

NORTH SUBURBAN JUNIOR TENNIS ASSOCIATION INC.

Reg No. A0058168N

MINUTES OF DELEGATES MEETING HELD ON 13 FEBRUARY 2023

38 of 47 Clubs present

Meeting opened: 8:05 pm

CHAIRPERSON: Ron Morton

APOLOGIES: Neil Campbell (Fawkner), Michael Pham (St Albans), Julian Mancini (Tennis Events Convenor)

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Circulated and taken as read.

MOVED: Larry Pelly (Bulla Village)

SECONDED: Jacqui Theuma (Keilor East)

CORRESPONDENCE: As tabled by Robert McDonald

IN

1. Tennis Victoria — New Associations Manager
2. Gladstone Park TC — Notification of clubhouse works
3. South Gisborne TC — Application for affiliation with the NSJTA

OUT

1. All Clubs — Season 1 2023 team entries closing date extended
2. All Clubs — Season 1 2023 team entries due Wednesday 16 November 2022
3. All Clubs — Season 2 2022 Grand Final draw
4. All Clubs — Season 1 2023 team entries summary
5. All Clubs — Season 1 2023 Fixture
6. All Clubs — Season 1 2023 arrangements
7. All Clubs — Players missing from teams
8. All Clubs — Reminders about missing players and seedings
9. All Clubs — Agenda and attachments for Delegates meeting on 13 February 2023

CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINTS

Nil.

MOVED: Robert McDonald (Secretary)

SECONDED: Ray Reymers (Coburg)

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance in transaction account as at 7 November 2022	\$4,217.80
Payments received since 7 November 2022	\$8,594.00
Payments out since 7 November 2022	-\$12,293.39
Balance in transaction account as at 13 February 2023	\$518.41
Balance in investment account as at 13 February 2023	\$14,009.72

MOVED: Colin Thompson (Treasurer) SECONDED: Michael Sexton (St Monica's)

There were a number of fines issued last season.

- Club not represented at Delegates meeting — If the Delegate cannot attend a meeting, they should arrange a substitute to attend in their place.
- Club not sending senior umpires to grand finals — This is a \$100 fine. Please ensure you send umpires as this can significantly disrupt grand finals.
- Walkovers — Remember teams can play one player short and avoid giving a walkover.

Several clubs still have not paid their invoices. Please ensure these are paid as soon as possible. If clubs want details of their fines, please email the Association Secretary.

If any clubs need extra pennants from last season due to extra players or combined teams, please email the details to Colin.

TENNIS EVENTS REPORT

1. Associations Junior League (AJL) 2022 Season concluded last November. We had 6 teams out of 15 make it to the Grand Final with the 12A Girls going on to win the Grand Final. Well done to all the teams and thanks to the parents and team managers on making this another successful season for NSJTA.
2. In early February Julian had a meeting with representatives of Tennis Victoria to discuss AJL and provide recommendations for improvement. It was a positive meeting and feedback was well received. He hopes to hear back from Tennis Victoria on any changes to the format of AJL before the season starts later this.
3. The annual Pat Cash Cup will take place in Horsham this year on 25 and 26 February.

TENNIS VICTORIA REPORT

1. Tennis Victoria are holding an event called "The Big Serve" on Friday 24 March 2023 at Melbourne Park to raise money for mental health programs [note: event has since been postponed].

MATCH SECRETARY REPORT

1. Welcome back everyone. We have a few new Delegates, and we welcome you all. Please familiarise yourself with the NSJTA By-laws found on www.nsjta.org.au in documents. Ring Kym on 0413 527 902 if you have any questions.

We would like to thank everyone for the minimal amount of fixture requests. You have no idea how this impacts putting the fixture together. We did not have to make any awkward decisions this season of which request is more important than another.

2. **Withdrawals** — There have been some withdrawals of players and teams this season. Some player withdrawals cannot be helped, but when you have to pull out a whole team, because someone said they didn't want to play anymore or hadn't been asked and it was assumed they would play, you are left with where to move the other players to without impacting the other team members too much. There have been 3 team withdrawals this season.

