

NORTH SUBURBAN JUNIOR TENNIS ASSOCIATION INC.

Reg No. A0058168N

MINUTES OF DELEGATES MEETING HELD ON 27 MAY 2024

40 of 49 Clubs present

Meeting opened: 8:06 pm

CHAIRPERSON: Ron Morton

APOLOGIES: Reuel Lavaka (Diggers Rest), Tom Karamazalis (Glenroy Community), Luca Pilotto (Princes Hill), Danielle Williamson (Royal Park), Julian Mancini (Tennis Events)

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Circulated and taken as read.

MOVED: Jacqui Theuma (Keilor East)

SECONDED: Aaron Sharpe (Doutta Galla)

CORRESPONDENCE: The Secretary tabled the following correspondence:

IN

1. Tennis Victoria — Associations Update — Tax Updates for Not for Profits affecting Associations and Clubs
2. Avondale Heights TC — Delay of court works
3. Consumer Affairs — New reporting requirements for incorporated associations
4. West Brunswick TC — Protest — C Grade 3 Unisex – West Brunswick v Hume (Green) – 27 April 2024
5. Hume TCC — Response to protest — C Grade 3 Unisex – West Brunswick v Hume (Green) – 27 April 2024
6. Tennis Victoria — CEO Announcement
7. City of Melton — Draft Tennis Strategy 2024 — Open for feedback
8. Tennis Victoria — Associations Update — Safeguarding Essentials Online Education Session
9. Buckley Park TC — Protest — A Grade 1 Mixed – Green Gully/Delahey v Buckley Park/Ascot Vale — 17 May 2024
10. Green Gully TC — Response to protest – A Grade 1 Mixed – Green Gully/Delahey v Buckley Park/Ascot Vale – 17 May 2024
11. Tennis Victoria — Associations Update – Associations Forums are back

OUT

1. All Clubs — Call for volunteers - Tennis Events Committee
2. All Clubs — Tax Update for NFPs affecting Associations and Clubs
3. All Clubs — Season 2 2024 team entry details
4. All Clubs — Associations Junior Pennant — Request for feedback
5. Hume TCC — Copy of protest from West Brunswick TC — C Grade 3 Unisex – West Brunswick v Hume (Green) – 27 April 2024
6. Green Gully TC — Copy of protest – A Grade 1 Mixed – Green Gully/Delahey v Buckley Park/Ascot Vale – 17 May 2024
7. All Clubs — Agenda and attachments for Delegates meeting on 27 May 2024

CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINTS

2024/01	Out	Copy of Code of Conduct complaint from Taylors Lakes TC regarding A Grade 3 Boys match played on Friday 22 March 2024 to Oak Park TC
	In	Email from Tennis Australia Integrity Unit advising they had received a complaint from Taylors Lakes TC regarding this match and were commencing an investigation
	Out	Emails to Taylors Lakes TC and Oak Park TC advising that the NSJTA process would be put on hold until the Tennis Australia process is concluded
	Out	Email to Tennis Australia Integrity Unit requesting an update on the status of their process
	In	Email from Tennis Australia Integrity Unit providing an update on the status of their process
	In	Email from Tennis Australia Integrity Unit advising that a parent from Taylors Lakes TC and a parent from Oak Park TC had been suspended for a period of one month from attending any competitions or tournaments held or sanctioned by an Australian Tennis Organisation and they are both also required to complete an online education program before they will be able to return to tennis events.
2024/02	In	Code of Conduct complaint from Taylors Lakes TC regarding A Grade 2 Mixed match played on Friday 26 April 2024 against Sydenham TC
	Out	Copy of the Code of Conduct complaint to Sydenham TC
	In	Response from Sydenham TC
	Out	Copy of response from Sydenham TC to Taylors Lakes TC and requesting response to allegations made about behaviour of Taylors Lakes TC parents
2024/03	In	Code of Conduct complaint from Essendon TC regarding A Grade 3 Mixed match played on Friday 17 May 2024 against Hillside TC
	Out	Copy of the Code of Conduct complaint to Hillside TC
	In	Response from Hillside TC
2024/04	In	Code of Conduct complaint from Glencairn TC regarding A Reserve 2 Boys match played on Friday 26 April 2024 against St Monicas/St Thereses
	Out	Copy of the Code of Conduct complaint to St Monicas TC
	In	Response from St Monicas TC
2024/05	In	Code of Conduct complaint from Greenvale TC regarding A Special Mixed match played on Friday 24 May 2024 against Buckley Park TC
	Out	Copy of the Code of Conduct complaint to Buckley Park TC

MOVED: Robert McDonald (Secretary)

SECONDED: Ray Reymers (Coburg)

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance in transaction account as at 25 March 2024	\$1,263.93
Payments received since 25 March 2024	\$2,980.21
Payments out since 25 March 2024	-\$665.00
Balance in transaction account as at 27 May 2024	\$3,579.24

Balance in investment account as at 27 May 2024	\$16,200.64
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MOVED: Colin Thompson (Treasurer)

SECONDED: Aaron Sharpe (Doutta Galla)

All clubs have now paid their fees.

