

NORTH SUBURBAN JUNIOR TENNIS ASSOCIATION INC.

Reg No. A0058168N

MINUTES OF DELEGATES MEETING HELD ON 11 NOVEMBER 2024

41 of 49 Clubs present

Meeting opened: 8:04 pm

CHAIRPERSON: Ron Morton

APOLOGIES: Rose Micallef (Ascot Vale), Jesse Laino (Craigieburn), Steve Barrow (Green Gully), Andrew Peake (Mt Carmel), German Ferrando-Miguel (North Park) and Aimee Piesik (Westmeadows)

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Circulated and taken as read.

MOVED: Michael Sexton (St Monicas)

SECONDED: Aaron Sharpe (Doutta Galla)

CORRESPONDENCE: The Secretary tabled the following correspondence:

IN

1. Tennis Victoria — AGM Workshop
2. Sport and Recreation Victoria — Sporting Club Grants Now Open
3. Tennis Victoria — Moonee Valley City Council and Tennis Victoria Forum 2024
4. Tennis Victoria — 2024 Tennis Victoria AGM and Board Elections
5. Tennis Victoria — Recap of Associations Forum and Governance Workshops
6. Tennis Victoria — 2024 Tennis Victoria AGM and Annual Report update
7. City of Melton — Tennis Strategy
8. Tennis Australia Integrity Unit — Amendment of sanction
9. Howden Insurance — NSJTA Certificate of Currency
10. Tennis Australia — Update on National Insurance Program
11. Tullamarine TC — Unable to host finals due to court works
12. Working with Children Check Victoria — Kym Baker — WWC renewal
13. Tennis Victoria — AGM reminder
14. Waverley DTA — Invitation to take part in the 34th Daphne Fancutt Shield
15. St Christophers — Request regarding additional registration
16. Tennis Victoria — Safe Play Victoria — Tennis Victoria's Safeguarding Newsletter
17. East Coburg TC — Request for exemption to age limit

OUT

1. All Clubs — Season 1 2025 team entry details
2. St Christophers TC — Response to request regarding additional registration
3. Waverley DTA — Accepting invite to take part in the 34th Daphne Fancutt Shield
4. All Clubs — Agenda and attachments for Delegates meeting on 11 November 2024
5. All Clubs — Copy of East Coburg TC request for age limit exemption

CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINTS

2024/07	Out	Emails to Essendon TC and Hume TC advising outcome of complaint
2024/08	Out	Copy of Code of Conduct complaint from Essendon TC regarding A Grade 3 Mixed match played at Hillside TC on 30 August 2024 to Hillside TC
	In	Response from Hillside TC
	Out	Email to Essendon TC stating Hillside TC had advised video footage of the night was available and seeking agreement from Essendon TC to view the footage
	In	Email from Essendon TC confirming they had no issues with the Disciplinary Committee viewing the footage
	Out	Letters to Essendon TC and Hillside TC advising outcome of complaint
2024/09	In	Complaint from Essendon TC regarding lack of supervising adult from Hume TC at A Reserve 5 Unisex match played at Essendon TC on 14 September 2024
	Out	Email to Hume TC with copy of complaint and advising unless further information is provided a \$100 fine will be imposed
2024/10	In	Complaint from St Christopher's TC regarding A Reserve 4 Unisex match played against Ascot Vale TC on 5 September 2024
	Out	Copy of code of Conduct co to Ascot Vale TC
	In	Response from Ascot Vale TC
	Out	Letters to St Christopher's TC and Ascot Vale TC advising outcome of complaint
2024/11	In	Complaint from Princes Hill TC regarding C Special 1 Unisex match played against Buckley Park TC on 9 November 2024

MOVED: Robert McDonald (Secretary)

SECONDED: Ray Reymers (Coburg)

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance in transaction account as at 2 September 2024	\$1,717.84
Payments received since 2 September 2024	\$7,447.50
Payments out since 2 September 2024	-\$8,450.00
Balance in transaction account as at 11 November 2024	\$715.34

Balance in investment account as at 11 November 2024 **\$13,220.76**

MOVED: Colin Thompson (Treasurer)

SECONDED: Anthony Guccione (Merrifield)

Craigieburn, OLN and Princes Hill still have fees outstanding — please follow up with your club Treasurers and ensure these are paid as soon as possible.