By-Law 4

a) The Match Committee will advise clubs of the process for entering teams and the closing date/s for team entries at least four weeks prior to the closing date/s.

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 a team entry

3. **Understanding the Fixture** — Please use the following example as a guide.

All A and B grade teams on a Saturday morning have an automatic 7.45am start unless there are fixture changes as in the below example.

B reserve 2

1. Buckley Park (Red) #
2. Buckley Park (Black) #
3. St Thereses @ ESS
4. Maribyrnong Park
5. Oak Park
6. Delahey/Deer Park *
7. Green Gully
8. Keilor

- Team 1 is an 8.30 start when at Buckley Park
- Team 2 is an 8.30 start when at Buckley Park
- Team 3 is played @ ESS with a 7.45 start
- Teams 4, 5, 7 and 8 are 7.45 starts for all home games
- Team 6 is a 9.30 game (home games only). This is a combined team and played at first mentioned team Delahey.
- Please note the difference between Team 3 and Team 6 designation of venue to play at.
- Please note teams that are fixtured with changes from the very beginning of the season and are printed on the fixture can have sets forfeited for being late.

Sometimes a club has to make some temporary changes to the fixture due to repairs to courts etc. In these instances the Delegates contact each other directly. If a new location has been organised and if a team is running late sets cannot be forfeited for being late. All court relocation changes must have had prior approval from the Match Secretary

Printable fixtures can be found on the website under Documents: www.nsjta.org.au

4. **Heat out Information:**

By-Law 41

a) On extremely hot days, the Match and Permit Committee may completely cancel competition for that day and will place this decision on the NSJTA website at least one hour before the scheduled starting time. Otherwise, all teams must attend venues as usual.

b) On hot days, the Home Court Supervisor must regularly check the Bureau of Meteorology website and look at the Essendon airport temperature.

c) On Saturday mornings, play must immediately cease, including unfinished sets, if 35 degrees has been reached.

d) On Friday evenings, play must not commence until the temperature had dropped to 35 degrees or below, and if this has not occurred by 8.00 p.m., matches will be cancelled.

5. **Grade Secretaries**

Updated Grade Secretary email address — C3 unisex and D3 unisex

Neil Campbell: fawknertc@yahoo.com.au

I want to say a huge thank you to all our Grade Secretaries. Without their time we would be lost. On saying that, there are many instances where sheets are being sent to the Grade Secretary late. If the result is missing the away team can also send it in to the grade secretary. It shouldn't be up to the Grade Secretary to chase the missing results. As a Delegate you should be keeping an eye out weekly to see if anything is missing. Fines will be imposed for late results.

Please chat to your Team Managers and ask them to please send the results in promptly. Some clubs are not entering their A Grade results until Monday night. Ideally all results would be entered over the weekend and latest would be 5pm Monday.

This helps with the generating of the reports that the Match Committee need to check results, look at emergency players, to check the playing order and the many other things we do weekly. I would really appreciate all the Delegates help with this particular area. However, I do understand we are all volunteers and appreciate all the people involved.

6. **Additional registrations** — New Emergencies must play 3 matches (not including washouts) before being considered for additional registration, and that in these 3 matches the emergency details must be clearly stated on the match sheet. Most additional registrations will be granted unless the child's results indicate that he/she appears to be a significantly better player than two other team members. I send a text to the Delegate letting you know if your player is fine to continue playing. Sometimes a fourth game may need to be played but under NO circumstances should a child play a fifth game without confirmation from the Match Secretary. If a registration is rejected a child may play as an emergency for a higher team.
7. **Registering players without previous match experience** — Please make sure that paperwork is emailed to Kym (matchsecretary@nsjta.org.au) This can be used for the first seven rounds. If, in the opinion of the Match Committee, the player is considered too strong, you will be called to discuss alternative options. When using an emergency player please make sure you supply their full date of birth on the score sheet. Please write clearly.
8. **Tennis IDs** — All emergency players will need to have their Tennis ID so we can enter them into our system. Each week I will be checking reports and following up these players with Delegates.

