

NORTH SUBURBAN NIGHT TENNIS ASSOCIATION INC.

(Reg. No. A0015517W)



Minutes of the General Meeting Held on 24th October 2022 at Maribyrnong Park Tennis Club

1. Attendances

Clubs Present 38

Clubs	AGM 23-08-21	28/02/2022	02/05/2022	22/08/2022	24/10/2022
Aintree		✓	✓		
Airport West	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Ascot Vale	✓	✓		✓	✓
Avondale Heights	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Buckley Park	✓	✓		✓	✓
Bulla Village	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Caroline Springs	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Coburg		✓	✓	✓	✓
Corpus Christi	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Craigieburn	✓	✓		✓	✓
Deer Park	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Delahey	✓		✓	✓	✓
Diggers Rest	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Doutta Galla	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
East Coburg		✓	✓	✓	
Essendon	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Fawkner	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Gladstone Park		✓		✓	✓
Glencairn			✓	✓	✓
Green Gully	✓	✓	✓		✓
Greenvale	✓		✓		
Hadfield	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Hillside	✓	✓	✓		✓
Hume	✓	✓		✓	✓
Keilor			✓	✓	
Keilor East	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Keilor Park	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Maribyrnong Park	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Merlynston	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Moomba Park	✓	✓			
Mt. Carmel	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
North Park	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
North Sunshine	✓	✓			
Oak Park	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
OLN	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Parkville	✓	✓	✓		✓
PEGS	✓	✓	✓		✓
Princes Hill		✓	✓	✓	
Royal Park	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
St. John Bosco	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
St. Monicas	✓		✓	✓	✓
St. Thereses	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
St. Vincents	✓	✓		✓	
Strathmore	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sunbury	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Sydenham	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Taylor's Lakes	✓	✓		✓	✓
Tullamarine	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
West Brunswick		✓	✓		✓
Westmeadows	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

2. Apologies

Keilor, Aintree, Denise Becket, Bob Granger, Diva Duvaroran, Leo Ibrahim, Graham Sandman, Steve Senior

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Moved Chris Tenace (Airport West) seconded Ron Morton (Merlynston) that the minutes of the previous meeting, which had previously been sent to all Clubs, be accepted - **Carried**.

4. Business arising from previous Minutes

Nil.

5. Correspondence

Inwards correspondence:

- Sport and Recreation Victoria
 - Round 5 of the Get Active Kids Voucher Program advice
- Tennis Victoria
 - News — Sept 2022, Oct 2022
 - Grant opportunities
 - Advice about UTR and the Competitive Player Profile
 - Advice about completing the Affiliation form
 - Affiliation renewal confirmation
 - Notification of 2022 AGM and Board Elections
 - Insurance Certificate
 - Notice that Justin Cox (Metro Associations Manager) was leaving Tennis Victoria
- Fawkner TC – Advice on change of office bearers
- Craigieburn TC – advice on roadworks and diversions
- St Monica's TC – Request for details about court lighting test regulations
- Hume TC – Reply regarding issues around competition organisation
- Taylors Lakes TC – Protest in Ladies B Grade 1
- Keilor Park TC – Protest in Mens B Grade 5
- Princes Hill TC – Advice that fees had been paid
- Merlynston TC – Withdrawal of Ladies C Special
- Maribyrnong Park TC – Advice of regular delegate being away
- Dunlop – Request to discuss any opportunity to provide deals for tennis balls
- St Monica's TC – change of delegate mobile number
- Doutta Galla TC – Proposal to continue optional supper arrangements
- Tullamarine TC – Change of treasurer

Outwards Correspondence:

- All Clubs
 - Agenda, previous minutes for Delegates meeting 24th October 2022
- Some Clubs
 - Team Withdrawal – Ladies C Special Merlynston
- Hume TCC – Letter regarding concerns relating to the management of competition and teams

- St Monica's TC – advice regarding the NSNTA Court Lighting measurement process
- Fawkner TC – Letter regarding relocation of matches without NSNTA approval
- Taylors Lakes TC – Result of protest Ladies B Grade 1
- Keilor Park TC – Result of protest B Grade 5 Mens
- Deer Park – Advice of courts that are not approved for competition play

6. President's Report

Larry noted the passing of Val White. She was a founding member of the NSNTA and the first Life Member.

7. Treasurer's Report

(a) The Treasurer's Report was deferred due to Graham Sandman not being able to attend.

8. Match and Permit Committee Report

Team withdrawal

- Since the last meeting one more team has withdrawn: Merlynston C Special Ladies.

Washouts

- Delegates should familiarise themselves with the requirements of the NSNTA Washout Procedures - <http://nsnta.org/washout.html>
- Please remember that unreturned voice mails or texts are not sufficient. If Delegates cannot be contacted to arrange a washout in advance, all players need to turn up at the venue and captains can then agree a washout
- The two Delegates do not have to agree to a washout over the phone. The away team has the right not to agree and to attend the courts and inspect them to see if they are playable.
- Efforts should be made to dry courts if it is not raining. Matches do not need to start at 7.00 pm if courts are still being dried.

