played as directed by Canterbury Tennis.

INTERCLUB APPEAL

9. Interclub Appeals process
 - a) No appeal may be brought in respect of a time violation or code violation issued by a Referee or Controller
 - b) The penalties for an accumulation of time violations or code violations are as set out in Rule 26 and Appendix I.
 - c) A club, on behalf of a player or team, may give written notice (by letter, fax or email):
 - (i) of an appeal against a decision of the Referee or Controller on a playing day; or

- (ii) of a complaint in respect of the conduct of a player or team on a playing day.
- d) The written notice must be:
 - (i) Delivered to the Administrator by 5:00pm on the first working day (being a Monday to Friday both inclusive which is not a Public Holiday) after the playing day on which the decision was made or the conduct occurred.
 - (ii) Must set out full grounds of the complaint.
- e) The Administrator, on receiving:
 - (i) A complaint or report by the Referee or Controller under Rule 2; or
 - (ii) A written notice under Rule 9 (c)

Shall immediately decide:

- i. Either to take no action;
 - ii. Refer the matter to a Commissioner.
 - iii. If the nature of the matter is particularly serious, refer the matter to the Interclub Advisory Group (which may in turn in exceptional circumstances refer the matter to the Board of Canterbury Tennis).
- f) In every instance a consideration will be made as to whether the matter is capable of resolution by mediation.
- g) A Commissioner appointed to deal with the issue or the Interclub Advisory Group:

- (i) Shall endeavour to deal with it as soon as possible or within 14 days.
 - (ii) Has discretion to deal with the matter by phone or by formal hearing
 - (iii) Will make such reasonable inquiries and fix such procedure for hearing as the as the Commissioner or the Interclub Advisory Group thinks reasonable.
 - (iv) Will conduct the decision process with principles of fairness.
 - (v) Will give a written decision with reasons.
 - (vi) Has the powers set out in Rule 26 and the Constitution including a power to fine or suspend a player or team and to award costs against a player or team.
- h) No appeal shall arise from the decision of the Commissioner or the Interclub Advisory Group except in accordance with the Constitution.

ENTRIES

10. Clubs become eligible to enter automatically under the following criteria:
- a) That there is automatic promotion/relegation throughout the grades (except mixed grades) with the proviso that there be up to two teams in all grades (subject to Rule 11d). In the event of there being insufficient entries in a grade, the Interclub Advisory Group has power to accept teams (refer Appendix III).

- b) Clubs desiring to compete in the interclub competition shall notify Canterbury Tennis when requested and enclose with such notice an entry fee of such amount for each team as may from time to time be decided upon by the Canterbury Tennis Board. All clubs must forward a list of playing personnel of at least four names per team on the official entry form to Canterbury Tennis. A maximum of seven squad members may be nominated for Premier Men and Premier Women.
- No late entries will be accepted.
 - Clubs failing to name the minimum number of personnel for any team may not have that team accepted by the Interclub Advisory Group.
- c) A player may only be named for one club and one team. A free transfer will be granted upon written request from a club for any player originally named on the official entry forms, to another team within that club, provided that player has not played for any team up to that point during the current season. These written requests must be received before 4.00pm on the Wednesday prior to their first match.

ELIGIBILITY AND RANKING

11. a) To be eligible to play for a Club, a player must be a member of that Club and not in default of monies to any affiliated club.
- b) No player having represented a Club in any grade shall be entitled to play for another Club in the current season

without first obtaining the written permission of Canterbury Tennis.

- c) No player shall play for a Club in the competitions if he or she is un-financial to any other Club affiliated with Tennis New Zealand or to Canterbury Tennis.
- d) Juniors are to be eligible and selected as per Appendix II. In Premier Men and Women, there is no age qualification or limit to the number of junior players entered.

In all other grades, (except Premier Men and Women, and except Div 2 and Div 4 Mixed where no Juniors are eligible to enter), a maximum of three juniors will be eligible per team of five, "per contest" or "playing on a particular day", i.e. at least two (2) Senior players are required per team per contest, and both Senior players are required to play in singles and doubles, except where four juniors play as a team (if approved by the Interclub Advisory Group).

A club may apply for dispensation for any all-Junior team to be entered in Senior Interclub Div 1 and below providing every effort has been made to comply with the criteria above, and providing the players were named in a Senior team in the previous season. A team manager with interclub experience MUST be nominated at time of entry and be present during all games to administer their team to comply with all rules, and facilitate competitive and fair-spirited matches. Penalties for non-compliance will apply.

In Division 1 and below, Juniors are classified as under 16 years of age (boys) or under 15 years of age (girls) and they must meet the criteria for junior eligibility as per Appendix II.

Juniors who were named players in the previous Senior Interclub season are automatically granted dispensation to enter Senior Interclub Division 1 and below.

The placement of any new teams in grades will be at the discretion of the Interclub Advisory Group.

NB: Applications for any dispensations must be made at least 10 days prior to the notified closing date on the entry form for team members to be ratified.

A Junior player is eligible to play in both the Senior and Junior Grades during a season.

- e) A named player is a player whose name for a particular grade has been submitted to Canterbury Tennis in writing by 4.00pm on the Wednesday prior to a contest. In all grades the close off for naming new players is the last Wednesday in January, unless the player has played more than three matches for that club in lower grades in the current season (subject to Rule 12), or dispensation is given at the discretion of the Interclub Advisory Group.

