



# HARTBEEAPOORT HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS POLICY

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## 1 AIM

The aim of the Hartbeespoort High School Tennis Policy is to give effect to Hartbeespoort High School's commitment to promote, support and provide a structured, sustainable and sound tennis sport environment in which each and every participant will have the opportunity to reach her/his full potential in the sport of tennis.

## 2 SCOPE

This Tennis Policy applies to all Hartbeespoort High School learners who formally participate and represent the school in the tennis sport fraternity as well as learners who aim and aspire to do so, as well as the teachers who have been appointed by the School to communicate and oversee tennis sport events and the tennis committee.

## 3 PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION:

- H.J. le Roux
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- Tennis Committee

## 4 POLICY

### 4.1 Selection of Tennis Teams

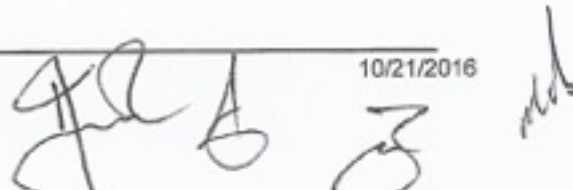
4.1.1 As soon as school begins in January, learners will be provided with the opportunity to enter their names on lists for tennis. These lists will be up for a period of 2 weeks.

4.1.2 There will be four (4) lists available on which learners can enter their names for tennis i.e.:

- Junior Girls: (Grade 8 and 9 girls)
- Junior Boys: (Grade 8 and 9 boys)
- Senior Girls: (Grade 10 – 12 girls)
- Senior Boys: (Grade 10 – 12 boys)

Note that tennis players, (girls and boys) in grade 8 and 9 may only qualify for the respective Junior Tennis Teams and tennis players (girls and boys) in grades 10-12 will qualify for the respective Senior Tennis Teams.

4.1.3 All learners who are interested to participate in the sport of tennis and who wish to be elected into a tennis team may complete the relevant lists provided. It is advisable, however, that learners who wish to officially represent the school in the sport of tennis (by placing / entering their names on the relevant lists, be able to maintain a rally, serve and keep score).



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4.1.4 Round Robins will be played in order to determine the ranking orders:

- Junior boys - round robins - play offs within the proximity of the 3<sup>rd</sup> week
- Junior girls - round robins - play offs within the proximity of the 4<sup>th</sup> week.
- Senior boys - round robins - during the month of March.
- Senior girls - round robins - during the 4<sup>th</sup> term of previous year. (to be completed during November of each year).

4.1.5 A minimum of 3 courts will be utilized for the round robin play offs – i.e. preferably on a Monday and Thursday should circumstances permit.

4.1.6 At least one teacher and one member of the elected tennis committee will be present on each day to monitor the Round Robin matches.

### 4.1.7 Round Robin Rules

4.1.8 The Round Robin rules will be applicable to each group.

4.1.9 Each group will play a separate round robin. The round robin schedule will be finalized on the respective commencement dates. Players who are unable to attend the round robin challenges, will automatically be placed at the bottom of the list and will have to revert to clause 6, (challenging rules).

4.1.10 Junior girls	7 game matches
Junior boys	7 game matches
Senior girls	7 game matches
Senior boys	7 game matches

4.1.11 The "No Advantage" scoring method will be used i.e. when both players have won 3 points, the score is "Deuce". A deciding point will then be played. The receiver shall choose which side to receive the service from. The player, who wins the deciding point, wins the game.

4.1.12 On the first day of each Round Robin, a tennis committee member will explain the rules governing tennis matches and tennis etiquette. A discussion session may follow.

Immediately after the Round Robins have been completed, the ranking order of players will be displayed on; [www.hsharties.co.za/tennis](http://www.hsharties.co.za/tennis) and challenging can begin.

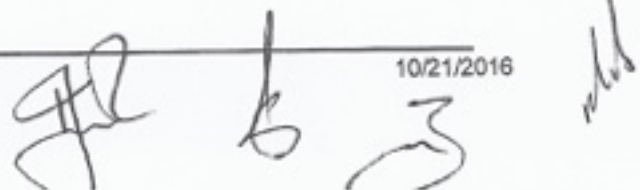
## 5 PRACTICE / COACHING SESSIONS

Practice/coaching for the respective Senior and Junior team members, (during the first school term) will be every Wednesday/Friday, (where applicable), during sport period. **Note that attendance at this practice/coaching sessions will be compulsory for all junior and senior tennis team members.**



