

NORTH SUBURBAN JUNIOR TENNIS ASSOCIATION INC.

Reg No. A0058168N

MINUTES OF DELEGATES MEETING HELD ON 2 SEPTEMBER 2024

37 of 49 Clubs present

Meeting opened: 8:05 pm

CHAIRPERSON: Ron Morton

APOLOGIES: Jacqui Theuma (Keilor East), Connor Ferris (Oak Park), Glen Ferris (Oak Park), Tannith Galliot (St Vincent's), Sumudu Peiris (Tullamarine), Dave Theuma (Vice President)

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Circulated and taken as read.

MOVED: Monica Lamaris (Avondale Heights) SECONDED: Aaron Sharpe (Doutta Galla)

CORRESPONDENCE: The Secretary tabled the following correspondence:

IN

1. Moomba Park TC — Response to letter regarding no supervising adult
2. Glencairn TC — Delegate Changes
3. Tennis Victoria — Associations Forum 28 August 2024
4. Tullamarine TC — Court resurfacing works

OUT

1. All Clubs — Agenda and attachments for Delegates meeting on 2 September 2024

CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINTS

2024/07	In	Code of Conduct complaint from Essendon TC regarding A Grade 3 Boys match played at St John Bosco TC on 9 August 2024
	Out	Copy of complaint to Hume TCC
	In	Response from Hume TCC
2024/08	In	Code of Conduct complaint from Essendon TC regarding A Grade 3 Mixed match played at Hillside TC on 30 August 2024

MOVED: Robert McDonald (Secretary)

SECONDED: Ray Reymers (Coburg)

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance in transaction account as at 5 August 2024	\$4,101.34
Payments received since 5 August 2024	\$2,127.50
Payments out since 5 August 2024	-\$1,717.84
Balance in transaction account as at 2 September 2024	\$4,514.00

Balance in investment account as at 2 September 2024	\$16,214.29
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MOVED: Colin Thompson (Treasurer)

SECONDED: Matthew Todd (St Christopher's)

There are many clubs outstanding — please follow up with your club Treasurers and ensure these are paid as soon as possible.

TENNIS EVENTS REPORT

1. Junior Pennant

- We've just completed the 4th week out 10 weeks of Junior Pennant. Yesterday we had the 10/U Mixed start their reduced season after the completion of Super 10's.
- We have 21 teams representing NSJTA from 10/U to Open (16/U & 18/U combined). This is the highest number of teams amongst any Association in Melbourne.
- Of our 21 teams we have 7 girls teams, 12 boys teams and two 10 /U mixed teams.
- It's still early days but quite a few of our teams are doing well so far.
- Thanks again to all the clubs that provided courts for the kids to use on Sunday mornings.

2. Pat Pearce

- The team has been selected and all players contacted and confirmed, with 4-5 players being selected per age group. All unsuccessful applicants have been notified.
- All 3 associations have confirmed their participation in the event. Hume has confirmed as the location with Kale being the tournament director. The umpire is confirmed and trophies have been ordered and delivered.
- All on track for a successful event.

3. Other events

- We will start to shift our focus and promoting Daphne Fancutt Shield and Alicia Molik Cup which are both scheduled in November.

TENNIS VICTORIA REPORT

Nil.

MATCH SECRETARY REPORT

1. **Seedings** — Clubs can now change their A Grade singles seedings order for the second half of the season (Round 8 to Round 14). Please email your completed seeding sheet (regardless if you make a change to the seeding order or not) to results@nsjta.org.au

Seedings must be sent no later than Wednesday September 4th 7pm

Teams which change their seeding order without informing the NSJTA will not be able to change their order and will be required to play in the order entered for Rounds 1- 7. In the finals you can play your team as either Rounds 1-7 or Rounds 8-14. Whichever order you choose for the Semi Finals must be used in the Grand Final. An example would be: A Club may play their girls in the Rounds 1-7 order and the Boys in the Rounds 8-14 order. This order must be then used in the Grand Final.