TENNIS EVENTS REPORT

1. Wayne Arthurs Cup

- Event was held at Kooyong in April.
- NSJTA was represented by Carter Li, Zayn Ali, Bianca Novacevski and Penelope Bayraktar
- Team finished 5th overall.

2. Junior Pennant

- Junior Pennant kicks off again in mid August.
- The application form is now up on the NSJTA website and has been advertised on social medias.
- Applications close on 14 June 2024.
- Aaron Sharpe was able to adjust the application form this year so that you can't submit the form unless you pay the entry fees. This will save many hours of chasing people for money. Huge thanks to Aaron for making that happen.

3. Pat Pearce Shield

- It's NSJTA's turn to host the Pat Pearce Shield this year.
- It will be held at Hume on September 21st to 23rd.

TENNIS VICTORIA REPORT

1. The next Associations Forum is on Wednesday 19 June at AAMI Park.
2. Ray has met with Nat Allsop (Associations Liaison) and is completing a questionnaire.

MATCH SECRETARY REPORT

1. **Finals** — Clubs are reminded that the 28th and 29th June is the 'Spare Finals' weekend and will be utilised, if need be.

A Draft Semi Final fixture has been printed based on Round 12/13 results. Please use this as a guide to prepare teams for their commitments during the finals. The final copy of the Semi Final Fixture will be put up over the weekend after Round 14.

Please read the following documents to help prepare your teams for finals: www.nsjta.org.au (under documents section)

Please read the following documents to help prepare your teams for finals (www.nsjta.org.au under documents section): Guidelines for Hosting Finals, Finals Teams (you can play more team players in the Finals), Finals Matches By-laws 51-58 pages 16-19, Washouts in Finals By-law 59 page 19, Tiebreak Instructions (Documents). Tiebreaks are 5 all in B and C Grade Singles and 7 all in A grade singles. No tiebreakers in Doubles matches. D Grade is sudden death as per normal weekly play.

Special Note: All Friday night A and A Reserve Grade Semi Finals are played using By-law 51(a). Teams in first and second place will host their Semi Final match/es at their club home courts unless clearly specified on the fixture. Permission must be granted by the Match Secretary to play at an alternative venue.

No washouts can be called without first talking to Kym 0413 527 902. Please check other close venues as well to see if they have spare courts that you could move a match to.

2. **Round 14 Instructions**

- Friday night Teams must enter their results on Friday night.

- Saturday teams must enter their results sometime Saturday.

3. **Finals Playing Order Instructions**

- **All teams** — During the finals Team Managers can fold the results sheet in half so that each team does not see each other's playing order (All Grades) until the sheet is unfolded. In the finals, teams can choose to play more qualified players than normal. This applies to all grades. The venue supervisor should hold onto the document labelled Finals teams and make sure everything is written correctly. They should hold onto the score sheets and make sure all details are entered correctly.
- **A and A Reserve teams** — you can play in the Singles order from Round 1-7 or Rounds 8-14. Whatever order you choose in the Semi Finals, must be played the same in the Grand Final.

4. **Semi Final Instructions**

- All A Grade teams must send their seeding preference to results@nsjta.org.au no later than Wednesday June 12th 6.00pm so the seedings can be entered into the system before start of play Friday 14th June and Saturday 15th June 2024. Please do not write 'no changes'. It must be a full list of names.
- Each Team is to supply New Balls and 1 copy of the score sheet. Friday Mixed teams need to supply 2 tins, and all other matches one tin. The correct quantity of new balls is also ok in a bag.
- The winning teams must input their results by Sunday 5pm.
- Not all Semi Finals are hosted by the bottom two teams for many different reasons. Everything is worked on logistics. EG: who is hosting Grand Finals, court availability, number of teams a club has that they may be hosting already and the various formats we have.
- For Semi-Finals all members (and Team Manager) of host teams are expected to turn up to help with Umpiring (if and when required) and Bagging of courts. D Grade Semi Finals are all umpired by the Host club. Delegates or Venue Supervisors are asked to email a copy of the completed score sheet to results@nsjta.org.au.

5. **Grand Final Instructions**

- All A Grade teams must use the same Singles order as played in the Semi Finals.
- The NSJTA supplies balls for Grand Finals. However, it is recommended to bring some spare new balls along. They will only be used if need be. All Friday night venues were selected prior to Round 12.
- All Friday and Saturday Grand Final results must be emailed to results@nsjta.org.au.
- Results need to be imputed over the weekend by THE WINNING TEAM.
- If there are any disputes during the Grand Final, please see the Court Supervisor, who will contact the Match Secretary if there is no resolution. If there is a rain delay every attempt must be made to prepare the courts to play. If this fails then the Court Supervisor will contact me. No one is to leave the courts before a decision is made.
- GRAND FINAL pick up night is Monday June 17th 7.30pm at Buckley Park Tennis Club.

6. **Finals matches**

Special Notes for Semi Finals and Grand Finals (only). Please refer to the Finals team documents to see how to play more players during the finals matches.

