

Dear team captain – issued 01/06/22

Summer Doubles **Women's Stage 2** - Premier, Division 1/1 & 1/2

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declines to play indoors then the lower team's match must be scheduled for the Monday evening before the scheduled date.

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