

2013 Monash University Tennis Club Championships

September 15 – Mixed Doubles (entries close 6pm, September 8)

September 21, 22 – Mens Doubles (entries close 6pm, September 15)

September 22 – Womens Doubles (entries close 6pm, September 15)

September 28, 29 – Mens Singles (Open & B grade) (entries close 6pm, September 22)

September 29 Womens Singles (entries close 6pm, September 22)

All events start 12.15pm and continue each day until 6.00pm

All events round-robin (either three or four 6-game sets or two 8-game sets) followed by finals best-of-3-set rubbers.

Courts available for hitting up 15 minutes prior to start of event.

Wilson Australian Open tennis balls used for all matches.

Trophies presented to all winners (+ runners-up for events with at least 6 entries) at presentation night later this year.

Entry Fees:

Singles \$15, Doubles \$10 per player

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

- Entry fees must accompany entry forms (cash or cheque payable to Monash Uni Tennis Club or pay by bank transfer – email monashtennis@fastmail.fm for account details). Late payment will not be accepted and in particular promises to pay on the day of the event will not be accepted.
- Doubles pairs will not be accepted without forms and fees from both players.
- Players may not enter more than one singles event.
- Graded singles events contested by players are at the discretion of the tournament committee and must be consistent with the player's standard (see information on grading below). Mens Open Singles is available to all players but suitable for WDTA senior grade Bsp or above. Only players with WDTA senior grade B or below may enter the Mens B Singles. If you don't have a WDTA grade or don't know your WDTA grade, please contact **Phil Mannes** for advice at monashtennis@fastmail.fm (email preferred) or **0432 976 461**.
- Entry fees refunded only if tournament manager **Ashwin Sivaratnam (0415 465 362)** is advised of withdrawal at least 24 hours before the event starting time.
- Players will be notified by phone and refunded fees if an event is canceled due to lack of entries. Players must assume that an event will go ahead as scheduled unless notified by phone.
- Tournament committee reserves the right to request additional information from entries regarding playing standard. If sufficient information is not supplied, tournament committee reserves the right (i) not to accept an entry or (ii) to grade the player at Monash Uni Clayton courts prior to the event.
- Tournament committee reserves the right to disqualify players who, having supplied false or insufficient information about previous competition/tournament experience, play in a singles event the committee deems too weak for the player.

STARTING TIMES & DRAWS

It's possible that not all players will be required to start 12.15pm. Players will be informed of draws & match times by email or SMS several days before each event.

Players not ready to start their match at the scheduled time will forfeit!!!

TOURNAMENT RULES & CONDITIONS

1. Tournament committee will run the tournament and appoint a manager for each event.
2. Tournament committee or event manager reserves the right to alter format of events or, due to insufficient entries (4 or less), cancel or combine advertised events.
3. An initial qualifying round may be run in events attracting more than 16 entries, length of qualifying matches to be determined by tournament committee and players will be informed.
4. Tournament committee or event manager reserves the right to restrict entries in the Open Mens Singles to the 16 most highly rated players.

5. All sets will be first to 6 games with tiebreak at 6-6 unless otherwise advertised or altered by the tournament committee or event manager (see (2)).
6. Event manager will decide system of determining finalists in round-robin events and will inform competitors of the system to be used before the event starts.
7. Competitors not ready to play at scheduled times, regardless of weather conditions, may be liable to forfeit (without refund of entry fees) at the discretion of the event manager. During official playing times and while courts are playable, competitors who are unable to continue a match for any reason will automatically forfeit their match.
8. In the event of rain, playability of courts and decisions to abandon play are at the discretion of the event manager except that play may not be abandoned for the day until after 4.00pm. Event manager may be phoned for information on court/weather conditions. Players will be given contact details of the event manager several days before each event.
9. If rain delays prevent an event being completed on the scheduled days, remaining competitors will be consulted to determine mutually agreeable times and dates for completion of the event.
10. Players will be allowed a 10 minute warm-up prior to each match. In singles events, players will be allowed 5 minutes rest between sets in round-robin events and 30 minutes rest between round-robin phase, semi-final or final. Doubles play will be continuous.
11. Players must abide by the Tennis Etiquette and Rules for Non-Umpired Matches outlined on pages 12-14 of the 2013 Tennis Victoria Pennant Handbook.
12. Any disputes that cannot be resolved as per (11) must be referred to and settled by the event manager.