

NORTH SUBURBAN JUNIOR TENNIS ASSOCIATION INC.

Reg No. A0058168N

MINUTES OF DELEGATES MEETING HELD ON 18 OCTOBER 2021

38 of 44 Clubs present

Meeting opened: 8:05 pm

CHAIRPERSON: Ron Morton

APOLOGIES: Sam Fitzsimmons (Princes Hill), Fiona Vanstone (Tennis Events Coordinator), Jane Collins (Royal Park)

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Circulated and taken as read.

MOVED: Jacqui Theuma (Keilor East)

SECONDED: Rose Micallef (Ascot Vale)

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

Nil.

CORRESPONDENCE: As tabled by Robert McDonald

IN

1. Tennis Victoria — Association Forum update
2. Hume TCC — Request for special permission for player to play in finals
3. Tennis Victoria — Online Victorian Community Tennis Forum — Tuesday 29 June 2021
4. Tennis Victoria — Update 23 June 2021
5. Tennis Victoria — Affiliation renewal 2021-22
6. Consumer Affairs Victoria — Annual Statement confirmation
7. Consumer Affairs Victoria — Annual Statement receipt
8. Tennis Victoria — Update 7 July 2021
9. Princes Hill TC — Venue changes
10. Tennis Victoria — Associations Forum Tuesday 20th July postponed
11. Tennis Victoria — Update 15 July 2021
12. Green Gully TC — COVID Quarantine query
13. Tennis Victoria — Update 20 July 2021
14. Sport and Recreation Victoria — New Child Safe Standards from 1 July 2022
15. Tennis Victoria — Call for Director Nominations
16. Tennis Victoria — Management Liability Insurance Declaration
17. Tennis Victoria — Update 27 July 2021
18. Tennis Victoria — Update 5 August 2021
19. Tennis Victoria News August 2021
20. Tennis Victoria — Update 9 August 2021
21. Tennis Victoria — Update 11 August 2021
22. Tennis Victoria — Victorian Tennis Awards Nominations Open

23. Tennis Victoria — Update 16 August 2021
24. Tennis Victoria — Update 18 August 2021
25. Tennis Victoria — COVID Update 21 August 2021
26. Tennis Victoria — Update 1 September 2021
27. Tennis Victoria News September 2021
28. Tennis Victoria — 2021 AGM and Board Elections
29. Tennis Victoria — Update 9 September 2021
30. Tennis Victoria — Competitive Play Forums — Register Now
31. Tennis Victoria — Update 15 September 2021
32. Tennis Victoria — Affiliation confirmed
33. Tennis Victoria — COVID-19 Update 19 September 2021
34. Tennis Victoria — Victorian Roadmap update 22 September 2021
35. Tennis Victoria Update 27 September 2021
36. Sport and Recreation Victoria — Community Grants Available now
37. Tennis Victoria Update 28 September 2021
38. Tennis Victoria — Affiliate Update 29 September 2021
39. Tennis Victoria — We're Open Welcome back to Tennis across Victoria — 29 September 2021
40. Tennis Victoria — Insurance Certificate of Currency
41. Tennis Victoria — Tennis Victoria - 2021 Annual General Meeting and Annual Report
42. Sport and Recreation Victoria — Automatic top-up grant – Round 4 of the Community Sport Sector COVID-19 Survival Package
43. Tennis Victoria — A Safer Game Plan - Safeguarding Children Workshops
44. Tennis Victoria — Expressions of Interest - Tennis Victoria Sub-Committees and Disciplinary Panel

OUT

1. Sunbury LTC — Protest outcome
2. Taylors Lakes TC — Protest outcome
3. All Clubs — Grand Final fixture and pick up arrangements
4. Hume TCC — Response to request for special permission for player to play in finals
5. All Clubs — Season 2 2021 Fixture
6. Some Clubs — A Reserve 2 Boys Fixture
7. All Clubs — Season 2 arrangements
8. All Clubs — Match results arrangements
9. Tennis Victoria — Affiliation renewal application 2020-21
10. All Clubs — Start of Season 2 postponed
11. Moomba Park TC — Junior competition matters
12. Delahey TC, Glencairn TC, Green Gully TC, Greenvale TC, Hume TCC, Maribyrnong Park TC, OLN TC, Strathmore TC — Letter of thanks for assistance with finals matches
13. All Clubs — NSJTA Update — 20 July 2021
14. All Clubs — Season 2 dates survey
15. Some Clubs — A Reserve 2 Boys Friday Fixture — Version 2
16. All Clubs — Round 1 matches to be played this weekend
17. Green Gully TC — COVID Quarantine query response
18. Some Clubs — A Reserve 2 Boys Friday Fixture — Version 2 correction
19. All Clubs — Match results for Friday night matches

20. All Clubs — Friday night results and emergency player reminders
21. All Clubs — Round 2 matches cancelled
22. All Clubs — Round 3 matches cancelled
23. East Coburg TC — Letter of support for LED lights
24. All Clubs — Cancellation of Season 2 2021
25. All Clubs — Season 1 2022 arrangements
26. All Clubs — Agenda and attachments for Delegates meeting on 18 October 2021

