



VSRA CLUB CIRCUIT INC.
AFFILIATED WITH SQUASH & RACQUETBALL VICTORIA
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PENNANT FIXTURE & INFORMATION

SPRING SEASON 2023 (v1.01)

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NOTICE TO ALL CLUBS REGARDING PENNANT FINALS

Club Circuit is the ONLY squash competition in Melbourne that SUBSIDISES **Grand Finals**.
Finals arrangements vary between 6 team and 8 team grades.

1. COSTS & VENUES

ELIMINATION, SEMI & PRELIMINARY Finals:

Matches are played on the normal 'home night' of the host 'refereeing team' and at their venue.

- Competing clubs are responsible for their own team drinks and food bills but will pay a share of all other associated costs if any.
- There is NO Club Circuit cost subsidy of SEMI, ELIMINATION & PRELIMINARY finals.

GRAND Finals:

Clubs and teams will be notified of dates, times and venue arrangements 1-2 weeks before the week of play.

- Teams and players MUST wait for the official notification of details via their club Match & Pennant representative to be certain of match arrangements.
- Club Circuit will make all arrangements for court access, squash ball (including a spare ball readily at hand during each final) and cover meal costs for the eight competing players and four referees.
 - All drink and other costs to be paid by the competing clubs on agreement with team captains.

2. REFEREEING ARRANGEMENTS

Any team that fails to carry out their refereeing duties without organising an alternative solution will be subject to a fine not exceeding \$180. The team's club will ultimately be responsible for this debt.

8 TEAM GRADES

This season Club Circuit will continue with the modified the finals arrangements for 8 team grades which include the top 4 teams to play in finals. Finals for these 8 team grades are played over three weeks.

SEMI / ELIMINATION FINALS:

Team 1 will play team 2 with the winner going straight into the Grand Final.

- This match is to be refereed by the team at the second bottom position of ladder as at round 12.
- Loser of this match goes into the Preliminary Final in the following week.

Team 3 will play team 4 with the winner going into the Preliminary Final.

- This match is to be refereed by the team at the bottom position of ladder as at round 12.
- Loser of this match is eliminated and will referee the Preliminary Final in the following week.

PRELIMINARY FINAL:

Loser of match between teams 1 & 2 will play winner of match between teams 3 & 4.

- This match is to be refereed by the loser of the match between teams 3 & 4.
- Loser of this match will referee the Grand Final in the following week.

6 TEAM GRADES

The finals for 6 team grades only involve the top 3 sides and are played over two weeks.

PRELIMINARY FINAL:

Team 2 will play team 3 with the winner going into the Grand Final.

- This match is to be refereed by the team at the bottom position of ladder as at round 12.
- Loser of this match will referee Grand Final.

6 & 8 TEAM GRAND FINALS:

These finals are all played in the same week and are refereed by the losers of the Preliminary Finals in each respective grade.

3. ELIGIBILITY:

Participating players must have played 5 games with the club that season not necessarily in the same team.

The exception is 4 games if there is a bye in an 8 team grade or if the Club Circuit match committee grants special permission.

- Players **cannot play down** from the grade above in finals.
- Players **cannot play across** from the same grade in finals.
- Players **cannot play 'twice' at 3 and 4** during finals.

Any queries about the above? - Contact Brendan Perry, Match and Pennant Chairman.

SPECIAL CLUB DRESS REQUIREMENTS

KOOYONG LTC	Smart casual clothes allowed. Shirts worn in bar area must have collars.
RACV	Smart casual clothes allowed. Thongs, worn footwear, ugg boots, moccasins, torn-t-shirts and jeans, bare midriff, singlets, tank tops, tracksuit pants, active wear, sportswear, caps and t-shirts with inappropriate slogans are not acceptable in the main club area.
ROYAL SOUTH YARRA LTC	Smart casual clothes allowed. Shirts worn in bar area must have collars. Regulation squash attire is to be worn on court.
SANDRINGHAM CLUB	Smart casual clothes allowed. Shirts worn in bar area must have collars. Regulation squash attire is to be worn on court.

NEAT ATTIRE IS REQUIRED AT ALL CLUBS

PLAYERS WEARING THONGS OR SINGLETS ARE NOT TO ENTER THE BAR AREA OF CLUBS

NON-COMPLIANCE WITH DRESS REQUIREMENTS MAY RESULT IN THE REFUSAL OF ADMITTANCE TO ANY CLUB

NOTES FOR CLUBS, CAPTAINS and PLAYERS

ABANDONED MATCH

If a match has to be abandoned, the host team captain must notify the Match and Pennant Chairperson ASAP, who will advise when the match is to be re-played.