Playing Order/Ranking

- f) In Premier Men and Women, the playing order will be determined by ConfigureRankings points. Points at **7 September 2011** will set the playing

order until 31 December 2011. Points at 31 December 2011 will set the playing order for the remainder of the season.

- g) In all other grades, in singles matches, the players must play in order of playing strength, merit and ability, as determined by:
1. the Club Ranking Ladder
 2. head-to-head results, or
 3. the statement of the Club that the order properly reflects the correct playing order of the players having regard to playing strength, merit and the abilities and results of the players.

The Club must be prepared to justify the playing order in the event that any issue is raised in regard to the order.

In doubles matches the top ranked player on the day must play in the top doubles. Where there are two un-named players in a team, the named players must play in the top doubles, and the un-named in the bottom doubles.

In Senior Mixed 4's the top singles player/s on the day must play in the top doubles and mixed doubles.

In all grades any alteration to the singles playing order must be notified in writing to Canterbury Tennis by 4.00pm on the Wednesday prior to the event. Penalty of two Penalty Points for each offence. (Refer Rule 13).

- h) Any player not named for the team in which they are playing shall play in the

lowest position in that team in singles, doubles and mixed doubles. Penalty of two Penalty Points for each match in which that player has played. (Refer Rule 13).

Any un-named player who plays three times in a grade automatically becomes a named player in that grade thereafter. This rule overrides 11(e) prior to semi-finals, finals and playoffs.

Please note: A player can only be named for one club and one team.

- i) No player shall be permitted to play in the semi-finals, finals or playoffs of any section or grade unless he or she has played at least two rounds in the team concerned, or obtained permission from the Interclub Advisory Group within 48 hours of the match (or within a shorter period in exceptional circumstances). This also applies to all promotion/relegation matches.

REGRADES

12. Any player who in the current season has played in three matches in any higher grade or grades cannot play in a lower grade in that season unless he or she has been regraded by Canterbury Tennis upon written application from the Club. Regrades cannot be done in advance.

e.g. A player cannot play on a Saturday and then be regraded to play in a lower grade on the Sunday following.

Written application must be received and approved by Canterbury Tennis by 4.00pm on the Wednesday prior to the match

concerned. Players will be permitted only one regrade each season.

Any player who then plays again in any higher grade is committed to play in that grade for the remainder of that season.

Regrades will not be granted to any player to participate in section semi-finals, finals, play off matches or promotion/relegation matches, if that player has played four or more matches out of the grade concerned. Regrades will not be given to players whose grade has been completed for the season to then play in lower teams.

PENALTIES

13. a) Where the term 'technical point' occurs the point or points may, at the discretion of the Interclub Administration, be deducted from the offending team's accumulated points, but NOT awarded to the non offending team. A technical point(s) does not affect the bonus points awarded to the winning team.

A maximum of 2 points only per team may be deducted for result sheet offences in any one contest.

- b) In any part of these rules where the term 'penalty point' is used, the following shall apply:
- i) Penalty points shall be deducted from the offending team and awarded to the opposing team, provided that the offending team has points to be deducted.

No team shall lose negative points.

Example

Team A wins 4 matches

Team B wins 2 matches

Therefore on the day team A wins and is awarded bonus points.

Should team A commit two offences – the result then becomes Team B: 4 matches to Team A: 2 matches. Bonus points are now allocated to Team B.

Should team B commit 3 offences, as Team B has won only two matches, it loses 2 points. (The other penalty point is not awarded, as the offending team would have a negative result.) The result in this example would be Team A: 6 matches, Team B: 0 matches, and Team A gets the bonus points.

- ii) In the event of penalty points being allocated which cause a draw to a contest, in a count-back, penalty point matches shall be deemed to be lost 0-6, 0-6.
- iii) Should penalty points be allocated, bonus points (Refer Rule 15b) are awarded after the allocation of penalty points to a maximum of either 9 points or 15 points, depending on the grade.

COMPETITION GRADES

- 14. a) The status of the grades shall be as shown below (with the number of teams eligible for each grade restricted at the discretion of the Interclub Advisory Group):-

Premier Women
Division 1 Women
Division 2 Men
Senior Mixed 4's
Division 3 Men
Division 2 Women
Division 2 Mixed
Division 4 Men
Division 4 Mixed

Premier Men
Division 1 Men

A limit of two teams per club applies, at the discretion of the Interclub Advisory Group.

Doubles matches (for all grades) are to be two sets and a super tie break if a third set is necessary.

- b) Premier Women and Premier Men will be for teams of four or five, the contest comprising singles and doubles.
- c) Divisions 1-4 Men and 1-2 Women will be for teams of up to five men and up to five women respectively, the contest comprising singles and doubles. The fifth player option is a reserve doubles player only. Except where four Juniors play as a team, at least two (2) Senior players are required per team per contest, and both Senior players are required to play in singles and doubles.

Each match shall consist of two sets, the 12 point tiebreaker to operate at 6-all, and should the match go to one set all, a further super-tiebreaker game shall be played to decide the match (the first to 10 points with a two point margin being the winner).

The result of the third set on the result sheet is 1-0 or 0-1. For a count back on either sets or games, the tiebreaker counts as both one set and one game.

