

TOPGUNS

TENNIS SOUTH AFRICA • NATIONAL CLUB CHAMPS

2017 Event Rules & Regulations:

The Growthpoint Club Series is a Regional competition, culminating in a National Final, where all 14 Regions will be represented. Each Region (TSA Province) will host a Regional Club Competition, where clubs can enter teams to participate in the event. The winning club from each Regional Qualifying competition will qualify to compete at the National Finals.

General:

- Players must be 16 years old or older at time of their specific regional competition taking place
- Players must be affiliated with TSA via their Province and be in good standing with any Provincial and/or District memberships, as well as with TSA.
- Players must be a member (social member at least) of an affiliated club within their Region (14 Tennis Provinces).
- In cases where a player is a member of more than one club in more than one Region, he/she must determine which club/Region he/she is going to represent.
- Players may only compete in one Regional qualifying event.
- Entries are not restricted to one (1) team per club. Clubs may enter multiple teams.
- Any player to have a current professional (ATP/WTA) ranking within the top 500 may not enter.
- Retired professional players (any player who formerly held an active ATP/WTA ranking) are eligible to participate.
- Only one (1) tennis player with a current ATP/WTA ranking outside of the top 500 or former professional player is permitted per team (either male or female).
- TSA reserves the right to refuse an entry.

Composition:

- The Regional Club Tournament is a team competition.
- The competition will comprise of an "A" Division only and is open to all club players.
- Teams comprise of 2 men and 2 women, all being members of the same club.

Format:

- Teams will play against one another on a tie basis.
- Ties will consist of a men's doubles, women's doubles and a mixed doubles match.
- Each match will be the best of 2 short sets and a 10-point match tie-breaker if the match reaches one set all (1st team to reach 4 games, with a margin of 2 or with a tie break being played at 4 all).
- The mixed doubles will allow "free substitution" where a mixed combination may be changed at the end of each set.
- The "No Let" rule on the serve will be used i.e. if the serve hits the net and falls in the correct service block the point continues, a Let is not played.
- The No Ad Rule will also be played i.e. when the score reaches Deuce a deciding point is played.

- In men's and women's doubles the receiving team may elect which team member is to receive the serve. In mixed doubles the male must receive if the male is serving and the female player must receive when the female server is serving.
- Teams will be divided into round robin pools.
- The number of teams participating will determine the number of pools and play off competition.
- During the round robin competition, all matches doubles and mixed doubles must be played.
- Teams will be awarded 1 point per set won, match tie breaker will count as a set played, with the team winning the tie being awarded 2 bonus points.
- The final position within the round robin pool will be determined on the number of points and not matches won.
- In the event of a two-way tie, the head to head result between the two teams when they played will determine the outcome.
- In the event of a three-way tie, then the following procedure will be used to break the tie: ALL the results of the matches played in the group will be used for the calculation method in determining final positions within the group:
 - Percentage sets won, if a tie still exists;
 - Percentage games won, if a tie still exists;
 - A shoot out, based on a traditional tie-breaker between the tied players
 - Draw by lot to determine the positions in question
 - If at any stage the three (3) way tie is broken and a two (2) way tie exists, the steps in breaking the three (3) way tie will continue, the Head to Head result WILL NOT BE REFERRED TOO.

Regional Qualification Competition:

- Each District (14 TSA Provinces) to host a Regional Qualifying competition.
- Total number of entries will determine the number of days required (could vary).
- 2 weekends to be identified.
- Open to all club players who would like to compete.
- Condition of entry as per General section above.
- The winner from each Regional competition (14 winners) will qualify for the National Final
- Entry is Free.

National Final

- 14 District Winners.
- 2 x TSA Transformation Invitational Teams.
- 16 Teams in total.
- "A" Division.
- Same format as Regional Competition.
- 16 Teams = 64 players at National Final.
- 4 Pools of 4 Teams.
- 3 days of competition:
 - Day 1 – 1st and 2nd round of round robin
 - Day 2 – 3rd round of round robin and Semi Finals/Play Off's (All no1's in semi followed by No2's, No3's and No4's)
 - Day 3 – Finals and Play-Offs
- Final to be best of 5 short sets, with 10-point match tie breaker played if match reaches 2 sets all.