



## MISSION BAY TENNIS CLUB

### Summer Senior Interclub 2025/26

#### 1. Overview

There are **two Senior Interclub** windows run by Tennis Auckland throughout the year.

**Summer Interclub** runs approximately from **September to April** each year, breaking over the Christmas/New Year period. Club Teams are split into grades of up to 12 Teams per Competition, playing round robin matches every other week.

**Winter Interclub** runs approximately from **June to August** each year.

**MBTC** enters around **10 Teams** into **Summer Interclub** each year. This is a logistical challenge which requires the time and effort from a number of volunteers, and unfortunately, we cannot always give everyone their Team preference. To help simplify the administrative task and ensure clarity, we have a defined selection process.

#### Please Note:

- We will only consider information that is provided as part of the Registration form during the selection process.
- Committee members will not take personal phone calls/emails regarding the Team selections.
- We recommend that you read the following sections carefully before submitting your Registration.

#### 2. Key Dates

#	Date	Activity/ Event
1	End-June 2024	Tennis Auckland issue Promotion/Relegation Teams
2	Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Deadline for MBTC Registrations for Summer Senior Interclub
3	Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Entry Deadline for Promotion/Relegation Teams and Team Allocations finalized by Tennis Auckland
4	Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Draft Teams Announced
5	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> August 2025	Deadline for Transfer Forms submission to Tennis Auckland
6	Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> August 2025	Entry Deadline for Team Player Lists
7	Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> * August 2025	Caro -Bowl Transfers Due
8	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> August 2025	Senior Interclub Draws Published
9	Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	First Round of Summer Interclub 2024/25 Competition
10	Mid-December 2025 – End-January 2026	Christmas and New Year Break
12	April 2026	End of Summer Interclub 2025/26 Competition



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### 3. Format:

The season format will be similar to previous years. There are **four Summer Interclub** Competition formats run by Tennis Auckland:

Format	Competitions	Overview
<b>Twilight (Singles or Doubles)</b>	<b>Men's and Women's</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Twilight Tennis is divided into separate <b>Men's</b> and <b>Women's</b> Competitions, with both <b>Singles</b> and <b>Doubles</b> Grades.</li> <li>Twilight Tennis is an <b>evening</b> competition, played on <b>Mondays</b> and <b>Tuesdays 6.30pm</b>.</li> <li><b>Singles</b> Competition has <b>2, 3 or 4 players</b> per Team <b>playing 2 Singles</b> matches and <b>1 Doubles</b> match. Each match shall be <b>2 sets only</b> using <b>sudden death deuce</b> concept. If one set all a Super-Tie-Break will determine the result.</li> <li><b>Doubles</b> Competition has <b>4 players</b> per Team <b>playing 2 Doubles</b> matches. Each match shall be <b>2 sets only</b> using <b>sudden death deuce</b> concept. If one set all a Super-Tie-Break will determine the result.</li> <li>Twilight Interclub is <b>separate from</b> the <b>Saturday</b> Interclub competitions.</li> <li><b>Season Dates:</b> November 2025 to March 2026.</li> </ul>

The Club eligibility for each Grade is as per below:

#	Format	Categories	##	Grade	Overview
1	Singles	Men's and Women's Singles	1	Caro Bowl Reserve	Eligible Clubs may enter a maximum of 2 Teams in each Grade. Promotion/Relegation rules will apply at the end of the season.
			2	First Grade	Eligible Clubs may enter a maximum of 2 Teams in First Grade Women and 4 Teams in First Grade Men. Promotion/Relegation rules will apply at the end of the season.
			3	Second Grade	Eligible Clubs may enter a maximum of 4 Teams. Promotion/Relegation rules will apply at the end of the season.
			4	Open	Each grade will consist of a maximum of 12 Teams (Men's or Women's). Promotion rules will apply at the end of the season.
2	Doubles	Mixed Doubles	1	Ferrier Cup	Only 2 Teams from eligible Clubs are entitled to enter. Promotion/Relegation rules will apply at the end of the season.
			2	Presidents A	Only 2 Teams from eligible Clubs are entitled to enter. Promotion/Relegation rules will apply at the end of the season.
			3	Open Presidents	Each grade will consist of a maximum of 12 Teams. Promotion rules will apply at the end of the season to Open Presidents 1.
			4	Mixed-Four Presidents	Each grade will consist of a maximum of 12 Teams.