- d) In the grades covered by 14b and 14c, the results of all contests shall be decided on the number of matches won. If tied, on the number of sets won, and if still tied, then on the number of games won. Points are allocated AFTER the completion of each contest.
- e) Senior Mixed 4's will be for teams of two men and two women. At least two (2) Senior players are required per team per contest, and both Senior players are required to play in singles and doubles.

The contest shall consist of singles, doubles, and mixed. Singles best of 17 games with a 12-point tiebreaker at eight games all, doubles and mixed doubles two sets, with 12 point tiebreaker at 6 all. If one set all, a third set super-tiebreaker only shall be played (as per 14c) above).

- f) Division 2 Mixed will be for teams of two men and two women; the contest comprising doubles and mixed doubles, each match the best of 21 games with a 12-point tiebreaker at 10 games all. In the mixed doubles the same partners will play each opposing pair.
- g) Division 4 Mixed will be for teams of two men and two women, the contest comprising doubles and mixed doubles, each match the best of 17 games with a 12-point tiebreaker at 8 games all. In the mixed doubles the same partners will play each opposing pair. Juniors are not permitted.
- h) The results of contests covered by 14(e), (f), and (g) will be decided on the number of matches won. If tied, then on the number of games won. Points are

allocated AFTER the completion of each contest.

- i) If matches are tied after games are equal, total points are shared.

COMPETITION POINTS

15. Winners of all grades will be decided on the basis of the highest accumulation of points gained as follows:-

- a) For each set won against an opposing player or doubles combination, 1 point. (a "tiebreaker" is deemed to be one set.)

- b) The winning team will be awarded bonus points as follows:-

Four handed teams	3 points
Senior Mixed 4's	4 points

- c) Where there are sections within a grade from the beginning of the competition, rather than round robin competition followed by section play, the top team from each section will play off to find the winner of the grade.
- d) When a competition comprises one complete round followed by another round, or section play, points are cumulative. Points are carried through from preceding rounds to the next unless otherwise specified by the Interclub Advisory Group.
- e) For promotion/relegation and play off purposes, should teams finish the season on equal points, the team winning the individual contest in the first round is deemed the higher placed team.

NOTE: Points are allocated AFTER the completion of each contest. The result of each contest is not determined by the number of points won.

FINALS

16. a) For all interclub grades the competitions will be scheduled, as much as possible, to be completed on the same day on a "Finals Day" to be scheduled and notified early in the season. A reserve day will be scheduled should this finals day be rained off. Finals are to be played between the teams finishing in the top and runner-up position in each grade (or between the teams finishing top of the two sections of one grade), regardless of the margin of points separating them.

The "Finals Day" will include all divisions, including those usually played on days other than Saturday using at least two courts per contest.

(NB: In Premier Men & Women, Division 1 Men & Women, Division 2 Men & Women, and Divisions 3 and 4 Men, doubles matches are played first in the final only.)

- b) Clubs winning the respective grades shall be entitled to hold, for one year, the respective trophy provided by Canterbury Tennis.

RESULT SHEETS

17. a) In Premier Men and Women, before the commencement of any contest, all five

players are to be named. The club will be issued with a result sheet. It is the team captain's duty to enter their team's details before handing it to the opposing captain for insertion of particulars of his or her team. (e.g. First name and surname.)

BOTH TEAMS MUST COMPLETE THE SHEETS BEFORE COMMENCEMENT OF ANY CONTEST.

In Premier Men's & Premier Women's, when singles are played first, the doubles combinations do not have to be named before the commencement of the contest, but **MUST** be named within 5 minutes after the completion of the last singles match.

Penalty - two technical points may be deducted from a team not filling in the opposing sheet. (Refer Rule 13a)

Each captain is responsible for furnishing a signed, completed, detailed result of the match, whether won, lost or drawn on the result sheet provided by Canterbury Tennis. Penalty - two technical points may be deducted. (Refer Rule 13a)

- b) All other grades require one sheet only, which must be completed with player's names in singles, doubles and mixed where applicable, before commencement of play. Failure to comply - penalty - two technical points may be deducted. (Refer Rule 13a)

At the end of a match, a representative from both teams shall sign the sheet giving full details of the contest. Failure to comply - penalty - two technical

points may be deducted. (Refer Rule 13a)

- c) For matches played at Wilding Park the result sheet must be returned to the Control Office or handed to the Interclub Controller immediately after the completion of the contest. Failure to comply - penalty - two technical points may be deducted. (Refer Rule 13a)
- d) When the match is played elsewhere, Canterbury Tennis must receive the result sheet by the following Tuesday. (These results may be faxed to Wilding Park on 389 5205). This is the winning team's responsibility. Failure to comply with the procedure may result in no points being awarded to the winning team and/or the deduction of two technical points. (Refer Rule 13a).
- e) Premier Grade: The results shall be emailed to **premier@canterburytennis.co.nz** by **10am on the morning** immediately following the match. Result sheets for rained off matches are also required. The signed sheet shall be faxed, emailed or posted to Canterbury Tennis by the following Tuesday. Failure to comply with the procedure may result in no points being awarded to the winning team and/or the deduction of two technical points. (Refer Rule 13a).

UMPIRES

- 18. Umpires are not required in any grade.

