

All Thursday Metro Masters Representatives

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As you are all aware the 6 lockdowns from Covid-19 virus in Victoria in the last two years have created the situation where only one almost completed season occurred in the Autumn, 2021 season. With the latest Omicron variant spreading throughout Australia at present we have again prepared **Health Protocols** for the benefit of the players and their clubs. These guidelines will be featured on the Home Page of the TROLS website, and should be adhered to in the interests of all players and their families.

Our competition has received 31 team entries for the coming Autumn, 2022 season down 2 teams from the Spring, 2021 season due entirely to the virus. The Grading Panel agreed that we should have 1 section of 7 teams (with a bye), and 4 sections of 6 teams which will allow us to be flexible in following seasons. The Spring, 2021 grading was the catalyst, and the only teams dropped during this process were Glen Waverley Threeze (to Section 3), and North Balwyn (to Section 5). Teams withdrawn from last season North Ringwood Gold (from Section 1), Clifton Hill (Section 3), and with Glen Waverley combining their two Section 2 teams, as did Koonung Park with their Section 4 and 5 teams. Glen Waverley Forze re-entered their Section 1 team from Autumn, 2021, whilst Fitzroy re-entered their Section 2 team from Autumn, 2020. Both teams had the players and credentials to return to those sections. With most players having played only 1 season out of the last 4 seasons the current playing level of players will obviously be weakened due to all the extended lockdowns with little opportunity to hone tennis skills and exercise. With 6 and 8 team sections we will avoid the usual draw problems as most clubs requested the minimum number of teams that could play home matches.

Please check in the player summary of Club Zone to confirm that all the players are entered in their respective teams – the odd player may be missing if they were entered by another club or team. Any players not entered using the On-line team entry will be treated as emergencies. Could clubs also check the On-line information concerning their club contacts, convenors etc. as a lot of this information will have changed and requires updating – if you require id's and password to complete these changes please advise.

Please note that for the first round of home and away matches i.e. the first 5 matches (Sections 2-5), and the first round of home and away matches i.e. the first 7 seven matches (Section 1) will change with a 7 point tie-breaker at 6 games all instead of 7 games all. This was voted by a large majority at the AGM, and if the finishing time of these matches could be recorded it will assist in the review that will occur at the end of the Autumn season.

Attachments for the fixtures and revised scorecards will be included in the email.

Any decision regarding the location of the Grand Finals will be made at the appropriate time as we need to remain flexible in the current environment.

Attached to this email please find:-

- 1. A copy of draws for each section – please produce sufficient copies for the players in your team and/or your club or check on the trols website under the tab fixtures.**
- 2. A copy of new Spring, 2021 (in Word Format) Result Sheets – PLEASE DESTROY PREVIOUS RESULT SHEETS AS THIS LATEST VERSION GIVES DETAILS REQUIRED FOR ALL EMERGENCIES**

Results and ladders will be updated on our Trols website address as follows:-

<http://www.trols.org.au/metro> suggest you place in your Favourites.

To maintain regular ladders please enter results into Trols in a timely and legible manner.

Enjoy your tennis.

Regards

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