When entering results, it is very important to use the names on the sheets. If you use the Unspecified player tag, please write the club name and the child's name in the comments column. Leaving it blank means more work for the Match Committee.

Where possible, please get emergency players to create a Tennis ID on the day. It's much easier than chasing them up later.

9. **Important Notes:**

All A+ requests and questions should be directed to Brendon Noonan Phone 0400 112 595

All other enquiries to myself please.

All Friday night score sheets and Saturday A and B sheets must be emailed to results@nsjta.org.au. All score sheets must be completed in full. There will be fines for not completing the team sheet correctly.

All photos of score sheets need to be clear not blurred. As a grade secretary myself I have sent requests to some team managers to resend their results.

10. **Important dates**

- **Mar 20** — Second Delegates Meeting of the season - starts 8PM at Buckley Park TC
- **From Mar 20** — 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
- **May 05/06** — Last opportunity for additional registrations - emergencies wanting registration must have played their third match by these dates.
- **May 06** — Transfers for next season close - transfer forms and \$20 clearance fee must be lodged with the Match Secretary by 6.00 pm.
- **May 20** — All A grade team entries for next season (Friday and Saturday) must be entered in League Manager on or before this date.

- **May 22** — Third and final Delegates Meeting – starts 8.00 pm at Buckley Park TC
- **May 27** — All other Saturday team entries for next season must be entered in League Manager on or before this date.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. **Child Safety Update** — We have both the NSJTA Child safety commitment statement and Code of Conduct on the NSJTA website. Sometimes an issue may be both a Code of Conduct and a child safety issue. Clubs can contact the Association Secretary if they need advice about the correct complaint pathway.

With a number of new players starting this season, please ensure parents are aware of the expectations around parent behaviour. In particular, parents should ensure they provide positive guidance to players. There are also guidelines about photography on the NSJTA website — photos should only be taken if all players provide their express consent.

2. **Life members** — A Delegate queried the process for electing life members. A nomination should first be provided to the Match Committee through the Treasurer, and then it would be voted on at the Annual General meeting.
3. **Exemption from By-laws** — The following proposal to provide Buckley Park an exemption from the minimum number of courts required for Friday night matches for a trial period was proposed and debated:

That Buckley Park TC be granted an exemption from the requirements of By-law 29(a) to enable it to play two mixed teams and one boys team at home on the same night with seven courts for a trial period until the next Delegates meeting. If matches are not complete by the 10.30 pm curfew time, sets still in progress will be recorded as incomplete, and the match will be a draw unless one team has an unbeatable lead.

MOVED: Julie Thompson (Buckley Park) SECONDED: Monica Lamaris (Avondale Heights)

Carried by a majority.

4. **Doutta Galla TC court resurfacing** — Doutta Galla TC will be having their courts resurfaced during the April school holidays. It should not impact NSJTA matches, but they will advise the Association and relocate matches if required.
5. **Late player rules** — The late player rules are outlined in By-law 26. Sets can only be claimed if a court is available and the set would be able to start immediately if the players were present and willing to commence play.

By-Law 26

- a) Play must commence on all available courts no later than 15 minutes after the scheduled start time.
- b) If any players are missing at the start of play, sets must be played out of order if necessary to allow play to start and be continuous.
- c) If sets cannot commence 15 minutes after the scheduled start time due to players being late or unwilling to commence play, the team not at fault may claim up to two sets (the next two sets as listed on the match result sheet), provided that courts are available and those sets would be able to start immediately if the players were present and willing to commence play.
- d) The team not at fault may claim up to a further two sets (the next two sets as listed on the match result sheet) every 15 minutes, provided that courts are available and those sets would be able to start immediately if the players were present and willing to commence play.

MEETING CLOSED: 9.08 PM

NEXT MEETING: BUCKLEY PARK TENNIS CLUB ON MONDAY 20 MARCH 2023 at 8.00 PM