2. **New Registrations** **October 18th and 19th (Round 11)** — Last opportunity for additional registrations. Emergencies wanting registration must have played their third match by and including these dates.
3. Round 7 was the last week that By-Law 6b could be used for registering children with no competition experience. All new players must now go through the Emergency player process of playing 3 games

before, and including, round 11. Delegates are reminded that emergencies must play 3 matches (not including washouts) before being considered for additional registration, and that these 3 matches the emergency details must be clearly stated on the match sheet

4. **Emergencies playing up** — Please encourage your team managers to always go through you, the Club Delegate, to find emergency players. It is a combined total of emergency matches eg: 3 games in A-4 and 3 games in A-1 adds up to a total of six games played up. The player then becomes a base player in one of the teams.
5. **Filling out sheets** — Please make sure all details are correct on the Results Sheet. The NSJTA should not be chasing people up and asking them if they remember the score or not etc. With us being half way through the season, an incorrect score could be what determines a finals berth. Please list players last names. Just this week I had to ask 2 clubs to talk to their Team Managers in regards to filling out the sheet properly.

Date of Birth — When using an emergency player we ask that all their details, including their Date of Birth be included on the score sheet. Delegates, please remind your Team Managers, or whomever inputs the results to NOT enter the DOB online. In comments, please input DOB supplied. We can ring the Delegate if we need the DOB details.

- 6 The following are a few points that have come up recently:
 - a) In D Grade both teams must supply umpires. It usually works out 3 sets each. If either team has parents who do not know how to umpire, invite them out to stand by the side of other umpires to learn. It is just not acceptable to expect other clubs to umpire all the games.
 - b) When a player has not turned up and the players games are forfeited, please write forfeit. Please do not just write in 6-0. The inputting of results allows for the following situations.
 - Home Retired
 - Home Forfeited
 - Away Retired
 - Away Forfeited
 - Double Forfeit
 - Out of Time
 - Heat out
 - Wash out
 - Incomplete
 - Other

By picking one of these options, the system allocates the points on saving the match. If you are unsure how these options appear please speak to your Delegate or one of us on the Match Committee.

- c) FAIR LINE CALLS As we progress further into the season and get closer to finals, I once again ask Clubs to encourage fair Line Calls. We all make mistakes. Please encourage all players to be fair. On that same topic there was an instance where 2 balls in a set were called out. The parents got involved. At no stage should parents be calling balls in/out from the sidelines. If a player on the court is dissatisfied with continual line calls he/she can ask for an Umpire. They can call for their team manger or Supervisor. Both Team Managers should listen to the players information.

7. **Behaviour — player and spectator**

There have been a number of Complaints lately from Clubs about the Unsportsmanlike behaviour of some of our NSJTA players. We have also received complaints about Parents and Spectators being vocal and using hand gestures from the sidelines during games. I must remind you that there must be no interference from Spectators. In umpired games, please allow the Umpire to deal with anything that

might arise. Delegates, in any non umpired games, please let the children know that they can call for an umpire if need be. Both Team Managers or the Court Supervisor can help get that organised. This should only happen if the players cannot sort the issue out themselves.

None of this behaviour is acceptable. Found in: **ADVICE FOR ALL TEAM MANAGERS:**

- a) Ensure there is no coaching or umpiring or other disturbances occurring from outside the courts. If this continues after warning the offenders report the situation to your home club supervisor who may ask the offender/s to leave the courts.
- b) Poor behaviour by players ie: swearing, racquet throwing, intimidation and deliberate time wasting should not be tolerated. Team Managers or the Home Club Supervisor should first warn the child and then declare a forfeit of that set if the behaviour continues.

