

NORTH SUBURBAN JUNIOR TENNIS ASSOCIATION INC.

Reg No. A0058168N

MINUTES OF DELEGATES MEETING HELD ON 23 MAY 2022

35 of 45 Clubs present

Meeting opened: 8:05 pm

CHAIRPERSON: Ron Morton

APOLOGIES: Ray Reymers (Coburg), Justin Fisher (Hillside), Darren Irwin (Strathmore), Andrew Thomas (Westmeadows), Nicole Hornsby (OLN)

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Circulated and taken as read.

MOVED: Jacqui Theuma (Keilor East)

SECONDED: Glenn Ferris (Oak Park)

CORRESPONDENCE: As tabled by Robert McDonald

IN

1. Essendon TC — Response to protest — A Grade 1 Mixed
2. St Thereses TC — Request to review C Grade 3 Unisex Round 9 result
3. Coburg TC — Information relating to C Grade 3 Unisex Round 9 result
3. St Albans TC — Application for affiliation
4. Avondale Heights — Request for exemption to By-laws to allow A Reserve Saturday team to play home games at 8.30 am
5. Diggers Rest TC — Application for affiliation
6. Tennis Victoria — Grant Opportunities

OUT

1. All Clubs — COVID case at Delegates meeting
2. All Clubs — Mixed formats survey
3. All Clubs — Season 2 2022 team entries
4. St Thereses TC and Coburg TC — C Grade 3 Unisex Round 9 result review outcome
5. All Clubs — Agenda and attachments for Delegates meeting on 23 May 2022 (including copy of application for affiliation from St Albans TC)
6. All Clubs — Letter from Avondale Heights requesting exemption to By-laws to allow A Reserve Saturday team to play home games at 8.30 am
7. All Clubs — Application for affiliation from Diggers Rest TC

CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINTS

2022/03	In	Code of Conduct complaint from Avondale Heights TC regarding A Reserve 2 Mixed match on 26 March 2022
	Out	Copy of the Code of Conduct complaint to Keilor TC
	In	Response from Keilor TC
	Out	Letters to Avondale Heights TC and Keilor TC advising outcome of complaint
2022/04	In	Code of Conduct complaint from Ascot Vale TC regarding C Reserve 3

		Unisex match on 2 April 2022
	Out	Copy of the Code of Conduct complaint to Greenvale TC
	In	Response from Greenvale TC
	Out	Letters to Ascot Vale TC and Greenvale TC advising outcome of complaint
2022/05	In	Code of Conduct complaint from Greenvale TC regarding D Grade 3 Unisex match on 9 April 2022
	Out	Copy of the Code of Conduct complaint to Strathmore TC
	In	Response from Strathmore TC
	Out	Letters to Greenvale TC and Strathmore TC advising outcome of complaint
2022/04	In	Code of Conduct complaint from Avondale Heights TC regarding A Reserve 2 Mixed match on 9 April 2022
	Out	Copy of the Code of Conduct complaint to Delahey TC
	In	Response from Delahey TC

MOVED: Robert McDonald (Secretary)

SECONDED: Aaron Sharpe (Doutta Galla)

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Balance in transaction account as at 28 March 2022	\$1,409.85
Payments received since 28 March 2022	\$1,640.00
Payments out since 28 March 2022	-\$1,279.12
Balance in transaction account as at 23 May 2022	\$1,770.73
Balance in investment account as at 23 May 2022	\$20,340.86

MOVED: Colin Thompson (Treasurer)

SECONDED: Rose Micallef (Ascot Vale)

TENNIS EVENTS REPORT:

1. Associations Junior League

The 2022 season starts in August. Players can register through the new NSJTA website <http://www.nsjta.org.au>. Entries are due by 12 June 2022.

TENNIS VICTORIA REPORT:

1. Tennis Victoria Tour was held on Saturday 7th May. One item that was of note, was an explanation/presentation of the Universal Tennis Rating (UTR), which included valuable information for clubs, parents and players to understand what the UTR is, how it is determined and opportunities to improve the rating. The presentation also dispelled some myths.
2. Venue Improvement Grants are available for affiliates to apply for up to \$2500 for venue maintenance projects including equipment/equipment hire, infrastructure, materials, repairs, signage and windbreaks — close on 5 June 2022.

