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## Club Championships

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## Welcome

Tennis Tournament Planner (TP) is a Windows based application written by a software company Visual Reality and provided to Tennis New Zealand for Tournament Organisers to help administer tennis competitions. The same software is used by National Governing Bodies across the world as well as the ITF for their World Tennis Tour. The programme has been extensively developed and offers many enhanced features providing organisers of large and complex tournaments a great deal of additional functionality.

A new version of TP is released at the start of each year, with updates released throughout the year to improve the functionality. A list of updates can be found in the Version Update Log which is available at https://www.tournamentsoftware.com/product/article.aspx?s=2\&id=E0524F9C-E95F-4A82-93C9-316BB47FA6C6

This document is intended as a quick start guide and covers the basic features of TP, allowing users to create and manage a tournament simply and easily using a limited subset of features available.

## Learning Outcomes

At the completion of this document, Tournament Organisers should be able to:

1. Create a new TP file for a tournament
2. Update all tournament details
3. Insert, download and create players within the file
4. Do seedings and create appropriate draws
5. Schedule matches
6. Enter results

## Questions

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# PART <br> INSTALLATION AND CREATING A TOURNAMENT 

## 1. Programme Installation

In order to use TP, you will need a TP licence file and have the up-to-date version of the software installed on your computer. A free Club Championships licence is available for all affiliated clubs. Please email blake@tennis.kiwi for a copy of the licence.

NOTE: This licence can only be used for Club Championships. For other tournament types, a club/association licence is required

## Installing TP - New Users

Once you have received your TP licence email, save the licence file to a folder. Then download the TP programme from
https://www.tournamentsoftware.com/product/download.aspx?id=16\&s=2 and follow the install instructions.

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|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tournament Planner | The demonstrationversion is a full version, with some functionality turned off. After purchase, you will get a registration file which will make all functions available. |  |  |  |  |
| Product information | If you have an existing version on your system you only need to download an update. You only need to get the latest update. |  |  |  |  |
| Tour |  |  |  |  |  |
| Support Center |  |  |  |  |  |
| Free demo | (5) Tennis Tournament Planner | 媐 English | 29.5 MB | Version 2020.1 | Download |
| Download | - Squash Tournament Planner |  | 29.5 MB | Version 2020.1 | Download |
| Order | (2) Badminton Tournament Planner | 䝂 English | 29.5 MB | Version 2020.1 | Download |

## Updating TP - Current Users

1. Open TP on your computer. Navigate to Help menu and select Check for updates...

| Help |
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| (2) Contents |
| (9) Internet Site |
| System Info... |
| Check for updates... |
| Register... |
| (3) About Tennis Toumament Planner |


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| Checking for updates |  |

## 2. Once installed, an Error message will appear. Click OK:



## Registering TP

1. Once installed, a registration screen will appear.

2. After clicking on the Register button, locate the licence file you stored on your computer by clicking Browse:

3. Navigate to the location where the licence file was saved, select the licence file and click the OK button or double click on the licence.

4. The software is now ready to be used for the calendar year.

## 2. Creating a Tournament

Each tournament uses its own TP file. Files will automatically save to the default folder, Documents>Tournaments as the name you choose. There are two methods for creating a tournament file: creating from scratch or creating from a previous file/template.

## Starting a tournament from scratch

1. Select Tournament>New from the main menu.

2. Give the new tournament a filename (e.g. xxx Club Championships 2021). NOTE: give the file a clear name to ensure different tournament files can be distinguished from each other.


## Creating from a template/previous event file

1. Select Tournament>Open and locate the file you wish to create from. Once open, select Tournament>Save as new tournament.

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2. Give the new tournament a filename (e.g. xxx Club Championships 2021). NOTE: give the file a clear name to ensure different tournament files can be distinguished from each other.


## Tournament Properties

1. Once the file has been created, enter basic information relating to the tournament. This Tournament Properties menu is split into 12 tabs:

2. The Info and Address tabs should be completed with as much information as possible. City and Country are compulsory fields.


## Creating Events

Use the Events tab to create the event categories/age groups that will be competed in.

- Select Pick to choose from a list of events. To rename these events, doubleclick each event and rename
- Select Add to create an event from scratch


NOTE: to manage payments using TP, enter the Fee in each event

## Create and add Dates/Times

The Days tab indicates the dates of the competition. Double-click on any date to add it to the list. Tournament dates do not need to be consecutive.