MOVED: Robert McDonald (Secretary)

SECONDED: Rose Micallef (Ascot Vale)

TREASURER’S REPORT:

Balance in transaction account as at 18 October 2021	\$1,504.16
Balance in investment account as at 18 October 2021	\$20,337.20

Ten clubs did not pay their fees for Season 2. Accounts were emailed out back in July. These clubs are asked to pay their fees as soon as possible:

Avondale Heights — \$185	Keilor Park — \$47.50	Tullamarine— \$105
Deer Park — \$160	Merlynston — \$142.50	West Brunswick — \$252.50
Delahey — \$260	North Park — \$160	
Hadfield— \$80	St Vincents — \$117.50	

We will not charge team entry fees for Season 1, 2022.

MOVED: Colin Thompson (Treasurer)

SECONDED: Bobby Dela Cruz (Taylors Lakes)

TENNIS EVENTS REPORT:

1. Associations Junior League

- We have a total of 62 players representing NSJTA for Season 2021. The ratio was 25 Girls and 37 Boys so roughly 40% Girls and 60% Boys.
- We submitted and were granted 11 teams in total ranging from 10/u mixed up to 16/U.
- The Season was meant to commence in August but due to Covid it has now been scheduled to commence on November 7th and go for 6 weeks until December 12th (similar to last year). A revised draw has been received and team manger notified over the weekend.
- Still waiting on Tennis Victoria to provide information about vaccine requirements for players 12 and over.
- Huge thanks to clubs that have supported this by giving up some of their courts. They are Coburg, Airport West, Taylors Lakes, Hume, Strathmore and Tullamarine. Details of updated fixtures were emailed to clubs tonight.
- Thanks to Julian Mancini for organising the teams, with support from Aaron, Bobby and Fiona.

2. Luke Saville Cup

This is a new event for 10 & Under and 11 & Under players that will be played on Sunday 28 November 2021 at Ringwood TC. It was initiated to replace two Association representative events that were cancelled during 2021. It will bring together the strongest players across the four largest metropolitan associations. Details of how to apply are currently on the NSJTA website.

3. Daphne Fancutt Shield

This event will be played on 15 and 16 January 2022. Further details will be published on the NSJTA website closer to the event.

TENNIS VICTORIA REPORT:

1. Tennis Australia Competitive Play Blueprint

Tennis Australia have released their Competitive Play Blueprint. The document proposes a framework for player development pathways. A copy of the blueprint is available on the Tennis Victoria website:

<https://www.tennis.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/Competitive-Play-Blueprint.pdf>

2. Local Area Marketing

There is the opportunity for the association to request local area marketing assets which you can then send to clubs to use to promote association opportunities e.g. entries open for the next season of competition etc.

Request Link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TennisVictoriaMarketing>

3. Community Officiating Course

Tennis Australia has a Community Officiating Course which the association could encourage clubs to complete to gain a better understanding of the rules of tennis, etiquette.

There are 4 modules to the course which are online and take approx. 3-4 hours total. After the online course is completed there is a one-day coaching/practical component.

The four modules in the course are:

1. Rules of Tennis and Tennis Etiquette
2. General Principles of Officiating
3. Safeguarding Children
4. Court Monitor

<https://www.tennis.com.au/learn/ballkids-officials-coaches-and-volunteers/officiating/training-courses>

4. Universal Tennis Rating tournaments

With the cancellation of the current season there is a potential for TV and NSJTA clubs to work together to offer UTR events. Clubs are able to use a similar model used by some country clubs in 2020.

Players would enter into their relevant rating band, then on the day of the event they are placed into Round Robin groups of 4 and play against the three other opponents in the group.

This could be a way to keep the competition players engaged in competitive play whilst there is no season occurring. An example of the model is the Sale TC event in 2020:

<https://app.universaltennis.com/events/35160>

Further information regarding UTR: <https://support.universaltennis.com/en/support/home>

Clubs interested in hosting UTR tournaments can contact Ray Reymers who will put them in contact with Tennis Victoria.

MATCH SECRETARY REPORT:

1. Well another Covid Season has taken its toll with only one week of tennis played in Season 2 2021. The Match Committee had a few extra Zoom meetings to try and fit tennis into the Second half of the year, but Government Guidelines have made this impossible. We now look forward to Season 1, 2022.

2. **Score sheet amendments:** We have made a change to the Friday night and Saturday morning mixed score sheets. Copies are attached. The change has been made to assist us to check players have played in the correct seeded order now that we are using League Manager.

Friday night. The sheet will now read Boy 1, Boy 2, Boy 3, Girl 1, Girl 2 and Girl 3.

Saturday Morning. The sheet will now read Boy 1, Boy 2, Girl 1, Girl 2.

Sets should be entered into League Manager in this order.