MATCH SECRETARY REPORT:

1. **Semi final fixture**

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.

Clubs are reminded that June 25th and 26th June are “Spare Finals” weekend and will be utilised, if need be.

Please pick up a Guideline for Hosting Finals on the back table. Other documents for your perusal, relating to finals, are under the Documents section on nsjta.org.au

They include Finals Teams (under documents section) (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 (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 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 the Match Secretary Kym. Please check other close venues as well to see if they have spare courts that you could move a match to.

2. Match result arrangements

Round 14 results

- Friday night — home teams enter online as usual and email a copy to results@nsjta.org.au
- Saturday morning — home teams email a copy to the Grade Secretary
- All results must be sent by Saturday night, and Grade Secretaries must enter by Saturday night

Semi finals

- Friday night — home teams enter online as usual and email a copy to results@nsjta.org.au
- Saturday morning — host club emails the result to results@nsjta.org.au
- Please include the grade and the result in the subject field. E.g. A Grade 1 Mixed – Glencairn 45 def Coburg 26

Grand finals

- Friday night and Saturday morning — host club emails the result to results@nsjta.org.au
- Please include the grade and the result in the subject field. E.g. A Grade 1 Mixed – Glencairn 45 def Coburg 26

3. 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, 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) boy double, one (1) girl doubles and one (1) mixed double 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. 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 fill out the “extra set” once the match becomes a draw.

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 grades start at 7.45am.
- All Saturday C Grade games start at 8.30am.

- All Saturday D Grade games start at 9.30am.

4. **Semi Final Instructions**

Each Team is to supply New Balls and 1 copy of the score sheet. Friday Mixed need to supply 2 tins, and all other matches one tin. There is no need to open the tins until the Team Managers talk to each other.

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 on June 3/4 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.

During the finals Team Managers can fold the Results Sheet in half so that each team does not see the other teams playing order (All Grades) until the sheet is unfolded. In A and A Reserve teams you can play in the Singles order from Round 1-7 or Rounds 8-14 or Boys 1-7 and girls 8-14 or the other way around. Once you choose the playing order you must play the same in the Grand Final. Remember to have a copy of the Finals Teams instruction sheet, in case a team is playing all their players to make sure the right player is in the right spot. The venue supervisor should hold onto the sheet and double check each set and players are on the correct court. Also write in the scores at the end of each set.

5. **Grand Final Instructions**

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 five venues for all our Friday night Grand Finals. All Friday night venues were selected prior to Round 13.

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 me 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, the Court Supervisor will contact me. No one is to leave the courts before a decision is made.

Many thanks to all the clubs who are hosting NSJTA Grand Finals. All NSJTA clubs are reminded that they must provide adult umpires during the Grand Finals.

1-4 Saturday teams is 1 umpire

5-8 Saturday teams is 2 umpires

9-12 Saturday teams is 3 umpires

Umpire Destinations will be on the Grand Final fixture.

Friday Night Grand Final Venues are:

Tullamarine TC, Buckley Park TC, Hume TCC, Royal Park TC and Coburg TC

Saturday Morning Grand Final Venues are:

Essendon TC, Maribyrnong Park TC, Hume TCC, Oak Park TC, Keilor TC, Strathmore TC, Buckley Park TC, West Brunswick TC.

Pennants, trophies and balls can be collected from BPTC at the AGM.

6. **Finals seedings**

- Friday and Saturday A Grade teams need to email their seedings for finals to results@nsjta.org.au by Wednesday 1 June 2022 so they can be loaded into League Manager.

- We request the Club Delegates collect the seedings for all their A Grade teams that are in finals and send them through in one email
- If the team has not changed its seedings all season, please still email the seedings to make it easier for us to mark off which teams have provided their seedings

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

8. **Important dates**

- **29 May 2022** — All B, C and D Saturday team entries due.
- We will email all delegates once team grading is done. There will be a few days to check your entries and we will email all Club Delegates shortly after with a Season 2 2022 Fixture. There is very little time between Season 1 and Season 2 and the Match Committee with turn everything around as quickly as possible.