STARTING TIMES AND COMPLETION OF MATCHES

19. a) All contest start times will be confirmed in the schedule of matches. However, in certain circumstances, to be confirmed by Canterbury Tennis in writing, these times may be altered.

Premier Men & Women contests, which are played at home courts, may, at the discretion of the host club, use two or four courts.

NB: All team members must be at allocated courts ready to play by starting time irrespective of court availability. Warm up must not exceed 5 minutes in duration.

In all grades, all players (including the fifth player, if this player is included in the team) should report at their allocated court within 10 minutes of their appointed start time. (Penalty: two technical points may be deducted).

- b) In Senior Mixed 4's the order of play shall be men's and women's doubles followed by singles, and then mixed doubles.
- c) If a stipulated contest has not begun within ten minutes, the player responsible for the delay will forfeit the affected match only. This rule is mandatory. Should the late player arrive within 30 minutes of the scheduled start time of the affected match, this player is eligible to play the remaining matches. (Refer Rule 21 and Rules 2b and 2c)

- d) Rained out matches - If 60% or more of the matches in each individual contest scheduled for that time are completed, the contest will be continued at a later date, to be played with the original players only. If fewer than 60% of the matches scheduled for that time are completed, the matches will not be rescheduled; the points are shared, whereby each team will receive 12 points (or 6 points for Division 2 & 4 Mixed), except for finals (refer Rule 17a) and for Play-offs which are to be replayed . Each contest is decided individually and is not affected by the status of other contests in the same grade.
- e) For divisions where teams are scheduled a bye, each bye will be awarded 12 points (or 6 points for Division 2, 3 or 4 Mixed).
- f) There is to be no break in play between sets in all grades. One and a half minutes are allowed when changing ends, but not in a tiebreaker. (Penalty – one game may be deducted for each infringement).
- g) Portable and/or cell phones must be switched off at courtside. Players using a cell phone will be penalised two technical points for each time the phone is used. This includes phone calls and texting.
- h) Players will not be permitted to leave the court area to fill a drink bottle once their match has commenced. Toilet breaks only to be taken at the end of sets - maximum time four minutes. (Penalty - one game may be deducted for each infringement).

ADOPTED BALL

20. ***The Wilson Australian Open ball is the official ball of Canterbury Tennis and it must be used for all interclub contests.***

Each team shall supply 50% of the required balls for each tie, ie Premier – 3 pair per team.

SHORT-HANDED TEAMS AND INCAPACITATION

21. Should a team be short-handed, the following penalties will apply.

- a) Where a team has one player not present at courtside within ten minutes of the scheduled starting time, the affected match only will be defaulted. This rule is mandatory. Depending on the position of the absent player, all remaining players in the short-handed team shall move up their positions and necessary alterations to result sheets be permitted.

Should the late player arrive within 30 minutes of the scheduled start time of the short-handed match, then players revert to their original rankings for the remainder of the contest.

Should the late player not arrive at all, or arrive after 30 minutes of the scheduled start time of the short-handed match, this player is deemed ineligible to play, and the bottom singles, doubles, and mixed doubles (if applicable), will be defaulted.

Notification to the captain of the opposing team should be made, if it is

known before starting time that the team will be short.

The responsibility for making alterations to results sheet(s) lies with the short-handed team. Penalty for this rule not being observed: one penalty point for every game played out of order.

In contests where the singles matches are played first, the full-handed team has the right, immediately after the singles games have been played, to alter its doubles and mixed doubles (if applicable) combinations from the order originally nominated in accordance with Rule 17, should the absence of the late player affect the positioning of the short-handed doubles combinations.

The captain of the full-handed team is not permitted under any circumstances to void the default(s) and play the match(es) if the late player arrives after the permitted times.

- b) When a team is more than one player short, the team will be defaulted.
- c) Where a player is incapacitated through injury, illness or any other cause during a match, no replacement will be permitted in any matches still to be played by that player. Any game won by an injured player must stand. If a player is unable to continue after five minutes, that match will be defaulted, and should that player be unable to play their subsequent scheduled match(es), they are also defaulted. i.e. there is no change in playing order permitted.

DEFAULTS

22. a) In the event of a team having to default its engagement with another team, it must advise Canterbury Tennis and the Club Captain of the Club being defaulted to, by midday on the Friday before the contest is to take place. This is then a notified default and will incur penalties as follows

i) For teams playing at club or school courts a default fee of \$50.00 per team will be charged. **For a premier grade team, the fine shall be doubled.**

ii) Deduction of 2 points.

Failure to observe this procedure when defaulting becomes an un-notified default and will incur penalties comprising:

i) For teams playing at club or school courts a default fee of \$100.00 per team will be charged. **For a Premier grade team, the fine shall be doubled.**

ii) Deduction of 4 points

b) Where a team has notified its default of a match and on the scheduled day all matches are abandoned because of bad weather, or any other reason, the default is likewise cancelled.

c) Where a team withdraws after the commencement of the draw, a fee of \$500.00 will be charged.

d) Any team that defaults twice or more in any one season shall be withdrawn from

the grade. If this occurs the team will automatically be bottom of the grade and may only be reinstated the following season at the discretion of the Interclub Advisory Group.

