

# **NORTH SUBURBAN JUNIOR TENNIS ASSOCIATION INC.**

**Reg No. A0058168N**

## **MINUTES OF DELEGATES MEETING HELD ON 8 SEPTEMBER 2025**

**36 of 47 Clubs present**

**Meeting Opened:** 8:03pm

**CHAIRPERSON:** Ron Morton

**APOLOGIES:** Robert McDonald (Secretary and Airport West), Dave Theuma (Vice-President), Rebecca Knowles (Keilor), Connor Ferris (Oak Park), Glen Ferris (Oak Park), Rohan Prentice (St Monicas), Anthony Reddoch (St Thereses), Bobby Dela Cruz (Taylors Lakes)

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** Circulated and taken as read.

**MOVED:** Neil Campbell (Fawkner)

**SECONDED:** Aaron Sharpe (Doutta Galla)

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Brendon Noonan, on behalf of the Secretary, tabled the following correspondence:

### **IN**

1. Tennis Victoria — League Manager and Match Centre Unavailable 3pm 19 August to 3 pm 21 August 2025
2. Tennis Victoria — Board Director Vacancies
3. Tennis Victoria Associations Manager — Meetings, Match Centre Update, League Manager Assistance and Leave

### **OUT**

1. All Clubs — Registering players with no experience
2. All Clubs — NSTA Saturday afternoon competition details
3. All Clubs — Agenda and attachments for Delegates meeting on 8 September 2025

## **CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINTS**

Nil

**MOVED:** Brendon Noonan (Delahey)

**SECONDED:** Neil Campbell (Fawkner)

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

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| Balance in transaction account as at 8 September 2025 | \$419.00    |
| Balance in investment account as at 8 September 2025  | \$25,637.31 |

**MOVED:** Colin Thompson (Treasurer)

**SECONDED:** Andrew Peake (Mt Carmel)

## **TENNIS EVENTS REPORT**

Associations Junior Pennant (AJP) teams have been selected. The NSJTA has 22 teams in total with the majority of players that nominated being placed in teams. The Events Committee is now looking for courts to host home matches for each of our teams.

## **TENNIS VICTORIA REPORT**

Nil

### **MATCH SECRETARY REPORT**

1. Clubs can now change their A Grade and A Reserve 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](mailto:results@nsjta.org.au).

Seedings must be sent no later than Wednesday 3 September 2025

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 24th and 25th (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. 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 1 game in A-1 adds up to a total of four games played. You should never play an emergency player any more than 4 games. Please ring me if that occurs. This is why it is important to enter your results in on time.
5. Filling out sheets — Please make sure all details are correct on the Results Sheet before signing the sheet and when the scores are entered. 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.
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) On Friday nights and Saturday mornings there must be an allocated Court Supervisor. We have the green fluoro vests that Aaron had organised to wear on Friday nights and Saturday mornings so people know who to approach if there is an issue. If your club hasn't got one, please see me.
  - c) When a player has not turned up and the players games are forfeited, please write forfeit. Please do not just write in 6-0. There was a situation last season where an Emergency player was refused registration as this player's combined statistics, were considered to be, strengthening the team on the day, and better than their other team players. Upon my call to the Delegate, to notify them of the refusal, it was discovered that the game was not played at all and an additional game had then been requested to be played by the Match Committee of that player. The result was the player was accepted into the team. 2/ And just last week I rang another club to have a chat re the registration of a D+ player only to find out the player was registered in a team already and was in fact playing up. The child's name was incorrectly spelt on the team sheet.
  - d) 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. I, personally, have seen some very confronting line calls. Please encourage all players to be fair.

## 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) If this behaviour 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 — 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 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

- 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 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

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| September 8   | Second Delegates Meeting of the season - starts 8.00 pm at Buckley Park                                                                                                                                     |
| September 10  | All A grade teams including Saturday morning teams please send your seedings to <a href="mailto:results@nsjta.org.au">results@nsjta.org.au</a> before Wednesday Sept 10th<br>Club and Grade in subject line |
| October 24/25 | Last opportunity for additional registrations - emergencies wanting registration must have played their third match by these dates.                                                                         |
| October 25    | Transfers for next season close - transfer forms and \$20 clearance fee must be lodged with the Match Secretary by 6PM.                                                                                     |

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| November 14 | All A grade team entries for next season (Friday and Saturday) must be entered in League Manager on or before this date. |
| November 17 | Third and final Delegates Meeting – starts 8.00 pm at Buckley Park TC                                                    |
| November 29 | All other Saturday team entries for next season must be entered in League Manager on or before this date.                |

11. Kym noted that were continuing with clubs\team managers entering results. Clubs were asked to ensure that access issues for people entering results have been resolved and details of anyone still having issues should be forwarded to Kym.
12. Kym also reminded everyone of the need for clubs to contact opposition clubs if courts are unplayable. Some discussion followed washout notifications including having an on-line notification process/system.

### **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

1. Child Safety and Code of Conduct Update — Nil.
2. **Proposal to amend By-laws (Sunbury Lawn TC) — Emergencies strengthening a team and use of UTR** — The following change to allow emergency players to play at the level they would normally be seeded if they were a listed player and to define the strengthening a team rule was proposed:

#### ***Amend By-laws 14, 16 and 17(d) as follows:***

An emergency player must be of equivalent standard than the player they are replacing (The Match Committee considers a UTR rating variance of  $\pm 0.50$  to be of equivalent standard).