BAD COURT BEHAVIOUR – REPORTABLE INCIDENTS

Bad behaviour will not be tolerated during pennant matches and if reportable incidents occur they should be reported to your own club committee chairman who must then lodge a formal complaint, within 3 days of the incident, to the Club Circuit Match and Pennant chairman for appropriate action.

HOSTING & SUPPERS

Club Circuit is a unique competition in respect to the hosting of visiting teams. When a team visits the club of an opposing team, all costs for the suppers and drinks of the visiting team are covered by the hosting team.

The service of refreshments should be reasonably limited to beer, wine, soft or sports drinks.

- Teams may elect to define a user pays arrangement for provision of drinks for both 'home & away' matches.
- Whatever arrangement is in place the 'home team' player will provide a drink of choice to their opponent at the conclusion of a match.

All home teams must provide a reasonable standard of supper.

It is very important for catering purposes that hosting clubs be notified prior to evening if any visiting player is not staying for supper.

- It is the responsibility of the captain of the 'visiting' team to contact the captain of the 'home' team to advise that person of any specific dietary requirements of a 'visiting' player. (i.e. *vegan, vegetarian etc*)
 - If a 'home' team has any limitations associated with supper change notifications it is the responsibility of the 'home' captain to advise the captain of the 'visiting' team of the situation and club requirements.

In the event that a club fails to reciprocate their 'hosting' then a levy will apply. Conditions and requirements are detailed in a document ('Home Night Walkovers' – Hosting Cost Equity) that can be found on-line in our Club Circuit website under **Player Help > Questions & Answers**.

MARKING AND REFEREEING

The members of each team shall carry out marking and refereeing of pennant matches. A person from each team shall officiate at each rubber, the roles of marking and refereeing being alternated for each consecutive rubber. If captains fail to agree, the role of marking and refereeing of the first rubber shall be decided by the toss of a coin.

MATCH ATTENDANCE

All players are strongly recommended to be in attendance prior to the scheduled starting time, throughout the match and at supper. A player who is delayed or late must notify their team captain by phone as soon as practicable to enable the opposition to be notified prior to the start of play.

PLAYING 'ORDER' & PLAYER 'RATING'

Team order is now dynamically controlled within SportyHQ and will no longer be 'locked' for the week. Team captains are required to reach a mutual agreement on playing order prior to the commencement of play. This agreement will be based on the displayed team order within SportyHQ immediately prior to the commencement of play.

For the purpose of fill-ins etc. a player's rating is considered to be that 'as at' commencement of play.

PLAYING 'ACROSS' - TWO TEAMS IN SAME GRADE

A player in a club, with two teams entered in the same grade, is eligible to play for the other team only if the following conditions are satisfied:

- A fill-in player must play in a position in the requesting team according to their rating.
- Player ratings to be used are those defined 'as at' commencement of play.
- The number 1 player from the '*donor team*' may play only if the number 1 player of the '*requesting team*' is not playing.
- No player in the requesting team may play lower than their nominated position for that week.
- An individual player may only play across a maximum of 4 occasions per season.
- Players may not play across during finals.

PLAYING 'DOWN'

A player may only play in a lower grade if the following conditions apply:

- A fill-in player may NOT exceed the rating of the player being replaced unless prior approval has been granted by the M&P Chairperson.
- A fill-in player must play in a position in the requesting team according to their rating.
- Player ratings to be used are those defined 'as at' commencement of play.
- No player in the requesting team may play lower than their nominated position for that week.
- An individual player may only play down a maximum of 4 occasions per season.
- Players may not play down in finals matches.
- In all other cases the delegate of the Member Club must seek approval from the Match and Pennant Chairman prior to playing any player in a lower grade.

PLAYING 'UP'

Any player may play up in a higher grade if the following conditions apply:

- A fill-in player must play in a position in the requesting team according to his rating.
- Player ratings to be used are those defined 'as at' commencement of play.
- No player in the requesting team may play lower than their nominated position for that week.
- An individual player may only play UP a maximum of 4 occasions per season.
 - Subject to M&P Chair rulings any player who exceeds the 'playing up' limit will be moved out of their current team and up into the higher grade.
 - The player will no longer be eligible to compete down in his former team in finals.
- A player who has satisfied the normal conditions for playing in finals may play up but only at the lowest team position.