PROMOTION / RELEGATION

23. a) In Divisions 1-4 Men and 1-2 Women, the team finishing in the second lowest position is subject to a challenge, lodged in writing within seven days of completion of the challenging team's last match, by the team finishing in the second placed position of the grade below. This match is to be played upon completion of both grades at the end of the current season, on courts allocated by Canterbury Tennis. Either team must be prepared to change day and time if applicable, and be aware of this situation.
- b) In Premier Men and Women, the team finishing bottom will be automatically relegated in favour of the winner of Division 1.

TENNIS ATTIRE

- c) All players shall dress and present themselves for play in a professional manner. Clean and customarily acceptable tennis attire shall be worn.

In no event may any of the following be used during a match. **Dress shirts, T shirts, beach shirts, rugby jerseys, Cargo shorts, denim gear, Lycra shorts, or any items of attire or equipment bearing a commercial identification** other than that allowed under the Tennis New Zealand Code of Conduct.

The Tennis New Zealand Dress Code reads:

Tennis New Zealand Dress Code

All players shall dress and present themselves in an appropriate manner for tennis. Clean and customarily acceptable tennis attire shall be worn including during the warm-up.

d) Unacceptable attire

Unacceptable attire includes gym, beach or rugby shorts, sweatshirts, skivvies or T-shirts and any other attire deemed inappropriate by the referee or tournament management in consultation with the referee.

b) Commercial Identification

e) Shirt, Sweater or Jacket

(i) Sleeves: One (1) commercial (non manufacturer's) identification for each sleeve, neither of which exceeds three (3) square inches (19.5 sq.cm) plus one (1) manufacturer's standard logo on each sleeve, neither of which exceeds eight (8) square inches (52 sq.cm) area on either side or both sleeves, such written identifications may not exceed four (4) square inches (26 sq. cm) per sleeve.

(ii) Sleeveless (Female & Male): Two (2) commercial (non manufacturer's) identification, neither of which shall exceed three (3) square inches (19.5 sq.cm) on the front of the garment. The manufacturer's

standard logos permitted on the sleeves above may not be placed on a sleeveless shirt.

(iii) Front, Back and Collar: Total of two (2) standard logos of the manufacturer, neither of which exceeds two (2) square inches (13 sq.cm), or one (1) standard logo of the manufacturer not to exceed four (4) square inches (26 sq. cm) in any of the locations.

2) Shorts/skirts

Two (2) standard logos of the manufacturer, neither of which exceeds two (2) square inches (13 sq. cm) or one (1) standard logo of the manufacturer not to exceed four (4) square inches (26 sq.cm). On compression shorts, one (1) manufacturer's standard logo not to exceed two (2) square inches (13 sq.cm) and which shall be in addition to the two (2) authorised logos on shorts.

3) Dresses

For the purposes of allowed identification, a dress shall be treated as a combination of a shirt and a skirt (dividing the dress at the waist).

4) Socks/Shoes

Standard logos of the manufacturer on each sock and on each shoe. The logos on the sock(s) on each foot shall be limited to a maximum of two (2) square inches (13 sq.cm).

5) Racquet

No inappropriate signage on racquet or strings

6) Hats & Caps

The hat or cap is to be of a type specially designed for sport, be of a regular colour/design and may have on it the logo or name of a recognized tennis clothing manufacturer (front and back), or the name/logo of the event (or event sponsor) in which the player is taking part. Hat/caps with other wording or logos are not permitted.

7) Headbands and Wristbands

One (1) standard logo of manufacturer not to exceed two (2) square inches (13 sq. cm).

f) Warm-up clothing

Warm-up clothing (including tracksuits) may be worn during warm-up but not during a match unless the referee gives permission. Removal of warm-up clothing is to take place during the prescribed warm-up time to the match. Warm-up clothing must comply with all provisions of Rule 25 (b).

Additional Canterbury Rule

If players desire they may have one (1) logo or name not exceeding 225 square cm (36 square inches) on EITHER the front OR back of shirt or top. Should this option be used no other logo or sign is permitted on the front of that shirt or top, other than one (1) manufacturer's logo which may not exceed 12.9sq cm (2 square inches). Doubt about the acceptability of an item of attire or equipment shall be resolved prior to the commencement of play by consultation with the Interclub Controller who may direct a change of attire. In the Interclub Controller's opinion, if any player is in unsuitable attire, he/she will be given five minutes to find an acceptable alternative.

Failure to do so may result in two technical points being deducted from the offending team.

(NB: Turning a garment inside out does not resolve this.) Tracksuits may be worn only for hitting up unless the Interclub Controller in special cases shall otherwise allow. The Interclub Controller's decision shall be final and any player who fails to comply may be defaulted.

Players must wear shirts at all times.

FOOTWEAR

25. Footwear must be manufactured especially for tennis with non-marking soles. Running, Astro turf, and touch rugby shoes will not be permitted. Playing in bare feet is prohibited. Players failing to comply will be given five minutes to comply or default the whole contest.

DISCIPLINE

26. i) Where the Interclub Controller or Referee considers a player's behaviour warrants discipline, he or she must submit a written report within forty-eight hours of the offence to the Interclub Administration to effect such discipline upon that player as determined.

A high standard of discipline on court is required. Unacceptable behaviour (i.e. racquet, ball or verbal abuse) constituting a breach of the code of conduct will not be tolerated and will be subject to the following penalties.