9. **Season 2 Dates 2022**

July	15/16	22/23	29/30	
August	05/06	12/13	19/20	26/27
September	02/03	09/10	School Holidays — 17th September to 2 nd October	
September	AFL GF weekend 24 th and 25 th September			
October	07/08	14/15	21/22	Melbourne Cup weekend 28 th /29 th
November	04/05	11/12		
Semi Final	Friday 18 th and Saturday 19 th November			
Grand Final	Friday 25 th and Saturday 26 th November			
Spare Dates	Friday 2 nd and Saturday 3 rd December			

10. **Grade Secretaries** — A huge thank you to all our Grade Secretaries for another wonderful season. They have all been very busy with entering results. Our competition is better for your time and effort. Good Luck to all clubs during the finals. Any questions please ring Kym on 0413 527 902 or another Committee member. Please encourage fair sportsmanship during the finals.
11. **A Special teams** — Teams have been graded by the Match Committee. The teams in A Special next season will be Ascot Vale/Merlynston, Buckley Park, Bulla Village, Coburg, Essendon/Royal Park, Green Gully and Taylors Lakes. There will be a Bye.
12. There are still three missing results — one from each of Rounds 10, 11 and 12. Clubs were asked to provide the results to the Match Secretary as soon as possible.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. **Child Safety Update** — The NSJTA adopts a zero tolerance approach to any behaviour that does not ensure tennis is a safe and friendly environment for children and young people. If Court Supervisors witness any forms of racism, sexism, homophobia or transphobia, they should immediately address it. Court Supervisors can give a warning or ask parents or spectators to leave the venue.
2. **Application for affiliation by St Albans Tennis Club** — St Albans Tennis Club applied to affiliate with the NSJTA to enter teams in the Season 2, 2022 competition. A representative from St Albans Tennis Club attended the meeting and spoke in support of this application.

Motion: That the application by St Albans Tennis Club for affiliation with the NSJTA be approved.

MOVED: Aaron Sharpe (Doutta Galla)

SECONDED: Paul Adams (Deer Park)

Carried unanimously.

2. **Application for affiliation by Diggers Rest Tennis Club** — Diggers Rest Tennis Club applied to affiliate with the NSJTA to enter teams in the Season 2, 2022 competition. A representative from Diggers Rest Tennis Club attended the meeting and spoke in support of this application.

Motion: That the application by Diggers Rest Tennis Club for affiliation with the NSJTA be approved.

MOVED: Colin Thompson (Buckley Park)

SECONDED: Matthew Todd (St Christopher's)

Carried unanimously.

4. **Avondale Heights TC — Exemption to By-laws** — Avondale Heights moved a motion to be provided an exemption from the By-laws as follows:

That Avondale Heights TC be granted an exemption from By-law 25(b) and they be allowed to enter an A Reserve Mixed Saturday team with a start time of 8.30 am for home matches.

MOVED: Michael Kosmas (Avondale Heights)

SECONDED: Paul Thitchener (North Park)

Carried unanimously.

5. **Saturday mixed formats survey**

Thanks to the clubs that completed the Saturday mixed formats survey. The results of the survey will be sent to clubs to discuss at a future meeting, potentially as special meeting for that purpose.

6. **Team entries coversheet**

Some clubs reported issues downloading the team entries coversheet from the NSJTA website. The Secretary will email the document to all clubs to submit with their teams. Clubs should list any fixture requests on this form.

7. **Annual General Meeting**

The NSJTA Annual General meeting will be held on Tuesday 14 June 2022 at 8.00 pm at Buckley Park TC. This will also be the pickup of pennants and balls for grand finals.

MEETING CLOSED: 9.00 PM

NEXT MEETING: BUCKLEY PARK TENNIS CLUB ON MONDAY 1 AUGUST 2022 at 8.00 PM