



Minutes of the Special General Meeting Held on 26th February 2024 at Maribyrnong Park Tennis Club

1. Apologies

Russel Baldry (Secretary) Omar Dachs (St. Vincents) Leo Ibrahim (Sydenham) Marcus Tierney (Hillside) Carol Munro (Buckley Park).

2. Special Resolution

Amendment to the By-Law 47 – Match result Sheet

Moved Robert McDonald (NSNTA Match & Permit Chairman) seconded John Galbo (Keilor East) that the By-Law 47 be amended as proposed below - **Carried**.

PROPOSED NEW BY-LAW

Match Result Sheet

47. (a) The Association will provide an official match result sheet on the NSNTA website.
- (b) Clubs must print and provide sufficient match result sheets for each home team playing at their club or approved alternative venue. For finals matches, the higher finishing team must print and provide a match result sheet.
- (c) At the conclusion of each match:-
- (i) both captains must sign the match result sheet
 - (ii) the captain of the home team will retain the match result sheet
 - (iii) the captain of the away team must take a photo or make a copy of the match result sheet
 - (iv) the captain of the winning team must place the result on-line within twenty-four (24) hours of the completion of the match
 - (v) in the event of a draw, the captain of the home team must place the result on-line within twenty-four (24) hours of the completion of the match.
- (d) Should the match be won by Default, the winning team will be responsible for placing the result on-line within twenty-four (24) hours of the completion of the match.
- (e) Should the match be abandoned through wet weather, lighting failure, or no decision be reached, the home team Captain will be responsible for placing the result on-line within twenty-four (24) hours of the completion of the match.
- (f) In the event of such result not being placed on-line by the due time, the penalty described in the attached schedule will be automatically imposed.
- (g) A captain must provide a copy of the result sheet to a Competition Co-Ordinator or Match and Permit Committee member if requested. Failure to complete a result sheet and/or provide a copy on request will result in the penalty described in the attached schedule.
- (h) In addition, for the last home and away match, results must be notified by the time, and in the manner prescribed by the Match & Permit Committee. Breaches of this rule will incur the penalty described in the attached schedule.

Meeting Closed: 8:43 pm

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Meeting Opened: 8:46 pm

1. Attendances

Clubs Present 46

Clubs	01-May-23	24-07-23 (AGM)	21-Aug-23	23-Oct-23	26-02-24
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. Christophers					✓
St. John Bosco		✓	✓	✓	✓
St. Monicas	✓	✓		✓	✓
St. Thereses	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
St. Vincents		✓			
Strathmore		✓	✓	✓	✓
Sunbury	✓	✓		✓	✓
Sydenham	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Taylor's Lakes	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Tullamarine	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
West Brunswick	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Westmeadows	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

**Clubs that did not attend the last Delegate's meeting:
Caroline Springs, Coburg, St Vincents**

2. Apologies

Russel Baldry (Secretary) Omar Dachs (St. Vincents) Leo Ibrahim (Sydenham) Marcus Tierney (Hillside) Carol Munro (Buckley Park).

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Amendment to General Business – minutes to be updated:

St. Christopher's Tennis Club applied to renew their *affiliation* with NSNTA

Moved Reagan Burgess (Mt. Carmel) 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
 - November updates
 - Get Active Kids Voucher Program
 - 2023-24 Sporting Club Grants, Round 2 now open
- Tennis Victoria
 - News — November 2023, December 2023, January 2024, February 2024
 - Tyler Krumholz taking 12 months leave from Associations Manager position.
 - Notification of panel discussion with Mooney Valley City Council on 'Fair Ground: The power of sports to be a space of safety and inclusion'
 - Notice seeking Association representation for Tennis Victoria's Competitive Play Committee
 - Tennis Victoria League Championships for 2024
 - Applications for the 2023-24 Change Our Game Community Activation Grants Program is now open
- Commission for Children and Young People
 - Annual report
 - Inquiry report
- Sunbury TC - Code of Conduct complaint
- Essendon TC - Response to Code of Conduct complaint
- Buckley Park – Code of Conduct complaint
- Update to Delegates for PEGS
- Diggers Rest TC – request for update of team entry submission eligibility
- Buckley Park TC – Complaint about poor visibility of court lines at Avondale Heights TC
- Melton City Council are developing the Melton Tennis Strategy and request expressions of interest in participation
- Brimbank Council requesting detail on lighting levels for clubs in their council
- Request from St Albans East TC on becoming affiliated
- Advice from Nella Di Benedetto of Moomba Park TC on new reporting requirements for sporting clubs that have an ABN and that have self assessed as being income tax exempt in the past.
- Westmeadows TC – response to Code of Conduct complaint

Outwards Correspondence:

- All clubs – Advice that Avondale Heights Mens A-1 has withdrawn from the season
- All clubs – Minutes of Delegates meeting 23rd November 2023

- All clubs – Agenda for Delegates meeting 26th February 2024
- All clubs – Notice of Special meeting 26th February 2024
- St Albans TC – details on affiliation process
- Diggers Rest TC – notification of decision to not accept certain Diggers Rest teams
- Letter to Brimbank Council detailing lighting levels for clubs in their area
- Essendon TC – Code of Conduct outcome
- Sunbury TC – Code of Conduct outcome

6. President's Report

Larry welcomed everyone to the meeting.