The Commonwealth Bank is currently only paying 1% interest on the investment account. Colin recommends we change the Association's bank accounts to the Bendigo Bank, who are offering an account with 4.7% interest.

Motion: That the NSJTA change its bank accounts from the Commonwealth Bank to Bendigo Bank,

MOVED: Colin Thompson (Treasurer)

SECONDED: Neil Campbell (Fawkner)

Carried unanimously.

TENNIS EVENTS REPORT

1. Associations Junior Pennant

- The final round of Associations Junior Pennant was played yesterday
- Grand finals will be played this Sunday (top two teams play the Grand Final). Of the 19 NSJTA teams, it looks like 5 will make the Grand Final. Tennis Victoria will decide venues and let Julian know.
- Thanks go to the team managers for their efforts during the season.
- There have been a couple of Code of Conduct issues, mainly with parents, that have been dealt with directly with the other associations.
- Photos will go up on the NSJTA social media.

2. Pat Pearce Shield

- The NSJTA hosted this event in October at Hume TCC.
- For the first time in 10 years, the NSJTA won the event.
- Thanks to the Events Committee for all their efforts putting the event together. It was a great weekend, with mainly nice weather. Thanks also to Ray White in Craigieburn who sponsored the event.
- A survey has been sent out to the other associations for feedback.

3. Tennis Events Committee

- A new Tennis Events Committee has been formed with a range of volunteers who are helping coordinate representative events. The Committee met again tonight.

4. Next events

- The next events are the Alicia Molik Cup (12 & Under in December) and Daphne Fancutt Shield (all age groups in January)
- These events will be advertised through the NSJTA website, social media and through the junior pennant teams.

TENNIS VICTORIA REPORT

Nil.

MATCH SECRETARY REPORT

1. **Finals** — Clubs are reminded that the 6th and 7th of December 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): Guidelines for Hosting Finals, Finals Teams (you can play more team players in the finals), Finals Matches By-laws 50-58, Washouts in Finals By-law 59, 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 52(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. **Special 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. In A and A Reserve teams (only) 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 November 20th 6.00 pm (no later). Kym will enter all the seedings into the system before start of play Friday 22nd November and Saturday 23rd November 2024. Please do not write 'no changes'. It must be a full list of names.

Each Team is to supply new balls and a 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 on the same day of play.

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/A Reserve 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 25th November 7.30pm at Buckley Park Tennis Club.

6. **Special Notes** — 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 A Mixed Grades. By-law 54) 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. d) 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.

7. **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 and C Grade grades start at 8.30am.

All Saturday D Grade games start at 9.30am.

8. **Umpires** — 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 per missing umpire.

8. **Grand final venues**

Friday Night Grand Final Venues are:

Buckley Park, Green Gully, Keilor East, Sunbury and Taylors Lakes

Saturday Morning Grand Final Venues are:

8.30am start Delahey, Gladstone Park, Greenvale, Oak Park, Sunbury and West Brunswick

9.30am start Avondale Heights, Buckley Park, Royal Park and Strathmore

Pennants, trophies and balls can be collected from Monday 25th November at 7.30pm at Buckley Park

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

9. **Entering Teams Season 1 2025**

Friday night teams have now closed. All other Saturday teams must be in by 23 November 2024.

Don't forget the By-law amendment. 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.

The Committee has considered the teams entered for A Special, and the following teams have been accepted: Buckley Park/Ascot Vale, Buckley Park, Essendon/St Thereses, Essendon, Greenvale/Caroline Springs, Hume, Sunbury and Taylors Lakes.

We have received a number of Saturday morning mixed teams, so it looks like two or three grades will proceed. We encourage clubs to look at their teams and try to form more mixed teams.

There has been a change to League Manager which means that clubs currently can't change the grade requested for their teams once they have created them. If you create a team and then want to change the grade applied for, please email results@nsjta.org.au and we will make the change for you.

10. **Transfers** — A list of approved player transfers was circulated.

11. I want to thank all our wonderful Friday night and Saturday morning Team Managers/Delegates for entering the 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. **Season 1 2025 Dates** — There are two options for season dates next season, as Easter is later and Term 2 does not finish until the first week of July.