1. Warning for first breach.

2. Point deduction for second breach.
3. A game deduction for every subsequent breach.

Points will be cumulative and a player receiving a third penalty during a season will be suspended as described in Appendix I (iv) Suspension Points

- ii) Should there be a dispute with any decision relating to Interclub, the Club has the right to appeal the matter to the Interclub Advisory Group. (Refer Rule 9.)

APPENDIX I

Tennis New Zealand Code of Conduct

The Tennis New Zealand Code of Conduct is based on the principle that the best tennis is a product of concentration, discipline and enjoyment.

The public is entitled to see the game of tennis played according to uniform rules and to a high standard and players are entitled to respect from opponents and protection from irresponsible behaviour. This code is designed to provide information for players, parents and coaches on the standards of conduct expected at the tournaments.

i. ON-COURT BEHAVIOR

Players shall at all times conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner, abide by the rules of tennis and give due regard to the authority of officials and the rights of opponents and spectators.

(a) Commencement of play / reporting times

Matches shall follow the scheduled order of play, which may be changed only by the referee or tournament director. Players not ready to commence within fifteen (15) minutes after their match is called shall be defaulted. At the discretion of the referee or tournament director the player may also be withdrawn from all other events and accumulate suspension points as per the suspension point schedule.

(b) Warm up period

Players shall commence play after the prescribed warm-up period (which shall not exceed five (5) minutes) has been

completed. The toss shall be made before the warm-up commences.

(c) Pace of the Match

A maximum of twenty (20) seconds shall elapse from the moment the ball goes out of play until the server tosses the ball for the first serve of the next point. The receiver shall play to the reasonable pace of the server. In matches played without ball persons, players shall be given reasonable time to retrieve balls for the next point. Any deliberate act of hitting a ball further away than reasonably expected, even within the confines of a court area could be assessed as a deliberate wasting of time and penalised in accordance with the code of conduct schedule.

(d) End change – rest period

There is no rest period at the end change after the first game of each set or after each six points in a tiebreak. At all other changes players shall take no longer than ninety (90) seconds from the moment the ball goes out of play at the end of the game until the server tosses the ball in the act of serving the first serve of the next game.

(e) Set break

At the end of each set players are permitted a rest period not exceeding two (2) minutes. Players should remain on court. After the break players return to the same end unless the set was made up of an odd number of games or was a tie-break

(f) Toilet / Attire Breaks

A player is permitted to request and receive a suspension of play and permission to leave the court for a reasonable time for a toilet or change of attire break. Toilet breaks should be taken at the end of a set, if taken at another time they must be taken prior to that player/teams serve and can be used for no

other purpose. Change of attire breaks are only allowed for female players and must be taken on a set break. Male singles players are entitled to one (1) toilet break per match. Female singles players are entitled to two (2) breaks per match. Doubles teams are entitled to two (2) breaks per match, if partners leave the court together it counts as one (1) of the team's authorised breaks. Any break taken after the warm up has started is considered one of the authorised breaks. Additional breaks will be authorised, but will be penalised in accordance with the point penalty schedule if the player is not ready to play within the allotted time. No player is to receive coaching during a break.

(g) Medical Time Outs

In the event that a player sustains a medical condition during the match or warm-up or believes that medical diagnosis and treatment are required for a medical condition, the player may request a medical time out from the chair umpire or referee. The Sports Medicine Trainer, or in the absence of such a person, the referee, may authorise a one-time three (3) minute medical time-out for that condition to be treated. The player may make this request at any time during a match or warm up. A player will be allowed only one medical time-out per match for any and all cramping conditions. Heat related physical conditions may only be treated at the discretion of the Sports Medicine Trainer or referee.

Players may not receive any treatment during the match for: (i) any illness or condition that cannot be appropriately treated or will not be improved by medical treatment; (ii) any pre-existing condition not aggravated during play or; (iii) general player fatigue or; (iv) any medical treatment requiring intravenous injections (except

diabetic insulin shots that the player normally takes).

If the medical time out is taken at a changeover or set-break, then the allotted time for the time-out remains three (3) minutes but this is only taken once the changeover or set break is completed. The treatment times shall not include the time it takes for the medical trainer to assess the treatment required. Once treatment is complete reasonable time is allowed to put on shoes, socks or clothing that has been removed for treatment. Play should be underway within 30 seconds of the player having completed their attire. Players not ready to play within this time should be subject to the Code of conduct for delay of game in accordance with the Code of conduct schedule. As a guideline, further medical treatment following a medical time out should not exceed two changeovers.

(h) Withdrawals and Retirements

If a player withdraws or retires from a match due to illness or injury then, notwithstanding the respective rules or conditions of individual tournaments, in order for the player to play in a different event in the same tournament a medical certificate must be provided that, to the satisfaction of the Referee, states the player was unable to play the match from which he or she withdrew or retired but is fit to play in the subsequent event. The cost of obtaining such a medical certificate is the responsibility of the player.

(i) Umpiring

In matches that have a qualified chair umpire, the chair umpire shall be the final authority for matters of fact. In matches that are self umpired the Tennis NZ Self Umpiring Code shall apply.

