

**Sunset Doubles Competition
2020-21 season**

Divisions 1, 2 & 3 may be mixed gender teams, Ladies Division women players only

No men are to play in the Ladies Division

Continuous round robin competition with promotion/relegation at completion of each round.

Team Entry fee \$160 - to be paid at time of registration.

Team entries are limited and will be accepted on a first in first served basis & **close Sunday 13th September 2020**. Entries can be emailed to admin@midcanterburytennis.co.nz or posted to Mid Canterbury Tennis, PO Box 490, Ashburton 7740 Payment can be made to bank a/c 03-1351-0448178-00 Please use Sunset & Team Name as reference.

Teams consist of four players. Please ensure you have extra players available so defaulting does not occur. Alternatively, use players from that week's bye team or from the reserve list.

Start times:	Early game	Arrive 5.45pm for 6.00pm prompt start	Finish 7.45pm
	Late game	Arrive 7.35pm for 7.50pm prompt start	Finish 9.35pm

Players to be seeded 1 to 4 – strongest being No 1 and weakest being No 4

Three rounds are played on the night, each round lasting 35 minutes

- In the first round 1 and 4 play while 2 and 3 play each other
- In the second round, 1 and 3 play and 2 and 4 play
- In the third round, players 1 and 2 play the opposing teams 1 and 2 while 3 and 4 do likewise
- At deuce – first point played after deuce is the deciding point. Receivers choose to receive serve on either left or right side of court
- Toss to be made at start of each match
- Play stops on the sound of the bell
- Gates will be unlocked during play for ball retrieval

Two points for each match won, no count back for overall draw. One point for each match drawn.

Score sheets are to be completed by captain and returned to the pavilion along with the team balls. Points will not be allocated if balls are not returned with the score sheet. The points table and draws are displayed on the Mid Canterbury Tennis website.

Ball/light fee of \$5 per player each night paid to organisers promptly prior to the start of the round (ie one team member pays the total fee of \$20 on the teams behalf). This season there is also an option to pay all team ball/lights money up front at the beginning of the season. This is a one off payment of \$350 for the season. Any team wishing to take up this option **MUST** pay the \$350 before play commences on the first night of Sunset this season, Thursday 8th October 2020. There will be no refund of ball/lights money for any rained off games.

Competition is played on Thursday evenings and **starts Thursday 8th October 2020 until 17th December 2020** for Christmas break. **No play on Thursday 12th November 2020** [Canterbury Show weekend]. Competition **starts back on Thursday 14th January 2021 and finishes Thursday 25th March 2021**. Rained out games will be played at the organisers discretion, at the end of the round.

A cancellation notice will be available on ph 308 3020 after 3.30 pm. Any further questions contact Murray Amyes ph 303 0882