- Saturday Mixed Grades. By-law 55) a) A finals match shall consist of 6 sets made up of two (2) boys and two (2) girls singles sets and one (1) boys doubles and one (1) girls doubles. An extra set will be played in the event of a draw which will be a mixed set consisting of one boy and one girl.
- Friday A Boys teams. By-law 56) a) Four boys play the singles sets. d) Any two players may be chosen to play the extra set in the event of a draw

- A, B and C Unisex teams By-law 57) a) Four players of any gender play the singles sets. d) Any two players may be chosen to play the extra set in the event of a draw
- D Unisex teams. By-law 58) a) A team can consist of 4,5 or 6 players. e) Any two players may be chosen to play the extra set in the event of a draw. Please read all of by-law 58

Please note that with Boys and Unisex grades you only need to fill out the “extra set” once the match becomes a draw.

Start Times for Semi Finals and Grand Finals:

Sets can be taken if anyone is late.

- All Friday night Grand Finals start at 7pm.
- All Saturday A & B grades start at 7.45am.
- All Saturday C Grade games start at 8.30am.
- All Saturday D Grade games start at 9.30am.

Umpires are decided as per the amount of Saturday teams a club has entered from the current season.

1-4 Saturday teams- 1 umpire 5-8 Saturday teams- 2 umpires 9-12 Saturday teams- 3 umpires

Destination matches are on the Grand Final fixture

Last season only one club did not send an umpire to the designated courts. This is not fair on other volunteers who then in turn have to umpire extra games. You will be fined \$100-00 per missing umpire.

7. Grand Final venues

Friday Night Grand Final Venues are:

- Buckley Park, Hume, Royal Park and West Brunswick

Saturday Morning Grand Final Venues are:

- 7.45am start Delahey, Keilor and Oak Park
- 8.30am start Buckley Park, Greenvale and Keilor East
- 9.30am start Hume, Royal Park, Strathmore and one more club to be confirmed.

Pennants, trophies and balls can be collected from Monday June 17th 7.30pm at Buckley Park.

Many thanks to all the clubs who are hosting NSJTA Grand Finals.

8. Entering Teams Season 2 2024

- A Special teams were considered by the Match Committee tonight and the following eight teams have been graded in A Special for next season: Merlynston, Greenvale, Diggers Rest, Taylors Lakes, Essendon 1, Essendon 2, Buckley Park 1 and Buckley Park 2.
- All other Friday and Saturday A Grade teams entry must be in by June 1st.
- Don't forget By-law 4(b) — clubs must enter their teams by the closing date/s. Clubs should obtain a written commitment from all players that they intend to play NSJTA competition at their club before the players are included in team entry.

9. Transfers — A list of approved player transfers was circulated.

Late transfers can only be approved if there is no team for a player. Delegates should call Kym if they need to discuss a late transfer.

10. Season 2 2024 Dates

School goes back 15/7/24	July 19/20	Rd 1
	July 26/27	Rd 2
	Aug 02/03	Rd 3
	Aug 09/10	Rd 4
	Aug 16/17	Rd 5
	Aug 23/24	Rd 6
	Aug 30/31	Rd 7
	Sept 06/07	Rd 8
	Sept 13/14	Rd 9
Holidays start Saturday 14th	Sept 20/21	
School Holidays	Sept 27/28	
School holidays / AFL holiday	Oct 04/05	
	Oct 11/12	Rd 10
	Oct 18/19	Rd 11
	Oct 25/26	Rd 12
Melbourne Cup Tuesday Nov 5th	Nov 01/02	
	Nov 08/09	Rd 13
	Nov 15/16	Rd 14
	Nov 22/23	Semi Final
	Nov 29/30	Grand Final
	Dec 06/07	Spare W/E

11. I want to thank all our wonderful Friday night and Saturday morning Team Managers/Delegates for entering score sheets. We couldn't do this without you.

I also want to thank the whole Match Committee. They are the backbone of our Association.

Please encourage fair sportsmanship at all times.

Any questions please ring Kym on 0413 527 902 or another Committee member

Good Luck to All.

12. Please try to avoid protests. If there are issues, team managers should call their Delegate on the day and if necessary the Delegates can contact the Match Secretary.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- Child Safety Update** — We have had some issues lately where parents have directly confronted players from other teams to raise issues. It is not appropriate for parents to directly interact with players from other teams, particularly to raise concerns about behaviour. Parents must only deal with team managers and Court Supervisors.
- Vice President** — Bobby Dela Cruz has advised that he will not stand for re-election to the role of Vice President at the upcoming AGM. On behalf of the Association and all clubs, President Ron Morton thanked Bobby for his significant contribution to the Match Committee as Vice President. Bobby was also a key member of the Tennis Events team for many years and is known for being approachable and collaborative.

MEETING CLOSED: 8.38 PM

NEXT MEETING: BUCKLEY PARK TENNIS CLUB ON MONDAY 5 AUGUST 2024 at 8.00 PM