

NORTH SUBURBAN NIGHT TENNIS ASSOCIATION INC.

(Reg. No. A0015517W)



Minutes of the General Meeting Held on 29th April 2024 at Maribyrnong Park Tennis

1. Attendances

Clubs Present 39

Clubs	24-07-23 (AGM)	21-Aug-23	23-Oct-23	26-Feb-24	29-Apr-24
Aintree	✓		✓		
Airport West	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Ascot Vale	✓		✓		✓
Avondale Heights	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Buckley Park	✓	✓	✓		✓
Bulla Village	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Caroline Springs				✓	✓
Coburg	✓		✓		
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	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
PEGS	✓		✓	✓	✓
Princes Hill	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Royal Park	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
St. Christophers				✓	✓
St. John Bosco	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
St. Monicas	✓		✓	✓	✓
St. Thereses	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
St. Vincents	✓				
Strathmore	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sunbury	✓		✓	✓	✓
Sydenham	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Taylors Lakes	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Tullamarine	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
West Brunswick	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Westmeadows	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Clubs that did not attend the last Delegate's meeting:

Aintree, Ascot Vale, Buckley Park, Coburg, Hillside, Moomba Park, North Sunshine, St Vincents

2. Apologies

Jamie McIlroy (Coburg TC), Joe Caruso (Taylors Lakes TC), Steven Seinor (Taylors Lakes), Leo Ibrahim (Sydenham)

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

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

Amendment to General Business – minutes to be updated:
St. Christopher's Tennis Club applied to renew their *affiliation* with NSNTA - *Actioned*

5. Correspondence

Inwards correspondence:

- Tennis Victoria
 - Document on Inclusive Language
 - Document on competition naming conventions
 - News — March 2024
 - Advice on Victorian Community Tennis Awards accepting nominations
 - Advice on Metro Inner North West grants availability
 - 2024 Roland Garros and Wimbledon Ticket Ballots Now Open
 - League Championship Team Entries open
- Australian Sports Commission – Warm Up With Winter Sport flyer
- NAB – advice that the association details have been successfully verified
- Keilor Tennis Club – query about Heat policy
- Marnong Estate information on their Women in Leadership Networking Series event featuring Jelena Dokic
- Merlynston TC – Appeal regarding Loss of Games decision
- Keilor TC – notice that the upgrade of the fencing may impact court availability next financial year
- Delahey TC – Updated contact email
- Moomba Park TC – committee's views on team withdrawals and forfeits
- North Park TC – complaint that Merlynston used non-approved tennis balls
- Glencairn TC – Updated contact email
- East Coburg TC – change of committee details
- Mt Carmel TC - committee's views on team withdrawals and forfeits
- Keilor East TC - committee's views on team withdrawals and forfeits
- Hume Council – report of lux levels at Hume tennis and Community Centre
- Hume Council – request for NSNTA lux level readings for Sunbury TC
- West Brunswick TC – proposal to change Ladies competition to Womens competition
- Tullamarine TC – formal complaint regarding Merlynston TC B Special 2 Mens
- Merlynston TC - response to complaint by Tullamarine TC

Outwards Correspondence:

- All clubs – Details on Heat policy (via website)
- St Albans East TC – details on affiliation process
- Glenroy Community TC – details on affiliation process
- All clubs – Minutes of Delegates meeting 26th February 2024
- All clubs – Agenda for Delegates meeting 9th April 2024

- All clubs – Treasurer’s report for April, 2024
- All clubs – Application for affiliation from Glenroy Community TC
- All clubs- Application for affiliation from St Albans East TC
- Merlynston TC – Outcome of appeal
- All clubs – notification of the withdrawal of MENS B SPECIAL 1 – MERLYNSTON
- Westmeadows TC – Code of Conduct outcome
- Buckley Park TC – Code of Conduct outcome
- Letter to Hume Council detailing lighting levels for Hume Tennis and Community Centre
- Letter to Hume Council detailing lighting levels for Sunbury TC
- Various clubs – advice on courts that will not comply with the new lux level requirements

6. President’s Report

Larry welcomed everyone to the meeting. He advised that Tennis Victoria pennant has commenced.

