

NORTH SUBURBAN JUNIOR TENNIS ASSOCIATION INC.

Reg No. A0058168N

MINUTES OF DELEGATES MEETING HELD ON 7 NOVEMBER 2022

37 of 47 Clubs present

Meeting opened: 8:08 pm

CHAIRPERSON: Ron Morton

APOLOGIES: Tannith Galllott (St Vincent's), David Dinh and John Murphy (Maribyrnong Park)

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Circulated and taken as read.

MOVED: Michael Sexton (St Monica's)

SECONDED: Jacqui Theuma (Keilor East)

CORRESPONDENCE: As tabled by Robert McDonald

IN

1. Craigieburn TC — Change of junior delegate
2. Tennis Victoria — 2022 AGM and Board Elections
3. Sydenham TC — Change of junior delegate confirmation
4. Tennis Victoria — Insurance certificate
5. Diggers Rest TC — Response to Match Committee letter regarding junior competition teams
6. Hume TCC — Response to Match Committee letter regarding junior competition teams
7. Caroline Springs TC — Application for affiliation with the NSJTA
8. Tennis Victoria — Annual report and AGM reminder

OUT

1. Diggers Rest — Letter regarding junior competition teams
2. Hume TCC — Letter regarding junior competition teams
3. All Clubs — Season 1 2023 team entry details and reminders
4. All Clubs — Agenda and attachments for Delegates meeting on 7 November 2022

CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINTS

Nil

MOVED: Robert McDonald (Secretary)

SECONDED: Glenn Ferris (Oak Park)

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance in transaction account as at 29 August 2022	\$3,700.30
Payments received since 29 August 2022	\$2,242.50
Payments out since 29 August 2022	-\$1,725.00
Balance in transaction account as at 7 November 2022	\$4,217.80
Balance in investment account as at 7 November 2022	\$12,364.85

MOVED: Colin Thompson (Treasurer)

SECONDED: Paul Thitchener (North Park)

All Clubs have paid their fees.

TENNIS EVENTS REPORT

1. Alicia Molik Cup

- Event for 12 & Under players will be played in early December
- Application details are on the NSJTA website
- Fiona will select a team soon

2. Associations Junior League (AJL)

- The last round of AJL will be played this Sunday, and the Grand Finals the following Sunday
- It's looking like the NSJTA will have six teams in Grand Finals, possibly seven
- Thanks to Hume TCC who have agreed to host some Grand Finals

TENNIS VICTORIA REPORT

1. Justin Cox, who was the Associations Manager, has left Tennis Victoria. A new contact will be advised soon.

MATCH SECRETARY REPORT

1. **Finals**

Clubs are reminded that the 2nd and 3rd 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 of 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 50-57 Pages 16-18, Washouts in Finals By-law 58 Page 18, Tiebreak Instructions.

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 51A. 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.

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.

2. **Round 14 results**

Friday night Teams must enter their results on Friday night.

Saturday Team Managers must email match results to their Grade Secretary as soon as possible after the conclusion of Round 14 matches. Grade Secretaries are asked to process all results by Saturday night if possible. A final semi-final draw will be posted online as soon as possible after Round 14 and also in League Manager.

3. **Semi Final Instructions**

All A Grade teams must send their seeding preference to results@nsjta.org.au no later than Wednesday 15th November 6.00pm. We will enter all the seedings into the system before start of play.

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.

Not all Semi Finals are hosted by the bottom two teams for many different reasons. Everything is worked on logistics (for example: 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 on 18th and 19th November, 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.

4. **Grand Final Instructions**

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 new balls along. They will only be used if need be. We are utilising four venues for all of our Friday night Grand Finals. All Friday night venues were selected prior to Round 11.

All Friday and Saturday Grand Final results must be emailed to results@nsjta.org.au so I can put up the results over the weekend.

If there are any disputes during the Grand Final, please see the Court Supervisor, who will contact Kym. 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.

5. **Teams 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, B and C Mixed teams. By-law 54) a) A finals match shall consist of seven (7) sets made up of two (2) boys and two (2) girls singles sets and one (1) boys doubles, one (1) girls doubles and one (1) mixed doubles set.
- Friday and Saturday A and B Boys teams. By-law 55) 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
- C Unisex teams By-law 56) 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 57) 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 note that with Boys and Unisex grades you only have to fill out the “extra set” once the match becomes a draw.

