

RULE CHANGES FOR SUMMER 2026

SUMMER DOUBLES

1. Men's and women's teams in Divisions 1/1 and 1/2 must now nominate their pool of up to 12 players in ranked order. The combination of numbers determines the order of pairs in any match. **RULES 29 + 32**
2. A player 'playing up' from a lower team cannot be positioned in a pair above a pair with a player nominated for the higher team, i.e.
 - a. one player 'playing up' must be positioned in the lowest (or lower) pair
 - b. two players 'playing up' must partner each other in the lowest (or lower) pair.
 - c. three players 'playing up', one player will be positioned at pair #2 and two players will be positioned at pair #3. Players 'playing up' from different teams will be considered equally. **RULE 28**
3. Men's and women's teams in the Premier and both sections of Division 1 will retain points won before the 'split' at the end of seven rounds of matches. This is being piloted in 2026 and will be reviewed at the end of the season. **RULE 30**
4. A match score will be determined by the number of sets won by all pairs with one bonus point awarded for each individual rubber won i.e. 12 points are on offer for each match. The team with the greater number of points will receive 3 match points and the total match points won will determine the final standing in the league. Teams which draw a match (6-6) will receive 1 match point. This is being piloted in 2026 and will be reviewed at the end of the season. **RULE 48**

CALCUTTA CUP

The team format is now 4 singles rubbers and 2 doubles rubbers with a recommendation that each match is played on 3 courts with singles #1 and #2 and doubles #2 played in Round 1 and singles #3 and #4 and doubles #1 played in Round 2.

One substitute may be used in Round 2.

RULES 64-66

COMMUNITY CLUB LEAGUE

This competition is only open to recognized community tennis clubs and will be in the form of a league with each team playing each other team once. Summer Doubles rules will apply.

RULE 50

MATCH COURTS

Matches may be played on any safe tennis court

RULE 12