Ascot Vale

- Due to the impacts of the floods, matches can't be played at Ascot Vale this week. Rose from Ascot Vale is contacting teams to relocate matches.
- Thanks to the clubs that have agreed to host matches for Ascot Vale.

Players under 18 years old

- Players under the age of 18 are welcome to play in the NSNTA competition, however clubs should be mindful that they are considered children and child safety requirements apply.
- Players under 18 years old must be accompanied by an adult at all times — they must not be dropped off by their parents and left unsupervised.

Additional registrations

- Closing dates
 - Ladies Competition closed last Tuesday
 - Mixed Competition close 7.00 pm Wednesday, 26 October 2022
 - Mens Competition close 7.00 pm Thursday, 27 October 2022
- No late additional registrations will be accepted.
- The Chairman will respond with confirmation that he has received each additional registration. If you do not receive confirmation within a few days, please follow up with a phone call in case it has not been received. This only means that it has been received, not accepted. Usually we wait for a player to have played three matches before accepting an additional registration. Contact will only be made with the Club if an additional registration has been refused.
- There were 198 additional registrations and 55 deregistrations this season. The majority have been in the Men's competition — 114 additional registrations.
- Emergencies cannot play more than three matches in total, regardless of which grades they are played in (not three matches in one grade). It is the responsibility of the Club to track how many times emergency players have played.

- Please ensure your team has enough registered, qualified players for finals. A player must be registered and have played three matches (washouts included) to be eligible to play finals.

Finals

- Results of Round 14 to be phoned through to Peter Olney by 11.00 p.m. on 9354 9019
- Do not phone through semi final and Grand Final results
- Aim to have finals draw up that night
- Clubs must advise by Monday 31 October 2022 if any courts are unavailable for finals, otherwise we assume courts are available.
- Players must be **registered** and have played three matches to be qualified for finals. Each competition (Ladies, Mixed and Mens) is a separate competition, and qualification for one does not count towards qualification for the other. No exceptions will be made to this rule, so please ensure teams have enough registered, qualified players and don't have to forfeit a final.

Team entries for next season

- Close 8.00 pm on Friday, 25 November 2022
- Team entries must be sent in Microsoft Excel format. We use a macro to assist with importing player statistics for grading, which will not work if team entries are sent in a different format.
- A Grade Contact Sheet must be included. There will be a new Grade Contact Sheet that must be used. It will be emailed to Delegates soon.
- Player lists will be provided to all clubs after Round 14. Please ensure player names are spelt correctly. You can copy and paste names from the player history lists into the team entry sheet.
- Please only list players that intend to play. Do not blindly copy all names between seasons. Clubs should be a commitment from players that they intend to play again.
- Please ensure an appropriate grade is applied for — particularly check on ability of new players and new teams.
- Some players on the lists may be marked as "Too Strong". This means they played an emergency this season, but were deemed to be stronger than the other players in the team. We encourage you to register these players if they are going to play next season. If an emergency player has been deemed "Too Strong" this season and then they play as an emergency in the same team next season, the team will be automatically penalised with loss of games.
- If there is a particular reason you are applying for a grade, such a player has left the team, please write this on the bottom of the team entry sheet so the Committee are aware when grading.
- Please ensure all players are listed. Additional registrations will be refused if strong players are left off the team entry even if the player has played in the team for many seasons.
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- If you know the player comes from another club, put that information on the bottom of the sheet
- Do not put in a team with only 4 players in it — register the players a team will use in the event of an injury or unavailability
- If there is a new player to your Club, check with the Coordinators or Chairman for previous history
- Please limit the number of special fixture requests as it makes it very difficult for the Committee to complete the draw. If too many clubs submit special requests, they cannot all be accommodated and some clubs will miss out

Autumn 2023 dates

- Ladies – Tuesday, 31 January 2023
- Mixed – Wednesday, 8 February 2023
- Men's – Thursday, 2 February 2023
- The Ladies Competition will play on Easter Tuesday, as ANZAC Day is a Tuesday and there will be no play that night.
- The pickup night for fixtures and result books for Autumn 2023 will be advised.

Supper

- Doutta Galla have written to the Association requesting a vote of clubs on supper requirements going forward. We have also received anecdotal feedback that some teams, particularly in the Ladies Competition, would prefer not to have supper.
- The Committee has decided supper will remain optional for the first few rounds of Autumn 2023 and then clubs will vote at the February 2023 meeting. We will consider further whether it should be one vote for the three competitions, or three separate votes for the Ladies, Mixed and Men's competitions and write to clubs with further details before the meeting.

Light testing and policy

- We are now up to date with our light testing. There are two clubs – Craigieburn and Hume to be tested shortly.
- The recent results have revealed a number of courts with multiple points significantly below the 200 lux requirement, but the court is still meeting the average lux requirement
- The Committee is looking into whether we need to make changes to the lighting policy to better ensure clubs provide quality lighting for NSNTA matches

9. General Business

- The word "Premiers" will be added to Grand Final winners glasses from now on.

Meeting closed at 9.19 pm

Next Delegates' Meeting

Monday 27th February 2023 at 8.30pm – Maribyrnong Park Tennis Club