

Motions for Changes to **Tuesday/Thursday Ladies Competition**
@ ISLTA AGM on Monday 28 April 2025

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Please be advised there are 6 motions being tabled
at the upcoming AGM, full motions are attached one per page.

Changes have been highlighted in red to help assist in reviewing the proposed changes.

Regards Mia

Motion #1 - Easter Break

Proposed by: Julie Calder
Seconded by: Di Marjoram

Proposed change to rules around playing at Easter. The new rule will eliminate playing on the Thurs before and Tuesday after Easter.

The rationale for this is that teams are having difficulty fielding players because players are away over the Easter period and would prefer not to travel on Good Friday and Easter Monday. This is a safety concern with the amount of traffic on the road at the time.

The change that we will be voting on is below and is highlighted.

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All matches must be played in accordance with the official rules of tennis in conjunction with the competition rules as laid down by the ISLTA Ltd.

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- (a) With the exception of the Christmas holidays, competition must be played one week of each of the school holidays (public schools). The week to be determined at the discretion of the joint Tuesday and Thursday competition secretaries.
- (b) Competition will not be played on the Thursday before Easter and the Tuesday after Easter. When Easter coincides with school holidays then rule 1(a) will apply.
- (c) Competition play will resume after the Christmas break in the second week of term one (1) (public schools) each year.
- (d) Tuesday competition will play on Melbourne Cup day each year.

The following is the previous rule. The highlighted area is what we are voting to replace.

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Motion #2 - Deuce + Short Deuce

Proposed by: Margaret Dickson
Seconded by: Ursula Donovan

Existing rule reads:

11. MODE OF PLAY

A team shall consist of four ladies. A match shall consist of eight tiebreaker doubles sets with each pair playing the opposing pair twice.

The visiting team has the option of doubling up in the fifth set. This must be nominated before the match starts otherwise the home team shall automatically play the double up.

The home team must nominate its pair for the first set.

Proposing to replace with:

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The one advantage format is to be played in all games. If deuce is reached for a second (2nd) time, a single point is played to decide the game. The point is known as "game point" and the receiving team will have the choice as to which side the point is played. This decision is to be immediate.

Motion #3
Rule 11 – Mode of play
Rule 12 – Deciding the winner of a match

Proposed by: Lynette Beacham

Seconded by: Leone Roberts

Motion: That existing Rules 11 and 12 be amended as follows:

Existing rule reads:

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A team shall consist of four ladies. A match shall consist of **eight tiebreaker doubles sets** with each pair playing the opposing pair twice. The visiting team has the option of doubling up in the fifth set. This must be nominated before the match starts otherwise the home team shall automatically play the double up. The home team must nominate its pair for the first set.

Proposing to replace with:

11. MODE OF PLAY

A team shall consist of four ladies. A match shall consist of **eight (8), eight (8) game doubles sets** with each pair playing the opposing pair twice. The visiting team has the option of doubling up in the fifth set. This must be nominated before the match starts otherwise the home team shall automatically play the double up. The home team must nominate its pair for the first set.

Existing rule reads:

12. DECIDING THE WINNER OF A MATCH

Matches are to be decided **by sets**, but in the event of sets being equal, by games, **each match will be allocated twelve (12) points. Four (4) points to the winning team or two (2) points each for a drawn or unfinished match. In addition one (1) point is allocated to the winner of each completed set.** Half a point is allocated to each team for any sets unfinished or not played.

Proposing to replace with:

12. DECIDING THE WINNER OF A MATCH

Matches are to be decided **by games**, with the team leading on games at the conclusion of play being declared the **winner and awarded two (2) points. Where games are even, one (1) point will be awarded to each team.**

Motion #4

Rule 11 – Mode of play

Proposed by: Marita Doherty
Seconded by: Jan Henwood

Existing rule reads:

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Proposing to replace with:

11. MODE OF PLAY

A team shall consist of four ladies. A match shall consist of **eight doubles sets** with each pair playing the opposing pair twice. **The first pair to reach six games in their set, is the winner of the set.**

The visiting team has the option of doubling up in the fifth set. This must be nominated before the match starts otherwise the home team shall automatically play the double up. The home team must nominate its pair for the first set.

Motion #5 - Rule 15 - Termination of Play

Proposed by: Lynette Beacham
Seconded by: Jannette Henwood

Motion: That the existing Rule 15 be amended to remove “4pm” and replace with “3pm”.

Existing rule reads:

15. TERMINATION OF PLAY

Play shall cease at 4pm, unless both teams agree to cease play earlier due to inclement weather. If, for any reason, a match is unfinished, the reason and time of cessation must be stated on the result card.

Proposing to replace with:

15. TERMINATION OF PLAY

Play shall cease at 3pm, unless both teams agree to cease play earlier due to inclement weather. If, for any reason, a match is unfinished, the reason and time of cessation must be stated on the result card.

Motion #6 – Implementation of new rules for Winter 2025 Competition

Proposed by: Mia Strecker
Seconded by: Julie Calder

As part of the upcoming Annual General Meeting (AGM) being held on 28 April 2025, several new motions and rule changes will be formally presented to Tuesday and Thursday Ladies Midweek Competitions.

We are also proposing an additional motion for consideration at the same AGM (only if any motions are voted in):

Background

While registration forms for Winter 2025 have already been submitted under the existing competition rules, these Winter 2025 competitions have not started. As such, we believe it is both timely and appropriate to apply any approved changes immediately, ensuring a smoother and more up-to-date competition framework.

Proposal for **voting** (if required)

That the newly approved motions that are approved at the AGM on 28 April 2025 for the Tuesday and Thursday Ladies Competition by-laws, be implemented for the Winter 2025 competitions, which have not yet commenced, rather than waiting for the Summer 2025/2026 season.