

Hume Country Tennis Association
Summary of Rules for 2026/27

Scoring and Results

- All scores must be recorded on the HCTA score sheet and signed by both captains.
- Score sheets must be legible and full names entered.
- Score sheets must be retained for the 2026/27 season in case any disputes arise.
- The home team is responsible for entering the results via [Google Forms](#)
- The home team must enter the results by 10am on the Sunday (next day)
- The score sheet must be uploaded to Google Forms (requires google account).
- Name the file using the following format – [S#] [Home Team] v [Away Team], eg S1 Burrumbuttock vs Jindera
- If a result is entered incorrectly or disputes regarding results cannot be resolved between clubs, please contact the President or Score Recorder of the HCTA ASAP

Registered Players and Qualifying

New registrations – please email details to Di Carter, di_friedrich@hotmail.com with name and section

2026/27 Season

Borrowing players from the opposition:

- Clubs will be permitted to borrow players, graded at the same level or lower, from **any** club in the Association to avoid a forfeit.
- If borrow players from opposing team or other clubs, scores will be counted and the match counted for games played for eligibility for finals.
- If opposing team offers a player, the team short a player does not have to accept but are encouraged to
- Any issues that arise from loaning and borrowing players, must be sent to the HCTA Executive ASAP and not wait until later in the season.
- Teams cannot have a lady playing as a gent and a boy playing as a lady in the same match on the same day. To avoid a forfeit, only one option can be used i.e. lady substituting as a gent or a boy playing as a lady.

To avoid a forfeit:

- Sections 1 to 5 can play with three ladies and three men if they have notified the opposing Club by 9pm on the Thursday before play. In addition, if both captains agree, teams can play 4x3/3x4 without needing to forfeit any games. If you do not notify the opposition by 9pm on the Thursday before play, the sets will be forfeited.
- If three men and three ladies are played, sets will be first to six games in all sections, except Sections 1 and 2 who play tie break at five all.
- Sections 2, 3 and 4, can play two boys, 14 years and under, as ladies. Two boys cannot play as ladies in finals unless approved by the HCTA committee. The boys' names to be noted on the score sheet.
- Section 5, up to four boys and four girls can be substituted for either and the boys substituting as girls must be 12 years and under.
- To avoid a forfeit, Section 6 can play with two girls and two boys if they have notified the opposing Club by 9pm on the Thursday before play. Boys substituting as girls must be 12 years or younger. Sets shall be the first to six games.

Other

- Section 6 – if a game proceeds to deuce, then the advantage is played. If the advantage is lost and the score returns to deuce, the next point wins the game. However, this rule is flexible and if you chose to, you can play as many deuces as you wish.
- If any final is washed out on the scheduled Saturday and then the Sunday, the highest placed team is declared the winner and goes through to the next round or is announced the premiership team, in case of the grand final being washed out. Also, if one venue is unplayable, the final can be relocated to another venue
- Players from Albury Tennis Association are permitted to play no more than 3 games in HCTA within one season. No HCTA player can play in the Albury pennant during the season.