7. Treasurer's Report

- (a) The Treasurer's Report had been distributed to the delegates. It was emailed to clubs last weekend. Please contact Graham Sandman if it was not received.

Moved Graham Sandman (Treasurer), seconded Ron Morton (Merlynston)
– **Carried.**

(b) Bills for payment:

Norton Licence No. 1	\$189.88
Norton Licence No. 2	\$149.99
Ian Openshaw (Light Testing expenses)	\$445.00
Total	\$784.87

Moved Graham Sandman (Treasurer), seconded Denise Beckett (Maribyrnong Park)
– **Carried.**

- (c) Graham read out a list of clubs still to pay fees by 12/03/2024

8. Match and Permit Committee Report

Finals last season

- The finals last season all went smoothly. Thanks to all clubs for their assistance hosting.
- We once again had requests to play players who were not qualified in finals. As repeatedly advised, we do not make exceptions to this rule, so please ensure teams have enough registered, qualified players and don't have to forfeit a final.

Team entries for Autumn 2024

- Team entries for this season are up by 8 teams with a total of 531 teams
 - 129 teams in Ladies – down 2 teams
 - 127 teams in Mixed – up 2 teams
 - 275 teams in Men's – up 8 teams and 1 grade

Fines

- We have had a lot of queries about fines from last season.
- It is the responsibility of the winning team to ensure match results are correct and complete. The winning team must ensure all players' names, including opposition players' names, have been recorded fully (first name and surname) and are legible before the result is signed. If a match result is submitted with any missing information the winning team will be fined.

Team withdrawals

- Avondale Heights have withdrawn from A Reserve 1 Mens and been replaced with a Bye.

- We have circulated a discussion paper about team withdrawals and are seeking feedback from clubs on this proposal.
- If your club would like to provide feedback, please email the Association Secretary at secretary@nsnta.org by Friday 29 March 2024.

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 keep track of how many matches emergencies have played. Please ensure that additional registrations are submitted before players play a fourth match, otherwise teams will lose games.
- We have already received 59 additional registrations and 11 deregistrations this season.
- Please remember that the purpose of additional registrations is to replace injured or unavailable players. All are scrutinised to ensure they are not strengthening the team. Clubs should not expect players to be accepted just because they wanted to join a team late or a club doesn't have another team for them.
- Please remember that we do not accept additional registrations if it would result in a Ladies or Mens team having more than 8 players or a Mixed team having more than six men or six ladies. Please check the number of registered players before submitting an additional registration, otherwise the Chairman will request a deregistration.

Emergencies

- Please ensure you check the history of emergency players before they play.
- All emergency players are scrutinised, and we do not wait until a complaint is received from the opposition.
- If players are deemed too strong, clubs will be warned that if they play again loss of games will be imposed. In clear cases, loss of games has been imposed without a warning being given.
- When there is known and recent history on a player that shows a significant discrepancy between the level they are playing and the level of the registered players in the team, loss of games will be imposed.

Light testing and policy

- The new NSNTA lighting policy takes effect on 1 July 2025 We previously sent letters to most clubs likely to be affected by the new lighting policy which takes effect on 1 July 2025.
- Ian has now undertaken a lot of additional testing with our new light meter and a few more clubs have received letters. We are up to date on our light testing at this stage, and clubs will continue to be tested every three years unless there are issues.
- If your club has received a letter, please ensure it starts taking action now, so it is ready by 1 July 2025.
- If your club has taken action to improve its lighting, please let us know so the lights can be retested.

Dispute resolution procedures

- We have published the Dispute resolution procedures on the NSNTA website.
- We will monitor how they work over the next 12 months to see if they are effective. Please let Robert know if you have any feedback.

9. General Business

(a) Maria Keys provided some updates in regards to Tennis Victoria:

CEO:

- CEO Adam Cramer resigned pre-Christmas and finished up at Tennis Vic in early January.
- The CEO position has been advertised, and action is underway to appoint a new CEO
- Tamatha Harding has been appointed as Interim CEO.
- She has been at Tennis Victoria for over 24 years and knows the business and the community very well.

Pennant:

- Team entries for pennant 2024 are now open, and close on 3rd March

- Some format changes are being introduced to provide for more doubles play:
 - Odd numbered rounds: 2 short doubles rubbers, 4 regular singles rubbers
 - Even numbered rounds: 2 regular doubles rubbers; 4 short singles rubbers
- No advantage scoring for all doubles rubbers
- Team grading to reference UTR as well as other factors.

(b) Nella Di Benedetto from Moomba Park TC has provided information regarding the upcoming reporting ATO requirement for all not-for-profits with an ABN commencing 1 July 2024.

This new reporting requirement will impact all sporting clubs that have an ABN and that have self assessed as being income tax exempt in the past.

Tennis clubs with an ABN will need to ensure they have their ATO authorised contacts up to date with the ATO, have a myGovID and have access to the ATO's online services portal. The reporting requirement is to lodge a self-review return via the ATO's online services for business portal from 1 July 2024 to 31 October 2024

Robert McDonald will circulate to all clubs.

Meeting closed at 9:24 pm

Next Delegates' Meeting

Monday 29th April 2024 at 8.30pm – Maribyrnong Park Tennis Club