However, the change to the score sheet does not change the order of play on Friday nights and Saturday mornings. (Boy 1 Girl 1 Boy 2 Girl 2 etc). Please read note 2 on the sheet. There are no changes to doubles sets.

3. **Entering Scores:** In Season 1 2022 we will be getting all Friday Night A Grade and A Reserve (Mixed and Boys) teams to enter their own scores. The Home team will enter the scores at the end of the night and the Away team will approve the scores.
4. **Entering Teams Online:** We will be holding a twenty-minute Team Entry refresher session at the end of this meeting for those who need a quick reminder. If there are any Delegates who are new or need some more assistance you can contact Brendon on 0400 112 595 after Monday night.

We encourage Delegates to check with all your players to confirm whether they are returning. Please do not assume they are returning. Please also ensure all new players are committed for the season.

When you enter your Teams please also complete the Team Entry Cover Sheet and send it to: results@nsjta.org.au. Please note the change of email address.

Team Entries: The closing dates will be:

A level teams (Friday and Saturday) — 8 pm on Friday 26 November 2021

All other teams — 8 pm on Friday 3 December 2021

Clubs are reminded about By-law 25(d) — A club will only be granted a 7.45 am start for a C level team if it can satisfy the Match Committee that it is genuinely needed on court capacity grounds.

5. **Advertising for players:** As usual, clubs are able to advertise for players needed for next season on the NSJTA website. Please email details of any “players wanted” to matchsecretary@nsjta.org.au. Kym will place them online for you. The feedback link on the old website is no longer in use.
6. **Transfers:** Send details to matchsecretary@nsjta.org.au no later than Saturday November 6th. We encourage clubs to limit transfers and to form combined teams instead. There will be no transfer fees for Season 1 2022.
7. **Age limits:** As we did when the season was cancelled last year, the Match Committee has decided to apply to regular age limits in the By-laws for Season 1 2022. Players born in 2003 will age out as usual. Most players born in 2003 will have left school and be going to university or working next year, so we believe it is appropriate that they move to an adult competition.
8. **Season dates**

The season dates will be as follows:

Round 1	4/5 February	Round 8	1/2 April
Round 2	11/12 February	Round 9	8/9 April
Round 3	18/19 February	Round 10	29/30 April
Round 4	25/26 February	Round 11	6/7 May
Round 5	4/5 March	Round 12	13/14 May
Round 6	18/19 March	Round 13	20/21 May
Round 7	25/26 March	Round 14	27/28 May

Semi Final	3/4 June
Grand Final	17/18 June
Spare Finals weekend	24/25 June

9. **Season 1 2022 arrangements**

We will contact all clubs as soon as we grade all the teams which will be mid December 2021.

A Special teams will be notified as soon as possible.

We will send an email mid-January 2022 to touch base with everyone.

I am looking forward to everything opening up again and our children playing tennis. I want to wish everyone a Happy Christmas and a safe Festive Season. A huge thank you to the rest of the NSJTA Committee for working with all the changing situations.

11. Any questions, including combined teams, please ring Kym on 0413 527 902.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. **Vaccination requirements** — As this stage, we don't know what the vaccination requirements will be for players, parents and spectators next season. The Association intends to follow the State Government requirements in their health directions. This may include mandatory vaccination requirements or just recommendations.

We expect community sport will commence in the last week of October or first week of November. We will provide further advice to clubs when the Government publishes the vaccination requirements for junior community sport. We hope this will be in time for clubs to take these requirements into consideration when entering their teams.

If any clubs become aware of local councils with vaccination requirements over and above the State Government requirements in their health directions, please let the Association know as soon as possible.

2. **Child Safety Update** — New Victorian Child Safety Standards were announced on 1 July 2021. The new Standards will strengthen child safety, improve Aboriginal cultural safety, and empower children and young people. The new Standards will commence on 1 July 2022, giving Victorian sport and recreation organisations time to plan, prepare and comply. Further information will be provided at future meetings.

Tennis Victoria is also running a series of online safeguarding children workshops, which clubs can register to attend through the Tennis Victoria website.

3. **Female participation** — In response to the query raised at the Annual General meeting, information about female participation in the NSJTA competition and some information from Tennis Victoria was circulated with the agenda for the meeting. There has been an overall reduction in participation, and slightly higher reduction in female participation.

In particular, we have continued to see a reduction in the number of mixed teams on Saturday mornings. We encourage clubs to try and enter mixed teams where possible to help us ensure an even competition.

4. **Age limits for Season 2, 2022** — The St Monica's Delegate suggested that the age limit be extended for Season 2, 2022 so players who have missed two seasons can play an extra season. St Monica's will put forward a written proposal for consideration at the next Delegates meeting.
5. **Zoom meetings** — It was suggested that the Association could continue Zoom meetings when things hopefully return to normal after COVID-19. The meetings could potentially alternate between in person and Zoom meetings. The Committee is interested in the feedback from clubs on their preferences.

MEETING CLOSED: 9.02 PM

NEXT MEETING: TO BE ADVISED