## 6 CHALLENGING

- 6.1 As soon as the ranking order appears on the website, ([www.hsharties.co.za/tennis](http://www.hsharties.co.za/tennis)) the challenging period commences and lasts until a week before the league matches start. The challenging period provides players with an opportunity to improve their respective ranking orders within the team or to obtain a position in a team. Special arrangements will, however, be made, by the Committee, should there be insufficient time for challenging.
- The moment when the respective teams have been **finalized** and **published** on the website, players within their respective teams may continue to challenge one another, throughout the year, (subject to the same challenge rules as depicted from points 6.2 to 6.19 below). However, players who did not make the respective teams may then no longer challenge any of the team members.
- 6.2 A player may challenge another player, one (1) or two (2) positions higher than his or her own ranking position (as reflected on the website).
- 6.3 The challenger must view the website to establish whether the player he/she wishes to challenge is available for challenging.
- 6.4 If a player has already been challenged, his or her name will be highlighted on the website.
- 6.5 Should a player be available to be challenged (i.e. not already in the process of a challenge by another player) then a challenge must be registered with the Tennis Challenge Administrator at 082 805 8636 – only by text message.
- 6.6 Confirmation will be sent out, via a text message that the challenge may continue. (The challenge may not proceed without the text message confirmation from the Tennis Challenge Administrator).
- 6.7 Once the requested challenge has been approved and confirmed, such challenge will be displayed on the website (both players will be highlighted in the same colour.)
- 6.8 The challenger must contact the challenged player telephonically within 24 hours after the challenge has been registered, in order to make arrangements regarding the date, time and place for the challenge game. The Tennis Challenge Administrator must be informed of the agreed arrangement of the challenge via text message.
- 6.9 The challenge game must take place within three (3) school days after the challenge has been registered. Should players agree, a challenge game may take place over a weekend or public holiday. This is, however, not compulsory.
- 6.10 Should the challenger be unable to play the challenge game, the challenge will automatically be null and void. The challenger may then not register a new challenge for at least two (2) school days. The Tennis Challenge Administrator must be kept informed via text message.
- 6.11 Should the challenged player be unable to play the challenge game (by the end of the three (3) school day period allowed), the challenger will automatically take up the challenged player's ranking position and the challenged player will move down one ranking position. The challenger must keep the Tennis Challenge Administrator informed via text message.
- 6.12 The challenge will consist of 11 games with a 7 point tie-break (should the players be equal after 10 games).



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- 6.13 The challenger must supply three (3) new tennis balls which will be opened on the court by the player being challenged.
- 6.14 The challenge game will be played without supervision. No intervening or interference from outside of the court will be accepted. Players must sort out any issues or disputes between themselves. Should any of the players of a challenge game feel the need for an umpire/referee to be present at the challenge game, such a request may be made, in writing, to the Tennis Challenge Administrator who will take it up with the Tennis Committee. A fee of R250-00 will be applicable.
- The winner of the challenge game must notify the Tennis Challenge Administrator of the outcome, via text message. (Should the Tennis Challenge Administrator not receive any information regarding the outcome of a challenge game, after the three (3) school day period, it will be accepted that the challenge game did not take place and the ranking positions will remain unchanged).
- 6.15 Should it not be possible for a challenge game to take place due to rain (bad weather) an alternative date and time must be agreed to on the same day. The alternative date must be within three (3) school days following the date of the cancelled game. The challenger is to notify the Tennis Challenge Administrator accordingly via text message.
- 6.16 Should the challenger lose the challenge game, he/she may not re-challenge the same player for two (2) school days.
- 6.17 Any dispute regarding the outcome of a challenge game must be referred to the Tennis Challenge Administrator, in writing to [tennis@hsharties.co.za](mailto:tennis@hsharties.co.za). The dispute will be referred to the tennis committee for discussion and decision.
- 6.18 After the period allowed for challenging, (see 6.1), the ranking order position of players will be established and the respective teams be displayed on the website.

## 7 LEAGUE MATCHES

- 7.1 By prior arrangement with the Hartbeespoort Tennis Club, at least two (2) courts will be made available to Hartbeespoort High School for league matches from 14h00 to 18h00.
- 7.2 Players and parents are to receive the league dates as soon as possible in order to make arrangements for transport and support.
- 7.3 In the case of a team player being unable to play a league match, he/she is to inform the Tennis Organiser no later than the day before. A reserve player can then be contacted timeously.
- 7.4 A team player who misses more than two (2) matches *without a valid Doctor's certificate will lose their ranking order within the team immediately and will be placed at the bottom of the team's ranking order. An appeal can be made to the tennis committee who will then assess the situation.*
- 7.5 First team players will be expected to purchase the required tennis uniform.
- 7.6 All other players will wear the standard sports uniform.

## **8 PLAYER OF THE YEAR TROPHIES**

- 8.1 Player of the year trophies (one each to a player from the senior boy and senior girl teams as well as to a player from the junior boy and junior girl teams) will be awarded to the player who played the most league matches in the number 1 position.

## **9 SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

- 9.1 The School Championships will take place during Term 3 to determine the winners of the Championship Trophies.
- 9.2 Any tennis player, (junior boy and girl as well as senior boy and girl), who played in the school team and/or who had participated in the round robin for the respective school teams, may enter.
- 9.3 Lists for boys and girls, respectively, will be made available and players may enter for the School Championships by placing their names on the lists. All players, (junior and senior players) of which the names appear on the lists, will be ranked in accordance with their respective positions which they had held within the relevant teams, (commencing with the senior team downwards to the junior team. This will also apply to the reserve players of the senior and junior teams).
- 9.4 The closing date for entries will be advised during the first few weeks of Term 3.
- 9.5 Format: Knock-out
- 9.6 The Championship will be overseen by the Tennis Committee.
- 9.7 The draw sheets will be compiled and made available on the evening before the day on which the championship matches will take place. Any player, who does not arrive on time to play his/her scheduled match/es, will be disqualified from the championship, after 15 minutes of non-arrival. The scheduling of these matches as well as the size of the draw sheets will be dependent on the number of entries.
- 9.8 Each match will be a full set. When the score is 6 games all, a 7 point tie-break shall be played.
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