It was also advised that West Brunswick had raised a request for the Ladies competition to be renamed to the Women’s competition. This will be raised as a motion for change at the AGM.

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 Ian Lyster (Coburg East) – **Carried.**

- (b) Bills for payment:

Grade Secretary Ladies	\$595.00
Grade Secretary Mixed	\$560.00
Grade Secretary Mens	\$1,260.00
Light Hire Autumn Finals	\$4,080.00
CR Hose Glasses	\$8,000.00
Award Pennants	\$4,100.00
Total Payments	\$18,595.00

Moved Graham Sandman (Treasurer), seconded Graham Govan (Essendon)
– **Carried.**

- (c) Graham discussed the ATO Not-For-Profit reporting requirements

8. Match and Permit Committee Report

Women's competition

- West Brunswick have submitted a proposal to change the name of the Ladies Competition to the Women's competition.
- As it requires a change to both the Constitution and the By-laws it will be circulated to clubs and voted on at the Annual General meeting.

Avondale Heights match relocations

- Avondale Heights are shortly getting their lights replaced and courts resurfaced. They will contact clubs to relocate matches once the works commence.

Heat rule

- Robert received a number of phone calls before a Wednesday night where the temperature was predicted to be 37 degrees.
- The NSNTA does not have a specific heat rule but follows the Tennis Australia extreme weather policy which is very detailed and has a heat limit of 38 degrees for adult competitions.

Approved balls

- Please ensure that you check the list of approved balls each season.
- The Committee has confirmed its previous decision that clubs have a grace period of 6 months to use up their supply of previously approved balls from the date they are removed from the Tennis Australia approved list.
- The following notice has been placed on the NSNTA website: Clubs are given a grace period of 6 months to use up their supply of previously approved balls from the date they are removed from the Tennis Australia approved list. Clubs should email chairman@nsnta.org and advise the NSNTA if they are using this grace period. To view the list of previously approved balls, check the previous season's printed fixture or check with the Chairman of the Match and Permit Committee.

Additional registrations

- Additional registrations for Autumn 2024 close this week (Round 12) as follows:
 - Ladies Competition – Tuesday, 30 April 2024 at 7.00 pm
 - Mixed Competition – Wednesday, 1 May 2024 at 7.00 pm
 - Men's Competition – Thursday, 2 May 2024 at 7.00 pmNo late additional registrations will be accepted.
- The Chairman will respond with confirmation that he has received each additional registration. 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. We reserve the right to refuse an additional registration after Round 13 or Round 14 if a team waits until then for a player to play their third match.
- Contact will only be made with the Club if an additional registration has been refused.
- There were 165 additional registrations and 35 deregistrations this season. The majority have been in the Men's competition — 85 additional registrations.
- 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 13 May 2024 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, 7 June 2024

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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 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

Spring 2024 dates

- Ladies – Tuesday, 6 August 2024
- Mixed – Wednesday, 7 August 2024
- Men's – Thursday, 8 August 2024
- The Ladies Competition will not play on Cup Day and the Mixed and Mens will not play the week leading up to the AFL Grand Final long weekend.
- The pickup for fixtures will be at the AGM on Monday 29 July 2024.

Team withdrawals

- Following feedback from clubs, the Management Committee had decided not to proceed with the proposal to remove team withdrawals.
- However, we request clubs confirm player commitments before submitting teams to avoid team withdrawals as much as possible.

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.
- If your club has taken action to improve its lighting, please let us know so the lights can be retested.
- If your club has received a letter, please ensure it starts taking action now, so it is ready by 1 July 2025.

9. General Business

The application for affiliation by St Albans East Tennis Club was accepted

The application for affiliation by Glenroy Community Tennis Club was accepted.

Meeting closed at 9:22 pm

Next Delegates' Meeting

26th August at 8.30pm – Maribyrnong Park Tennis Club