The Times tab allows you to specify match time slots. These times will be allocated to matches at a later stage.

## Create match courts

Use Locations/Courts to create the match courts. Double-click on Main Location and select Create and increase the number accordingly. To rename these courts, double-click each court and rename.


## Create different scoring formats

Use the Scores tab to modify scoring formats for each event. The default scoring format is best-of-three sets with a tiebreak at 6-6 games.

- Modify the default: double-click Standard (Default) and modify the settings
- Add multiple scoring formats: click Add and modify the settings

To allocate different scoring formats to various events, select the Events tab, double-click an event, select the Scoring tab, and choosing the correct format from the drop-down menu.

NOTE: please see Tennis NZ Tournament Rules and Regulations for accepted scoring formats


Round-Robin, Entry Fees, Draws and Officials tabs
The remaining tabs are not normally necessary for most competitions.

# PART II PLAYERS, ACCEPTANCE LISTS AND DRAWS 

## 3. Players, Entry Lists and Acceptance Lists

Once the basic tournament properties are setup, TP can maintain a record of players entering the competition. Players can be added to the file through three methods:

- Import players from MatchHub tournament database
- Adding players manually
- Online player entry downloads (after setting up online entry) - see appendix 1


## Import players from MatchHub tournament database

To import club players from the MatchHub tournament database, contact Tennis New Zealand for a club specific list.

Once the club specific database is downloaded, open TP.

1. In TP, open the Tournament, select Player>Player Database>Clear Player Database.
2. Select Player>Player Database>Import to Player Database. Select Browse, locate the excel file and select Next. Ensure the wizard looks exactly as below, then select Next.

3. No changes need to be made on this screen, select Next.
4. The import list may take a few minutes to load and is displayed for visual verification. Select Next, and then Yes to confirm proceeding. This step may take a few minutes.

After the database has been uploaded, players can be imported into the file. From the menu, select Player>Player Database>Pickup from player database or hit F3 on the keyboard.

Select the players that are entering the tournament from the list, and select Add.


TIP: When adding players, select all the players entering one event, complete the wizard, then do the process again for each event.

## Adding players manually

Entries can be added manually by selecting Players>Add Player from the top menu. There is an Add Player button in the quick-start menu also.


Enter the details for the new player. Mandatory fields are:

- General tab: first name, last name, gender, date of birth and Member ID (MatchHub code).
- Events tab: tick box against each event that the player has entered.


Note: adding players to TP do not add them to the database. This will be completed by Tennis NZ periodically.

## Entry Lists

Entry Lists for each event can be found in the Roster from the left menu. All Entry List actions can be completed from the Roster screen. Right-click on a player for the following actions:


- Status - referring to the Acceptance List, select the players appropriate status

| <None> |
| :--- |
| Wild Card |
| Lucky Loser |
| Qualifier |
| Direct Acceptance |
| Disqualified |
| Protected Ranking |
| Special Exempt |
| Alternate |
| Withdrawn |

- Move to - move the player to a different stage within the event (Main Draw, Qualifying, Consolation etc.)
- Copy to - copy the player to a different stage within the event (Main Draw, Qualifying, Consolation etc.)
- Insert Entry - add a new player to the Roster from the Player Database
- Delete Entry - remove the player from this event
- Move to Event - move the player to a different Event
- Copy to Event - copy the player to a different Event
- Automatic Seeding - automatically seed players on the currently selected list. (See Seeding Players Automatically for details)
- Print - print the Entry List
- Properties - Entry Properties for selected player



## Entry Lists - Doubles Pairings

Doubles Pairings are manually created from the Roster menu.

1. Select Roster from the left menu. Select the event to create Doubles Pairings.
2. To create a Doubles Pairing, either double-click or right-click on a player and choose Properties.
3. From the Partner drop-down, select the appropriate player. Select OK.


## 4. Seeding and Making the Draws

With all players entered in events, TP can easily seed players based on MatchHub points, and automatically create the draws.

## Importing MatchHub Points

To import player points from the MatchHub database, the player database file can be used.

1. Select Player> Import Ranking. Select Next, then Browse, locate the excel file and select Next. Ensure the wizard looks exactly as below, then select Next:


Doubles Rankings

2. The import list may take a few minutes to load and is displayed for visual verification. Check that all players have a Ranking (between 1-12) and Points (between 10-4000). Select Next, and then Yes to confirm proceeding. This step may take a few minutes.