PLAYING 'TWICE' (Same team @ 3 & 4)

A player may play 'twice' on an evening for a team at positions 3 and 4 if the following conditions are satisfied:

- The player must be listed at the number 4 position or lower on the week of play.
- The rubber at 3 must be played before the rubber at 4.
- Prior notice is provided to opposition team.
- If prior notice is not made, and mutual agreement cannot be reached on the evening of play, then a walkover at 4 will be taken.
- An individual player may only use this rule on a maximum of 4 occasions per season.
- Players may not play twice at 3 and 4 during finals.

PLAYING 'TWICE' (Different teams – Club Circuit competition)

A player may play 'twice' on an evening in different Club Circuit teams if the following conditions are satisfied:

- The teams are playing at the same venue and are members of the Club Circuit competition.
- The teams involved are from the same club or have a prior agreed player sharing arrangement.
- All usual fill-in conditions are met.

PLAYING 'TWICE' (Different teams – Different competitions)

A player may not play twice on the same night in any **separate** Squash & Racquetball Victoria affiliated squash competition UNLESS it is the finals and permission is granted by the Club Circuit Match and Pennant Chairman.

PLAYING as a 'SPARE' (SportyHQ 'Grade spare')

There are some smaller clubs that struggle to find fill-in players due to reduced player numbers being available to call on. Club Circuit are now allowing clubs to source 'fill-in' players from other clubs by mutual agreement.

A player may play as a 'SPARE' fill-in if the following conditions are satisfied:

- Player must be listed within SportyHQ and have a valid player rating.
- 'Fill-in' conditions regarding team player positions must be satisfied.
- The allowance to compete as a 'spare' may only be used on 4 occasions in any single team.
- Players will not be eligible to play in finals for any 'fill-in' team.
- Players must make enquiries with the Club Circuit M&P Chairman to be added to any grade 'SPARES'.

PLAYER REGISTRATION

All players must be registered, or approved, PRIOR to their participation in a match.

Registration can only be made by an application from the member club's Match & Pennant representative to the Club Circuit Match and Pennant Chairperson, Brendan Perry (0412 998 362), or in his absence, the Club Circuit secretary.

This ruling particularly applies to a player 'filling in' as an emergency in a team during the season as the player must be registered before squash insurance is applicable.

RESULTS

Results are to be registered on SportyHQ by the home team and can be uploaded by any team member. Teams are encouraged to retain a physical copy of results that may be required in the event of any dispute. If no physical record exists the on-line results will not be altered.

A severe penalty will apply if a player(s) is found guilty of falsifying match results.

SCORING SYSTEMS

A1, A2 & B1 use PAR 11

B2 and below use PAR 15

WALKOVERS – TEAM or INDIVIDUAL

Where a walkover is to occur, the opposition team must be advised as early as practicable. The home team must include details of the walkover within the submitted results.

If the home team give a team walkover then a sanction will apply. See section above titled 'HOSTING & SUPPERS'

GRADES, TEAMS, CAPTAINS, PLAYERS & DRAW

Refer to **SportyHQ** for complete information

PROTECTIVE EYEWEAR

The Club Circuit committee strongly recommends all pennant players use Protective Eyewear during pennant matches and practice sessions.

Junior Players (under 19): Squash Australia, and Club Circuit, policy REQUIRES juniors to wear approved protective eyewear during practice and competition.

Details of the Squash Australia protective eyewear requirements can be found at:

<https://www.squash.org.au/w/events/event-policies> under **National EVENTS POLICY**

or via the direct link:

<https://cdn.filestackcontent.com/VcBRAj6pSJqMAOT1MG8J>

DRESS CODE 'On Court'

Neither singlets (i.e. builders, casual or underwear style) nor caps may be worn during pennant matches.

- Specific 'sporting' singlets associated with competitive sports will be considered.
- Players are to conform to any local club rules whereby singlets of all types are specifically excluded.

The wearing of club approved shirt and shorts is strongly recommended, where available.

RULES ACCREDITATION PRESENTATION (RAP) REQUIREMENTS

Players competing in the 2023 SPRING Pennant finals **MUST** be current (*attended RAP session after 01/01/2020*) 'Rules Accredited Players' to be eligible to participate.

Club Circuit will conduct a Rules refereeing session early in the season to enable teams to meet this requirement.

All finals matches must be refereed by rules accredited players or Squash & Racquetball Victoria sanctioned referees.