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3	Super	Men's and Women's Doubles			The Super Tennis Competition is a part of the Senior Interclub Competitions.
4	Twilight	Men's and Women's Singles and Doubles			Twilight Interclub is separate from the Saturday Interclub competitions. Scarbro Carobowl players are excluded from playing in the Twilight Singles and Doubles Competitions.

### 4. Teams:

**Promotion/Relegation Grades:** We expect to have the following Teams allocated in Promotion/Relegation grades:

#	Promotion/Relegation Grade	# Teams
1	Caro Bowl Reserve Men	1
2	First Grade Men	2
3	First Grade Women	1
4	Second Grade Men	1
5	Ferrier Cup	1
6	Presidents A	1

**Open Grades:** We also field Open Grade, Super and Twilight Teams based on demand, with the approximate allocations expected:

#	Open Grades	# Teams
1	Open Men (Singles)	3
2	Open Women (Singles)	1
3	Open Presidents (Doubles Mixed 8)	1
4	Open Mixed-Four Presidents (Doubles Mixed 4)	0-1
5	Super Men (Doubles)	0-1
6	Super Women (Doubles)	0-1
7	Twilight Men (Singles or Doubles)	0-1
8	Twilight Women (Singles or Doubles)	0-1

### Eligibility:

- Please note that in accordance with the Tennis Auckland Interclub rules, all Members of our Interclub Teams must be **full paying Members** of the Club.
- We do not allow players to play just because they are good players, they must be Members.
- Out-of-Town Memberships are considered equal when it comes to Team selection.





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#### Registration Preferences:

- Please note that the **Grade** allocation is **automatically calculated** by Tennis Auckland based on the rankings of the Team members. We cannot choose the Open Grades we are allocated.
- Please indicate which **Grade** you would like to be considered for (if known).
- If you would like to play **Singles** and **Doubles** grades, please note your **preference** between the two and consider which Grades play on the same weekends.
- Please also mention if you are more interested in playing with a group of **friends**, or in a specific **Grade**.
- Please advise if you wish to be a **Full-Time** member (committing to 80% of games), **Part-Time** member (committing to 50% of games), or a **Reserve**. If you already know you will be away for more than 1 match, please tell us the dates now. Note, Part-Time/Reserve players are **not guaranteed matches**.

#### Captains:

- We rely on **Captains** to help run Teams. If you are **willing** to **Captain** a Team this year **please let us know**. If we do not have a Captain for a Team, we cannot enter the Team.
- Captain responsibilities are given in section 7. Player Responsibilities.

## 5. Team Selection Process and Criteria

The following process is used by the selection panel to allocate Teams:

- We will be aiming for a minimum 5 full-time-equivalent players per Team. This means that if all 5 players are available, one player will have to sit out, or 2 players will have to play one match only. Most players miss at least 2 or 3 matches per season, so players should not sit out often, but it will make it easier to field Teams on Saturday.
- Grading is used to roughly order players but is not a sole selection criterion. Where players are similarly graded, head-to-head results will be looked at, as well as prior performances for the Club. We are aware that Grades below about S4 are very variable, and Doubles grades are very dependent on what competitions the player plays in/who their partners are.
- Players unable to play 50% or more weeks are then put aside.
- Players who must play a specific weekend are also put aside.
- Once players are roughly ordered, they are put into Teams. The top 5 into the highest Team, next 5 into the next Team etc. For Promotion grades where there is a grade below, we often swap one of the lower players into the grade below. This is because the number 1 match in a grade is usually stronger than the number 4 match in the grade above.
- If a player falls into a grade higher than the grade they wish to play, they are moved down
- Where we have more than one Team in a grade, players are split to ensure both Teams can hold their position. If we believe this is not possible, we may enter a stronger Team and a weaker Team in the grade.
- Where certain players must be put in the same Team (partners, long distance travel etc), we put these players in the Team which best matches both players, not the Team that suits the strongest player, or the Team which suits the weakest.
- Teams that are short are then allocated 1 or more reserve players
- Captains are then allocated. If no one will Captain, Teams are reshuffled so each has a willing Captain
- If any Team looks unable to hold its spot, we reshuffle with a higher graded Team to strengthen it.
- If we know reserves will be playing for a certain Team, we reshuffle players to ensure a listed member is graded high enough for reserves to be eligible to play for that Team.
- Players who are not in a Promotion Team are then placed in Open Grade Teams. These are more strongly organised based on players we know wish to be in a Team together.
- Players unable to play 50% or more weeks are allocated as reserves





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- Players who must play a specific weekend are added to a Team after the draw is released.