8. **Court supervisors** — One of the requirements of Clubs participating in the NSJTA competition is for there to be a supervisor. The Supervisor is in charge of the smooth running of the courts on Friday nights and Saturday mornings. If there are any problems they need to be aware of the Rules and Contact Phone Numbers (Delegate, Match Secretary or NSJTA Committee members). Situations that can arise during the course of the match should/could be brought to the attention of either the opposition Team Manager or Court Supervisor. It is often so much better to deal with it on the day/night without confrontation. Facts are clearer on the day. I do want to remind you that The Court Supervisor doesn't have to be the Delegate. It could be the Team Manager, a Committee member or someone else from the Club, that is familiar with the rules. They should wear the Flouro Vest so people know whom to talk to. Please discuss with your club if you need help with finding Court Supervisors. We do understand that all our positions are volunteer positions. But recently there have been situations that have occurred at different venues. Instances that should not have occurred, and may not have occurred in such an unpleasant way if there was a court supervisor or similar to deal with it immediately.

By-law 30 Home and Away Matches

- a) For all home matches, the host Club must provide a senior person (over 18 years of age) to be the Court Supervisor who will supervise matches at their courts.
- b) The Court Supervisor must clearly distinguish themselves as the Court Supervisor by wearing the identification provided by the NSJTA.
- c) If a dispute arises during a match that cannot be resolved by the two competing teams, it (as at March 2021) should be reported to the Court Supervisor. If they cannot resolve the dispute, the Court Supervisor should contact a member of the Match Committee.
- d) Parents and spectators must comply with any instructions given to them by the Court Supervisor.

9 **Clearances**

By-law 9 Clearances

- c) To obtain a clearance, a player must complete a transfer application form, which must be signed by the Club Delegate or Secretary of both the current club and the new club.
- d) The completed transfer application form must be received by the Match Secretary by 6.00pm on the Saturday of Round 11 of the current season.
- e) A club may only refuse a transfer on the grounds that the player owes fees to that club
- j) Any club or representative of a club approaching a player registered to another club and intimating, suggesting or advising the player to change clubs without that player already having a clearance from that player's current club may be fined the fine specified in the Fines Schedule at the discretion of the Committee.
- m) A maximum of 3 players may transfer from one club to another in any one season. For the purposes of this by-law, multiple players from the same family will count as one transfer.

By-law 9 f), g), h), i), k), l), are all equally important and with transfer dates coming up it would pay all Delegates to familiarise themselves with all of these

10. Important dates

4 Sept	A Grade teams may now change their seedings for the second half of the season. Please send a copy of seedings to results@nsjta.org.au before Round 8 starts, even if no changes are being made
18/19 Oct	Last opportunity for additional registrations - emergencies wanting registration must have played their third match by these dates.
19 Oct	Transfers for next season close - transfer forms and \$20 clearance fee must be lodged with the Match Secretary by 6PM.
9 Nov	All A grade team entries for next season (Friday and Saturday) must be entered in League Manager on or before this date. Clubs should also enter their Saturday mixed teams by this date.
11 Nov	Third and final Delegates Meeting – starts 8PM at Buckley Park TC
23 Nov	All other Saturday team entries for next season must be entered in League Manager on or before this date.

11. **Finals** — Please let me know (via email) if your club would be interested in hosting finals. The NSJTA is looking at giving the finals a great atmosphere again, by playing a few matches at some venues. This has been very successful previously. The NSJTA tries to share finals around our clubs.
12. **Match Centre** — Thanks to all Delegates who have been following up Match Centre accounts for emergency players. There are only a few outstanding. Please remember players must have a full competitive player profile to be considered for additional registration.
13. Kym's email address is matchsecretary@nsjta.org.au for all communication.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. **Child Safety Update** — There have been three instances of unsupervised children this season. This is a significant concern for the Association and a child safety issue.

It is the responsibility of every parent to ensure their children have a supervising adult. They cannot just assume another parent will take on this responsibility, particularly for away matches.

There needs to be an agreement between parents about who will take responsibility to supervise their child before they leave them at a venue.

We intend to follow up with a letter to clubs advising that going forward the Association will have a zero-tolerance approach and clubs will be fined the \$100 if we receive a report of children being left unsupervised.

Once we have circulated the letter, we ask that clubs share it with their parents. We will also put it on the NSJTA website.

MEETING CLOSED: 8.30 PM

NEXT MEETING: BUCKLEY PARK TENNIS CLUB ON MONDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2024 at 8.00 PM