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|  | NHMEM7C | ${ }^{6}$ | 6945 |  |
|  | AKBKYD | 6 | 61980 |  |
|  | CBSLJE | 5 | 52135 |  |
|  | NHMFC3G | 6 | 61995 |  |
|  | CETHJ1] | 6 | 61910 |  |
|  | CBTKA2L |  |  |  |
|  | CBED]6m | 5 | 51775 |  |
|  | AKPLJ4M | 6 | 62065 |  |
|  | AKBPR3P | 8 | $8 \quad 990$ |  |
|  | WkCemp | 5 | 51605 |  |
|  | AKCBR2R | 10 | 455 |  |
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NOTE: when Ranking/Points have not imported, look-up manually on MatchHub. Adding Ranking/Points manually steps below.

## Adding MatchHub Points Manually

To manually add player Ranking/Points to Tournament Planner, retrieve the information from MatchHub.

1. On the Grading List, search for the player. Record the MatchHub code, Grade and Ranking Points (include both Singles and Doubles).

Open Tournament Planner.
2. Select Players from the left menu. Locate the player with the missing information. Double-click to open the player properties.
3. On the General tab, update the Member ID to the correct MatchHub Code
4. Select the Sport tab and update the Ranking S/D and Points S/D (include both Singles and Doubles)


## Seeding Players Automatically

Tournament Planner can seed players automatically based on MatchHub Points.

1. Select Roster from the left menu. Select the event to create seeding.
2. Automatic Seeding can be found in the Draw>Automatic Seeding from the top menu. There is a Seeding button in the quick-start menu also.

3. From the Order dropdown, select Points. At the bottom next to Seed, select the appropriate number of seeds (check the Tournament Regulations for the correct number of seeds for the draw size), then select Close.

4. Repeat steps 1-3 for each event requiring seeding

## Seeding Players Manually

Tournament Planner allows players to be seeded manually.

1. Select Roster from the left menu. Select the event to create seeding.
2. Double-click the player to be seeded. Double-click the stage that the player is to be seeded.

3. Add the seed number in the first box next to Seed. Select Ok.

4. Repeat steps 1-2 for each player requiring seeding.

## Adding Draws

Tournament Planner can create the appropriate/desired draws, and can vary in each event.

1. Select Roster from the left menu. Select the event to create a draw.
2. Add Draw can be found in the Draw>Add Draw from the top menu, in the quick-start menu or by selecting the Draws tab>right-click and select Add Draw.

3. A Draw Wizard will launch to select the appropriate draw for the event. Select Next.
NOTE: Two or more draws can be linked together within the same event (i.e. a Qualifying Draw that links to a Main Draw).


Tournament Planner supports the draw types:

- Elimination - a knock-out system with options for Consolation and/or Playoff draws
- Round Robin - each player plays against every other player
- Elimination qualifications with elimination main draw - a Qualifying draw that feeds into a Main Draw with options for Consolation and/or Playoff draws
- Compass - each player will compete in at least 3 matches. Multiple draws are created and linked together, where players move throughout the "compass" points depending on results
- Qualifying - an elimination draw which ends after a number of rounds. Players reaching the final round will qualify for the draw in the next stage. Use this to manually create a Qualifying draw.
- Round Robin with Playoffs - 2 Round Robins with a size of 4, with playoffs created for 1-8 Playoffs
- Matchplay - multiple small draws of 4 players that are completed after 2 rounds. Each player receives 2 matches

4. Choose the appropriate settings for the draw.


Settings:

- Size - choose the size of draw appropriate to the event:
- Elimination draws - created to the power of 2 (i.e. 2, 4, 8, 16, 32, 64 etc)
- Round Robin draws - may contain up to 16 players
- Compass draws - created with 8,16, 32 or 64 players
- Qualifying draws - may contain between 4 to 128 players producing 2 to 64 qualifiers
- Matchplay draws - may contain up to 32 players in increments of 4 players
- Name - would normally be "Main Draw" or "Qualifying"

NOTE: When creating multiple draws within an event it is very important that each draw is given a unique name

- Playoff - this option applies to "Elimination" draws only and can create matches for $3^{\text {rd }} / 4^{\text {th }}$ and $/$ or $5-8^{\text {th }}$ Playoff matches
- Stage - set this field as follows:
- 1 = Qualifying
- 2 = Main Draw
- Qualification - select this if the draw is a Qualifying draw


## Making Draws Automatically

Tournament Planner will create draws that can be filled with players automatically, and that will progress as match results are recorded.