The Promotion Grade Teams are open to all to apply for. Where there are more players wanting to play a Grade than we can accommodate and the rankings for players are similar, we will arrange a playoff match.

If you wish to play Promotion Grades, we will attempt to accommodate Teammate preferences, but cannot guarantee this if they do not qualify for a position in the Team. If you must play with a friend, we may have to place you in an Open Grade Team.

### Selection Panel

Teams will be selected by an **Interclub Sub-Committee**, including our **Head Coach** and **Interclub Team Captain**.

## 6. Team Responsibilities

### Captains Responsibilities:

- As a key Team member, Captains are asked to contribute to the best of your ability to assist the Team in playing all matches in the draw to the best of their abilities. You are responsible to be familiar with the **Interclub Guidelines** and **Tennis Auckland** handbooks. You are also responsible to ensure that for the on and off court behaviour of Team members, so please monitor and ensure Team adherence to [Tennis Auckland Interclub Rules](#) and the [Tennis NZ Code of Behaviour](#).
- Captains are responsible for Mission Bay **fielding a Team** on each match day and it is strongly recommended that you ask your Team members to determine and inform you of their availability for all the games well in advance. We recommend that you set up a Team **WhatsApp** group to inform them of the **draws, coordinate players** (and or reserves) each week and after-match food for host weeks. Captains need to organise players for Saturday by at least the Tuesday prior, including any transport requirements, and notify our Club Manager via email as early as possible when the Team is short. Fill ins arranged personally must be confirmed with the Club Manager to check eligibility.
- Captains are also responsible to **collect** the set/s of **balls** for their matches either at Club Night on a Wednesday night, or by coordinating with the Club Manager for collection directly. Please also return used balls for use on Club Nights.
- Captains are also encouraged to arrange regular Team **training** sessions, preferably with a coach or as part of a wider Interclub training session.
- On match days, the Captain is responsible to **liaise** with the **opposing Captain** to arrange the order of play, usage of balls and recording of scores.
- Captains are responsible for entering **results** online to Tennis NZ Match Hub when your Team is the winner on the day.
- Captains are also responsible to ensure that your Team follows the Host Day **responsibilities** accordingly.

### Players Responsibilities:

- Players must **accept** the Team **Captain is responsible** for the organisation and management of the Interclub Team and you will abide by decisions made by the Team Captain in respect of the performance of the Team.
- Players will **turn up** to the scheduled venue on time and be ready to play **as determined by** your Team **Captain** or that of the opposition Team. As an Interclub player, yourself, the Team, the Club and indeed the opposition Team expect you to try your best.
- Players are expected to adhere to [Tennis Auckland Interclub Rules](#) and the [Tennis NZ Code of Behaviour](#) on and off the court, namely being respectful, fair and honest in all dealings with players. You represent Mission Bay and we zealously protect our image and reputation. Any behaviour which brings Mission Bay Tennis Club, the game of tennis, or the Team into disrepute will not be tolerated. This includes unsportsmanlike behaviour, equipment abuse and foul language.
- Players will advise the Team Captain at the earliest opportunity of any scheduled days where you are **unavailable**, or if there is an instance where you are suddenly unavailable.





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#### Host Days:

We expect all of our Teams to be **good hosts**. Please remember that when hosting Interclub you are expected to:

- Arrive ahead of the start time to ensure the Club house is open and suitable for guests.
- Welcome the opposing Team and ensure they can access the courts for warm up.
- Provide after-match food for the opposing Team, appropriate for having played several hours of tennis.
- All home Teams are responsible for tidying the Club house and courts. This includes ensuring the following is completed before leaving:
  - **Courts** are **clean** and **tidy**, which includes, bringing in chairs and rubbish from the courts
  - Court gates are **locked**
  - **Club House** is **clean**, dishes are washed and away, wiping tables, vacuuming the floors and tidying chairs (including bringing chairs in from the balcony), and all rubbish is removed from the Club House (transferred to outdoor collection rubbish and recycling bins) and the dishwasher is emptied, drained and turned off (refer to instructions by the dishwasher).
  - Club House bar, windows and doors are all **locked**, and **alarm** system **activated**. If you do not have a code for the alarm system inform the Club President or Club Managers to activate the alarm for you.
  - If you are the last to leave it is your responsibility to ensure all of the above has been completed, and ultimately the Captain's responsibility to ensure Team compliance.
- If we do not do this, we will need to pay a cleaner to do it, which will increase subs for everybody.

**Thank you and enjoy your Summer Senior Interclub season!**