		Option 1	Option 2
School goes back	Jan 31/Feb 01		Rd 1
	Feb 07/08	Rd 1	Rd 2
	Feb 14/15	Rd 2	Rd 3
	Feb 21/22	Rd 3	Rd 4
	Feb 28/Mar 01	Rd 4	Rd 5
Labor Day holiday	Mar 07/08		
	Mar 14/15	Rd 5	Rd 6
	Mar 21/22	Rd 6	Rd 7
	Mar 28/29	Rd 7	Rd 8
	April 04/05	Rd 8	Rd 9
School Holiday & Easter April 6 th to April 20			
Anzac day April 25/26			
	May 02/03	Rd 9	Rd 10
	May 09/10	Rd 10	Rd 11
	May 16/17	Rd 11	Rd 12
	May 23/24	Rd 12	Rd 13
	May 30/31	Rd 13	Rd 14
Kings Birthday June 06/07/08/09			
	June 13/14	Rd 14	Semi Final
Semi Final	June 20/21	Semi Final	Grand Final
Grand Final	June 28/29	Grand Final	Spare W/E
Spare Weekend	July 04/05	Spare W/E	

Clubs voted on these options and selected Option 2 by 22 votes to 8 votes.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. **Child Safety Update** — Tennis Victoria has recently sent out a Safeguarding newsletter, which includes information about Working with children checks (WWCCs), Member Protection Information Officers (MPIOs) and the Tennis Australia's Safeguarding Children Code of Conduct.

Every committee member, volunteer, tournament staff/volunteer member, and coach must hold a valid WWCC. Parents are exempt and do not need a WWCC to volunteer in the same activity their child is participating, or normally participates in. However, if they take on a broader role, such as joining the Club Committee or Junior Committee, they do need a WWCC.

2. **Exemption from age limit** — East Coburg put forward a proposal as part of transitioning all of its teams to the NSJTA for Season 1, 2025.

Motion: That By-law 7 be suspended to the extent necessary to allow one player from East Coburg Tennis Club, born on 21 December 2006, to compete in the NSJTA for Season 1, 2025.

MOVED: James Downing (East Coburg)

SECONDED: Michael Sexton (St Monicas)

Carried by a majority.

3. **Qualification for finals — A Special teams** — Discussion continued on a proposal originally raised at the August 2024 meeting to increase the qualification requirement from 3 matches to 5 matches for A Special finals.

Concerns were raised about the number of players that were registered in A Special this season and never played and that this was not fair on clubs and team managers. In order to get players to commit to playing regularly in A Special, it was proposed that a 5 match requirement be put in place to avoid players playing the bare minimum of three matches and this would hopefully result in a greater commitment from players.

It was clarified that this would only apply to A Special finals and would also apply to players playing up from a lower grade into an A Special final (they would need to play 5 matches in their original grade to be eligible to play up into A Special for a final).

An alternative suggestion was put forward to limit the number of players that can be registered in A Special. Concerns were raised that players may not be able to play five matches due to conflicts with tournaments and other activities coordinated by Tennis Victoria.

The following motion was proposed:

Effective from 1 January 2025, update By-law 53 with the following:

- 53) a) All players participating in finals matches must be registered and —
- i) for A Special finals, have played at least five (5) matches in a season;
 - ii) for all other finals, have played at least three (3) matches in a season.
- b) A player shall be deemed to have played a match when:
- i) their name is listed on the match result sheet and the match has been played and completed (even if one or more of the sets the player was listed to play was forfeited by the opposition); or
 - ii) their name has been recorded on the match result sheet and the match has commenced but is unable to be completed due to unplayable conditions.
- A player will not be deemed to have played a match when the match does not commence due to unplayable conditions (e.g. complete washout) or the entire match is forfeited by one team.
- c) A registered, qualified player from a lower team from the same club may play in a finals match if there are insufficient registered, qualified players from the team available to field a complete team.

[remaining paragraphs renumbered accordingly]

MOVED: Dave Theuma (Vice President)

SECONDED: Chris Guccione (Greenvale)

Carried by a majority.

The meeting agreed to give further consideration of whether washouts and walkovers should count for finals qualification at the first meeting in 2025.

MEETING CLOSED: 9.20 PM

NEXT MEETING: BUCKLEY PARK TENNIS CLUB ON MONDAY 17 FEBRUARY 2025 at 8.00 PM