1. Make Draws can be found in the Draw>Make Draw from the top menu or in the quick-start menu.
NOTE: The quick-start menu option is only available in the Draws screen from the left menu
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2. A Draw Wizard will launch. Select the appropriate Stage. Select Next.

3. Ensure all players are selected. Select Next.

NOTE: You can ensure all players are selected by looking at the wording: "You have currently selected 32 of 32 entries."

4. Where a Qualification draw is being used, select the Qualification Links. Select Next.

5. Choose the appropriate separations for this event. Select Next.


- Separations are based off of the entry information for each player
- Club, District, City, Postcode, State and Country are case and word dependent and any variation will not result in accurate separation (i.e. Club: "Main Club" and "main club" are considered different clubs)
- Optimal separation considers the whole draw
- Separate first round only considers first round matches only
- Separate doubles partners works for pairs that are already together in Roster

6. A preview of the draw. Select Finish.


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# PART III SCHEDULING AND MATCH DAY 

## 5. Scheduling the Draws

Once all draws are created, all matches can be scheduled. This can be achieved through simple scheduling (scheduled for a particular day only) or a more in-depth scheduling known as Garman Scheduling (specific/estimated times on a day).

Both schedule options populate the Matches screen from the left menu and allow for simple result collection.

NOTE: For Garman Scheduling, see Appendix 2

## Simple Scheduling - Day only

Used for smaller events, this method only schedules the day (no times).

1. Select Draws from the left menu. Select the event and the draw to be scheduled.
2. Right-click on the match or round and select Schedule Match for the specific match, or Schedule Round for the complete round.


## Schedule Match

3. Select the day from the list of event days. Select OK.

4. Repeat for all matches to be scheduled.

## Schedule Round

3. Select the day from the list of event days. Select OK.

4. Repeat for all rounds to be scheduled.

## 6. Entering Results

Once all matches are scheduled, Tournament Planner can manage each match day easily.

## Entering Match Results

When matches finish, Tournament Planner can manage the result and forward players through the draws. It will record the match result in the draw, and move the match to the Finished tab on the Matches screen.

1. Select Matches from the left menu. Double-click on the match to record the score.

2. Type in the score, allocate any special Status if required (withdrawal, retirement etc.) and select the Winner. Click OK.
NOTE: enter the losers result and the winners result will auto-fill. This will also auto-select the winner

3. The match will now be moved from the Scheduled tab to the Finished tab

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## Appendix 1

Online player entry downloads
To setup accepting online entries, select Internet>Publish and select the Online Entry tab.

| Internet | Messages Extra |
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| - Publish... |  |
|  | nload Results... |

Ensure Online Entry drop-down menu is On. Set a Final entry date that is appropriate for your event.

TIP: Ensure this date is allowing enough time for tournament preparation once entries have closed.

To automatically download entries, select Internet>Entries and follow the wizard. Entries will download into the file, in the entered events.

## Appendix 2

Garman Scheduling - Times and day
Used for most events, this method uses the Garman Scheduling tables to create match times for each match.

The Garman Scheduling table needs to be programmed into the Available Courts section before scheduling can be completed.

1. From the top menu, select Tournament>Properties, Locations/Courts, double-click on the venue, and select the Available Courts tab.

2. Using the Garman Scheduling Table applicable for the number of courts at the venue, type in the appropriate available courts across the matrix.


3. Select OK. In the Tournament Properties select OK.
4. Select Draws from the left menu. Select the event and the draw to be scheduled.
5. Right-click on the match or round and select Schedule Match for the specific match, or Schedule Round for the complete round.


Schedule Match
6. Select the day and the time from the matrix. Select OK.


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## 7. Repeat for all matches to be scheduled.

## Schedule Round

6. Select the day and the time to start the round from the matrix. Select OK. NOTE: this wizard will schedule all matches in the selected round, starting from the time chosen.

7. Repeat for all rounds to be scheduled.

NOTE: use the Rest time setting to ensure players receive appropriate break between scheduled matches.