(j) Coaching

Except where special provision is made for an event, players shall not receive coaching or advice from any person while a match is in progress.

ii. OFF-COURT BEHAVIOUR

When in the tournament complex or environment players shall at all times conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner and give due regard to the authority of officials and the rights of other players, spectators and the public.

Inappropriate behaviour may in the first instance be liable to an official warning by the referee or tournament management and subsequent violations may lead to default from all events in the tournament and reporting to the appropriate controlling authority.

Damage to property or equipment or, physical or verbal abuse of persons in the tournament environs, may lead to immediate default from all events in the tournament. Such default will be decided by the tournament management and referee together, whose decision shall be final.

iii. ON COURT BEHAVIOUR – OFFENCES AND PENALTIES

a) Offences

There are TEN code violation offences punishable by the full point penalty schedule:

- (1) Physical abuse
- (2) Verbal abuse
- (3) Audible obscenity
- (4) Visible obscenity
- (5) Abuse of balls
- (6) Abuse of racquets/equipment
- (7) Unreasonable delay
- (8) Coaching
- (9) Not putting forth best effort
- (10) Unsportsmanlike conduct

and THREE offences by particular parts of the schedule:

- (11) Time Violations
- (12) Dress Code
- (13) Leaving the court

b) Definitions of Offences

Below are the definitions of the TEN code violation offences punishable by the full point penalty schedule (see below):

1) Physical Abuse

Physical abuse is the unauthorised touching of an official, opponent, and spectator or other person.

2) Verbal Abuse

Verbal abuse is a statement directed at an official, opponent, spectator or other person that implies dishonesty or is derogatory, insulting or otherwise abusive.

3) Audible Obscenity

Audible obscenity is the use of words commonly known and understood to be profane and uttered clearly and loudly enough to be heard by the chair umpire, spectators, lines persons or ball persons.

4) Visible Obscenity

Visible obscenity is the making of signs by a player with his/her hands and/or racquet or obscene gestures that commonly have an obscene meaning or import to reasonable people.

5) Abuse of Balls

Abuse of balls is intentionally hitting a ball out of the enclosure of the court, hitting a ball dangerously or recklessly within the court or hitting a ball with negligent disregard of the consequences.

6) Abuse of Racquets and Equipment

Players shall not violently or with anger hit, kick or throw a racquet or other equipment within the precincts of the tournament site. For the purposes of this rule, abuse of racquets or equipment is intentionally and violently destroying or damaging racquets, equipment or intentionally and violently hitting the net, court, umpire's chair or other fixtures during a match out of anger or frustration.

7) Unreasonable Delay

Play shall be continuous and a player shall not unreasonably delay the match for any cause. If a delay

in excess of the times outlined in rule 4 (b) to (g) is the result of a medical condition or refusal to play after being ordered by the chair umpire or referee, a penalty shall be assessed in accordance with the point penalty schedule.

8) Coaching

Coaching is instruction or advice given verbally or visually by any person who is not a player in the match in question. The penalty for coaching is given against the player who is the recipient of the instruction or advice.

9) Not putting forth best efforts

A player shall always use best efforts to win a match. The referee will be the sole judge of penalties for not putting forth best efforts.

10) Unsportsmanlike Conduct

Players shall at all times act in a sportsmanlike manner and respect officials, spectators and others. Unsportsmanlike conduct is defined as misconduct that is clearly detrimental to the game but that may not fall specifically within any of the offences listed above.

Penalties

If a player commits any of the offences numbered 1 to 10 above, the offending player receives the following point penalties.

Number of offences per match	Description
First Offence	Warning
Second Offence	Loss of point
Third Offence	Loss of a game

Fourth and Subsequent Offences	Loss of a game or default as determined by the Referee
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Below are the four code violation offences punishable by particular parts of the schedule:

11) Time Violations

Time violations on court during a match (violations of rule 4 (b) to (g)) shall be subject to a warning on the first offence and a point penalty on the second and subsequent offences. Players cannot, however, receive two time violations 'back to back'. If a player receives a time violation and is still not ready to play within another twenty (20) seconds an unreasonable delay offence shall be assessed.

Number of offences per match	Description
First Offence	Warning
Second Offence & Subsequent Offences	Loss of point

12) Dress Code

Players who wear attire that does not comply with the dress code will first be subject to a warning by the referee and a request to change into appropriate attire. If a player is unable to change the referee may issue a code violation that will be considered the player's first offence for the match. The referee may default a player for flagrant breaches of the dress code or, after a first offence, for subsequent offences either in that match or following matches during the tournament or competition. The referee's decision on acceptable tennis attire shall be final and cannot be appealed.

Failure to comply with the dress code	Description
First Offence	Warning
Subsequent Offences	Default

13) Leaving the Court

A player may not leave the court area during a match without the permission of the chair umpire or referee. A player who violates this section may be defaulted by the referee.

c) Defaults

The referee may declare a default for a single flagrant violation of this Code or continuous violations after the first offence. In all cases of default, the decision of the referee shall be final and cannot be appealed. In addition, any player who is defaulted as herein provided may be defaulted from all other events, if any, in that tournament, except when the offending incident involves only a violation of the Punctuality, Dress and Equipment, loss of physical condition or injury provisions set out in this Code.

d) Disciplinary Committees

Any player that commits an offence outlined in the Code of Conduct may be subject to further penalty as decided by the Interclub Advisory Group. The Interclub Advisory Group may penalise players for gross breaches of the Code of Conduct regardless of whether or not a formal code violation was issued in respect of that offence.

iv. SUSPENSION POINTS

Players who are penalised under the Code of Conduct at Interclub will be subject to the following suspension point system.

