**DVTA FORFEITS**

Over recent years we have seen the number of forfeits given gradually increasing. For the Autumn 2017 season there were a total of 81 forfeits. The following table offers a summary of forfeits by Club and also By Competition.

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| **Summary By Club** |  |  |  |  |
| Bundoora | 2 |  | Panton Hill | 2 |
| Diamond Creek | 7 |  | Plenty | 7 |
| DV Baptist | 2 |  | Research | 13 |
| Ecca | 1 |  | St Andrews | 5 |
| Eltham | 1 |  | STJTC | 1 |
| Grace Valley | 3 |  | UC Tennis Club | 5 |
| Greensborough | 5 |  | Warrandyte | 2 |
| Hurstbridge | 5 |  | Watsonia | 1 |
| Kangaroo Ground | 2 |  | Wattle Glen | 5 |
| Kinglake Ranges | 3 |  | Whittlesea | 4 |
| Montmorency | 1 |  | Yallambie | 1 |
| Norris Bank | 1 |  | Yan Yean | 2 |
|  |  |  | Total: | 81 |
| **Summary By Comp** |  |  |  |  |
| Monday Night Mixed | 15 |  | Thursday Midweek Ladies | 11 |
| Tuesday Night Mens | 15 |  | Friday Junior Singles | 9 |
| Wednesday Night Ladies | 5 |  | Saturday Morning Juniors | 2 |
| Thursday Night Mens | 24 |  | Total: | 81 |

We are just into the second round of the Spring 17 season and already have 5 forfeits;

* Monday Night Mixed: Greensborough, Ecca and Eltham
* Tuesday Night Mens: Plenty Gold
* Midweek Ladies: Whittlesea

It is possible that many forfeits occur without the knowledge of Club officials i.e. teams call the forfeits without contacting others in the Club to seek emergencies. It is also possible that many teams are unaware of the DVTA Rule which states

Any team forfeiting three matches in any season shall be withdrawn from the competition and any points gained or lost against this team with regard to the formation of the ladder will be disregarded and their matches treated as byes.

It is hoped that the publishing of this information will encourage all Clubs to increase their efforts to reduce the number of forfeits. If this occurs, then no further action will occur. However, it is intended that DVTA Delegates will discuss the following possible penalties for a Forfeit at the forthcoming AGM.

* Imposition of a fine
* Additional points penalty
* Prohibition from competing in the current season’s finals