MOVED: Francis Pochettino (Sunbury)      SECONDED: Tom Karamzalis (Glenroy Community)

Defeated by a majority (9 votes to 17 votes)

3. **Proposal to amend By-laws (Sunbury Lawn TC) — Emergencies playing for more than one club** — The following change to allow emergencies to play at more than one club was proposed:

#### ***Amend By-laws 33 and 34 as follows:***

- 33) a) Any player, other than those listed in a team, may be used as an emergency up to three times for the same club before becoming locked to that club for the remainder of the season.
- b) In all grades except A Special, Clubs must not play emergency players whom they know will strengthen a team in accordance with By-laws 14(d) and 16 (d).
- c) If a player has played as an emergency, that player cannot play as an emergency in a LOWER grade for the same club in the same season without the prior approval of the Match Committee.
- 34) a) No player other than an emergency player shall be allowed to play with more than one Club in any one season.
- f) For seeded grades, a club may apply for permission from the Match Committee for a player from one team to fill in for another team at the same level (eg A Reserve 2 Boys and A Reserve 2 Mixed) for a maximum of three matches. Permission must be sought in advance and will only be granted where, in the opinion of the Match Committee, the replacement player will not strengthen the team in accordance with By-laws 14(d) and 16(d) and in such cases the Match Committee will determine the seedings to be used. This rule does not apply for finals matches.

MOVED: Francis Pochettino (Sunbury)      SECONDED: Tom Karamzalis (Glenroy Community)

Defeated by a majority (11 votes to 13 votes)

4. **Proposal to amend By-laws (Sunbury Lawn TC) – Female players replacing male players in mixed grades** — The following change was proposed allow Friday night mixed teams to fill in an absent male player with a registered female player from the team:

***Replace By-laws 14(a) and 14(b) as follows:***

- 14) a) For Friday A special, A grade and A reserve mixed grades, the competing teams shall comprise three (3) girls and three (3) boys.

If an unsuitable emergency cannot be found to replace one of the boys, a registered girl player can be used to fill in as an emergency with approval of the Match Committee. Only one female player can be used per round.

- b) For Friday A special, A grade and A reserve mixed grades, a match shall consist of nine (9) sets made up of three (3) boys and three (3) girls singles of 8 games with a tie-breaker at 7 all. There will also be one (1) boys, one (1) girls and one (1) mixed doubles set each of six (6) games with no tie-breaker (unless the Match Committee has approved a female base player to be used as an emergency for one of the boys under paragraph (a)).

MOVED: Francis Pochettino (Sunbury)      SECONDED: Tom Karamzalis (Glenroy Community)

Carried by a majority (15 votes to 13 votes)

5. **Proposal to amend By-laws (Match Committee) — Washouts** — The following change to remove reference to Grade Secretaries, which no longer exist, and clarify A Special I teams can list players for washout under By-law 53(c)(i) was proposed:

***Replace By-law 38(a) with the following:***

- 38) a) On extremely wet days, the Match Secretary, after consulting at least one other Committee member, may declare washouts for all matches and will notify Clubs through the NSJTA website and other available methods of communication (including electronic messages and social media). In such cases, teams are not required to attend the venue and for all matches other than A Special, match result sheets do not need to be filled out. All matches other than A Special will automatically be recorded as washouts.

MOVED: Neil Campbell (Fawkner)      SECONDED: Jacqui Theuma (Keilor East)

Carried unanimously.

6. **Proposal to amend By-laws (Match Committee) — Match Results** — The following change to the time at which a fine is imposed if the home team has not entered the match result to 24 hours after the match. was proposed:

***Replace By-law 44 with the following:***

- 44) a) At the conclusion of each match, both Team Managers must check the match result sheet has been completed correctly and sign it. Failure to complete all required information will result in the fine specified in the Fines Schedule.
- b) The home club must submit the match result in the method specified by the Match Committee within 24 hours of the completion of the match. This includes if the match is not commenced or is abandoned. Failure to do so will result in the fine specified in the Fines Schedule.
- c) The away club must confirm the match result within 48 hours of the completion of the match.

MOVED: Aaron Sharpe (Doutta Galla)      SECONDED: Neil Campbell (Fawkner)

Carried unanimously.

7. **Proposal to amend By-laws (Match Committee) — Washouts in A Special** — The following change to correct a drafting error was proposed:

***Replace By-law 53(c) with the following:***

53) c) When the match does not commence due to unplayable conditions (e.g. complete washout) or the entire match is forfeited by one team:

i) for A Special only:

A) both teams in a match that did not commence and the team that did not give a walkover may enter a result online within 48 hours of the match listing the players that were due to play the match;

B) registered players will be deemed to have played a match for finals qualifications purposes;

C) emergency players will not be deemed to have played a match and the match will not count for additional registration purposes; and

ii) for all other grades, no players will be deemed to have played a match.

MOVED: Andrea Rizzi (North Park)

SECONDED: Aaron Sharpe (Doutta Galla)

Carried unanimously.

8. **Female participation** — After the motions were voted on, there was some general discussion around match formats and keeping girls playing. A suggestion was made that we could do a survey to get feedback from the girls.

**MEETING CLOSED: 9.15 PM**

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