6. **Start Times for Semi Finals and Grand Finals:**

Sets can be taken if anyone is late.

- All Friday night Grand Finals start at 7.00 pm.
- All Saturday A & B grades start at 7.45 am.
- All Saturday C Grade games start at 8.30 am.
- All Saturday D Grade games start at 9.30 am.

7. **Grand Final umpires and venues**

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

Destinations will be on the Grand Final fixture

It has become very common in the last couple of seasons for clubs not to send umpires 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.

Friday Night Grand Final Venues are:

- 7.00pm start Greenvale TC. Royal Park TC. Taylors Lakes TC. Delahey TC.

Saturday Morning Grand Final Venues are:

- 7.45am start Airport West TC. Coburg TC.
- 8.30am start Essendon TC. Gladstone Park TC. Sydenham TC. Westmeadows TC.
- 9.30am start Keilor East TC. Oak Park TC. Strathmore TC.

Pennants, trophies and balls can be collected from BPTC 8.00pm on Monday 21 November 2022.

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

8. **Entering Teams Season 1 2023**

All Friday and Saturday A Grade teams should already be entered.

November 12 is the final date to enter the rest of the Saturday team entries for B, C and D teams.

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 a team entry.

9. **I am sorry but I am going to have a whinge!**

The NSJTA has By-laws for a reason. These By-laws are the same for all Clubs, and their members. All Delegates should read and understand the By-laws. All Delegates should read my Reports. I don't write them to just to fill a gap on the page. I have been disappointed with some recent events which have become all too time consuming.

Clubs will be fined for non-attendance of a Delegate or Club Representative at our NSJTA meetings.

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

11. **A Special teams** — The Committee has accepted seven teams for A Special at this stage: Taylors Lakes, Buckley Park/Coburg, Essendon, Buckley Park, Essendon/Royal Park, Green Gully and Diggers Rest/Bulla Village. The Committee is seeking further information before deciding whether to include an eight team.

12. **Match results for Season 1 2023** — For Season 1 2023, all Friday night and Saturday morning A and B level teams will enter their own scores in League Manager. C and D Grades will still send their results to a Grade Secretary. Clubs can add parents as team managers in League Manager to give them access to enter results.

13. **Thankyous**

I want to thank all our wonderful Grade Secretaries and Friday night Team Managers. 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

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. **Child Safety Update** — No update at this meeting.
2. **Dates for Season 1 2023** — Clubs discussed three options for season dates for 2023, which are challenging due to the way school holidays and public holidays fall.

After discussion, clubs voted as follows:

- Option 1 — 1 vote
- Option 2 — 9 votes
- Option 3 — 18 votes

Therefore Round 1 will not be played, and the season will start with Round 2 on 3 and 4 February.

3. **Application for affiliation by Caroline Springs Tennis Club** — Caroline Springs Tennis Club applied to affiliate with the NSJTA to enter teams in the Season 1, 2023 competition. A representative from Caroline Springs Tennis Club attended the meeting and spoke in support of this application.

Motion: That the application by Caroline Springs Tennis Club for affiliation with the NSJTA be approved.

Carried by a majority.

4. **Poaching** — A Club Delegate raised a concern about club representatives and coaches approaching players registered at other clubs about changing clubs. This is contrary to the NSJTA rules and causes problems between clubs.
5. **Old website** — Some clubs reported issues logging in to the old NSJTA website to look up player history and details. If clubs are having issues, they can contact a Committee member who can look up the information for them.
6. **League Manager** — There has been system update to League Manager that has changed the way new players can be added:
- Delegates cannot add new players to teams unless they are already in the League Manager system and have created a Tennis ID
 - Parents will need to register their children and create a Tennis ID at matchcentre.tennis.com.au
 - If players have not registered in time, clubs should list any additional players in the comments field for the team
 - Delegates can generate a report of players with a Tennis ID to check who has one

- If Delegates have mistakenly created a duplicate team, they cannot remove it themselves. Please mark the team as “Duplicate” and a Committee member will mark it rejected.
- If a player that does not have a Tennis ID plays as an emergency, please list them as an unspecified player and add the player details to the match comments
- Clubs can add parents as team managers in League Manager to give them access to enter results.

MEETING CLOSED: 9.13 PM

NEXT MEETING: BUCKLEY PARK TENNIS CLUB ON MONDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2023 at 8.00 PM