Breach of Code	Suspension points
First Offence (Warning)	1
Second Offence (Loss of point)	1
Third Offence (Loss of a game)	2
Fourth and Subsequent Offences (Loss of a game)	3
Fourth and Subsequent Offences (Default from match by the Referee)	3
Default from the tournament by the Referee for a single serious violation of the Code of Conduct	10
Default due to late arrival for match	1

Accumulation of Points

Suspension points will be accumulated over a 3-month period and removed three (3) months after they are imposed. If a player accumulates three (3) or more points during a three (3) month period, at the conclusion of the round at which the player accumulated his or her third suspension point the following suspensions will be imposed.

1. An immediate stand-down for one week of scheduled competition play.
2. Upon being stood down for one week the player again accumulates 3 points in the same season, or is penalised with 6 or more points in a 3 month period, that player will be suspended until they appear in front of a disciplinary hearing at a time determined by the Interclub Advisory Group.

When a player resumes playing after a suspension, three (3) points will be removed from the player's total.

Doubles Events

In doubles matches code violation penalties are assessed against the team but suspension points shall be applied to the offending player(s).

v. NOTIFICATION OF CODE VIOLATION

On Court Code Violation

If a player commits an offence the referee is to approach the player as soon as practicable (at the end of a point or game) and notify the player of the code violation.

Report

The referee shall then complete a Code Violation Report and forward that report as per rule 27 to the Canterbury Tennis administrator for every offence resulting in a default or imposition of suspension points.

Notification of Suspension Points

The Interclub Advisory Group is responsible for notifying the clubs of any code violations incurred by players. Canterbury Tennis shall keep a current file of all suspension points.

vi. APPEALS

Any player issued with a code violation for an on-site offence may appeal to the Interclub Advisory Group. Notice of Appeal shall be filed as per rule 10 (d)i. Attached to and included with the Notice of Appeal shall be a statement by the player as to the facts and circumstances of such incident along with any other evidence that the player

desires to submit. Upon receipt of such an Appeal, the Interclub Advisory Group shall appoint commissioner to determine the outcome of an appeal. The commissioner shall conduct a reasonable investigation of the facts and circumstances surrounding the incident and has discretion to uphold the code violation, or overturn it, they can refer it to an Interclub Advisory Group hearing panel, impose suspension., or can affirm or reverse in whole or in part the determination of the referee. In the event of a whole or partial reversal Canterbury Tennis shall remove the penalty from the player's record in accordance with the disposition of the Appeal.

vii IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS CODE

Where practical Canterbury Tennis interclub will have an appointed Tennis New Zealand Registered Referee and may have a panel of roving referees to ensure proper conduct and smooth management of the interclub round. Any member of the panel or the Interclub controller has the power to implement the Code of Conduct or decide on a default.

APPENDIX II

Senior Interclub Eligibility

Eligibility for Juniors (Boys under 16 and Girls under 15 as **at 31/12/11**) to play in Senior Interclub Grades for the **2011/12 season**.

The Interclub and Player Development Advisory Groups have agreed that during the **2011/2012** season Juniors may play in the Senior Interclub Competition in the grades detailed in Rule 12 of the Interclub Rules. To be eligible the male Junior players must have achieved a ConfigureRanking Grade of 1500 ConfigureRanking points and female Junior players must have achieved a ConfigureRanking Grade of 1350 ConfigureRanking points by **7 September 2011** (current points can be accessed through the Canterbury Tennis website).

Named Junior players for the **2010/11** Senior Interclub season will be automatically accepted for the **2011/12** season for Senior Grades subject to Rule 12.

Any un-nominated or un-named Junior players filling in must also have achieved the aforementioned Top Dog points. Junior players who achieve the grades stated after **7 September 2011** may only fill in twice for Senior grades prior to Christmas, however may play as a full member of that team in the New Year. Those players must fulfill their obligations to their Challenger team for the remainder of the Junior Interclub season. Juniors achieving the required points by **7 September 2011** may choose not to move to the Senior competition. That will be their choice.

The object of setting this standard is to introduce and challenge quality Junior players into the Senior Interclub competition and to enhance the competition, while bearing in mind that the Senior players have the right to expect a good quality of players joining their competition. It

also sets a clear standard of eligibility to the Clubs, Juniors, Parents and Coaches involved.

APPENDIX III

Team Selection Policy for Senior Interclub

Occasionally due to a need to increase or decrease the number of teams in a grade the Interclub Advisory Group may, in its discretion, accept or decline a team.

In the event that more teams are entered into a grade than there is room to permit, the Interclub Advisory Group will select the team(s) that it believes to be most suitable to the grade.

In making its decision, the Interclub Advisory Group will take the following into consideration (not necessarily in this order):

- The spread of teams around various clubs.
- The performance of the club seeking entry into the grade in recent season/s in other grades. (i.e. the desired grade and possible feeder grades).
- The ranking/performance of the players nominated for the team with additional weight on players who have played for the club in other teams.
- Any other matters the Interclub Advisory Group considers relevant.

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