SEASON & TEAM INFORMATION

July 31	Season Start – All grades
October 30	Play Suspended – CUP WEEK
November 13	ELIMINATION & SEMI FINALS (8 team grades)
November 20	PRELIMINARY FINALS (All grades)
November 27	GRAND FINALS (All grades)

Refer to SportyHQ for complete information of the GRADES, TEAMS, CAPTAINS, PLAYERS & DRAW

<https://www.sportyhq.com/league/view/VSRA-Club-Circuit>

A1		A2		B1		B2
MCC (1)		Lilydale (1)		MCC (3)		Westerfolds (3)
Kooyong (2)		GPHC (2)		MCC (4)		GPHC (3)
GPHC (1)		RSY (1)		Mulgrave (4)		RACV (3)
Mulgrave (1)		Mulgrave (2)		MCC (5)		RACV (2)
Kooyong (1)		Westerfolds (1)		Kooyong (3)		MCC (6)
BYE		TSMC (1)		RACV (1)		TSMC (4)
		MCC (2)		Mulgrave (3)		TSMC (3)
		Westerfolds (2)		TSMC (2)		Kooyong (4)
C Grade						
RSY (2)						
TSMC (5)						
MCC (7)						
Mulgrave (5)						
GPHC (4)						
RACV (4)						
RACV (5)						
Kooyong (5)						
D1		D2		D3		
MCC (8)		Mulgrave (6)		Veneto (2)		
GPHC (5)		Mulgrave (7)		MCC (9)		
Veneto (1)		GPHC (6)		Mulgrave (8)		
RACV (7)		RACV (8)		GPHC (7)		
Sandringham (1)		Kooyong (6)		Mulgrave (9)		
RACV (6)		BYE		Sandringham (2)		
E Grade						
Veneto (3)						
Kooyong (7)						
Mulgrave (11)						
GPHC (8)						
Sandringham (3)						
RACV (9)						
Mulgrave (10)						
GPHC (9)						
F1		F2				
MCC (10)		Veneto (4)				
Kooyong (8)		MCC (12)				
RACV (10)		Kooyong (9)				
GPHC (10) BYE		Sandringham (4)				
MCC (11)		GPHC (11)				
Mulgrave (12)		GPHC (12)				

PLAYER INJURY INSURANCE CLAIM INFORMATION

Details of squash insurance arranged with 'Marsh Advantage Insurance' by Squash Australia.

[V –Insurance Group Insurance 'link'](#)

[\(https://vinsurancegroup.com/squashaustralia/\)](https://vinsurancegroup.com/squashaustralia/)

CLUB CIRCUIT PENNANT LADDER

You access a copy of the complete pennant ladder each week via the Club Circuit website:

<http://clubcircuit.com.au>

Go to **PENNANT INFO > CURRENT LADDER**



Rent-A-Ref

How would you like to have a highly qualified Referee officiating for your evening of squash?

It's easy.... For a small fee you can have an easy relaxing night at squash.

When using the **RENT-A-REF** service your team must still supply a marker to assist for \$90, otherwise with no markers provided the cost is \$180.

Rent-A-REF is also a great way to learn the correct rules of squash by observing the referee and gives the opportunity to ask questions.

Rent-A-Ref bookings and enquiries by email only:

referee@squashvic.com.au

VENUE, LOCATION AND CONTACT PERSON

GRACE PARK HAWTHORN CLUB	Hilda Crescent, Hawthorn 3122 GEOFF SANDERS	9818 5534 0408 148 284
KOORYONG LAWN TENNIS CLUB	489 Glenferrie Road, Kooyong 3144 MIKE WILKINSON	9822 3333 0400 231 313
LILYDALE CLUB	456 Swansea Road, Lilydale 3140 STEPHEN RUSSELL	9735 0098 0419 395 036
MELBOURNE CRICKET CLUB	Hunts Fitness Centre 41 Johnston Street, Fitzroy 3065 STEPHEN BLAMEY	9419 3636 0430 044 442
MULGRAVE COUNTRY CLUB	Wellington Road, Wheelers Hill 3150 CLINTON TEH	9582 4600 0413 738 833
ROYAL AUTO CLUB of VICTORIA	501 Bourke Street, Melbourne 3000 JOHN DANIELL	9944 8860 0438 564 669
ROYAL SOUTH YARRA LAWN TENNIS CLUB	310 Williams Road North, Toorak, 3142 DAVID McRAE	9829 1556 0413 840 999
THE SQUASH MELBOURNE CLUB CLUB	10-12 Independence Street, Moorabbin 3189 LAWRENCE PARSONS	9553 6005 0423 722 232
SANDRINGHAM CLUB	92 Beach Road, Sandringham 3191 SIMON RAND	9598 1322 0425 754 802
VENETO CLUB	191 Bulleen Road, Bulleen 3105 LIBERO DALLA ZUANNA	9850 7111 0403 013 590
WESTERFOLDS SPORTS CENTRE	2 Swilk St, Templestowe 3106 KRISTIN COSENZA	9846 1222 0438 767 877