Winter Junior Finals Procedures

Results from next week's final minor round (5/9) are to be entered & confirmed in League Manager by midday on Sunday 6th September. Also, for semi-finals and grand finals by midday on the 13th and 20th September respectively. Winning semi-finalists and grand-finalists should take responsibility for entry but either team can do it.

**Order of Merit lists** –You are not required to submit lists this season. Playing order must be in accordance with the order of merit as listed in the team squads on League Manager.

The singles order of merit should be the same as that played in the last minor round and this is to remain the same throughout the finals series (See Match Rules 12.1 & 12.2).

It is intended that team squads will be checked and “locked” prior to the final round matches, by Wednesday 2nd September. This will prevent you from making any changes to the order, so should you believe the squad listings are incorrect or any changes are required please contact the League Manager Administrator (email to [gdtascores@outlook.com.au](mailto:gdtainc@msn.com)) by 5pm Thursday 10th September.

Doubles are also played in order of merit ie the better pairing of doubles players plays in the first double. However the provision of Rule 2.3 that “The player listed highest in the Order of Merit, who is playing doubles, is to play in the number 1 doubles“ still applies.

***Who should be included in the Order of Merit?*** - All players qualified to play finals in that team (this may include players from a lower team). To qualify, players need to have played 4 matches for that team or a lower division (3 matches only for Mixed Green Ball competition).

Some players may have qualified in 2 separate divisions. If a player has played 6 or more matches in the higher division, that player can’t play finals in the lower division unless approved by the Winter juniors Sub-Committee (Match Rule 11.8).

**Weather - *What if* there is rain?**

Please be aware of wet weather rules for finals - Refer rules 7.4 and 11.9

* All players must attend the venue.
* Courts are swept once rain ceases, both team managers/supervisors test court surface and the lines to determine whether it is safe for players. If there is no agreement as to when to resume play, the **Venue Supervisor** is called to make a decision.
* Players cannot be forced to play on a dangerously wet court, however if the court is merely damp with no visible water/puddles etc, any team that refuses to play would have to demonstrate that the court/lines are slippery.
* Players must remain at venue for at least 2 hours before abandoning the match.
* If no result is obtained due to weather, the match will be awarded to the higher placed team. There is no requirement to play the next day or next week.
* It’s important to note that if a problem cannot be resolved by team supervisors, it must be referred to the **Venue Supervisor** who makes final decision.

**All finals start at 9am.**

**For finals each team is to supply at least two new balls.**

**Junior presentations will be at Grand Final venues at completion of Grand Final matches, and should be organized by the Venue Supervisor. Venue supervisors for Grand Finals are to pick up trophies from Peake Gardens Riverside on Thursday 17th September from 5:30 to 8:30pm.**