

NORTH SUBURBAN NIGHT TENNIS ASSOCIATION INC.

(Reg. No. A0015517W)



Minutes of the General Meeting Held on 23rd February 2026 at Maribyrnong Park Tennis

1. Attendances

Clubs Present 42

Clubs	28-Oct-24	24-Feb-25	28-Apr-25	AGM 2025	25-Aug-25	27-Oct-25	23-Feb-26
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	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Glenroy Community	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
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	N/A	N/A	✓	✓			✓
PEGS	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Princes Hill	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓
Royal Park	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
St Albans East		✓		✓			✓
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 Delegate's meeting:

- **Craigieburn**
- **Delahey**
- **Glencairn**
- **Hillside**
- **Hume**
- **North Park**
- **North Sunshine**
- **St Christophers**
- **St Thereses**
- **Sunbury**

2. Apologies

Diva Duvaroren (Moomba Park), North Park TC, Delahey TC, Charles Warwick (M&P Committee)

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Moved Ron Morton (Merlynston) seconded Glenn Ferris (Oak Park) that the minutes of the previous meeting, which had previously been sent to all Clubs, be accepted - **Carried**.

4. Business arising from previous Minutes

None

5. Correspondence

Inwards correspondence:

- Tennis Victoria
 - Association Update October 2025
 - Metro North West Update
 - The Service Line newsletters for November 2025 and January 2026
 - Reminder about AGM
- Sport and Recreation Victoria
 - Sporting Club Grants open
 - Aboriginal Sport Participation Grants
 - State of Play newsletter for November
- Commission for Children and Young People
 - Notice of Changes to the regulator
- Brimbank City Council
 - Various correspondence relating to lighting at Delahey Tennis Club
- Fawkner Tennis Club email regarding billing for repairs to Book-a-Court system
- Maribyrnong Park Tennis Club notice of new committee members

Outwards Correspondence:

- All clubs – minutes from October delegates meeting and agenda for February 2026 meeting
- All clubs – February Treasurers report
- St Vincents Tennis Club regarding lighting levels on Courts 1 & 2

6. President's Report

Nothing to report to date.

7. Treasurer's Report

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

Moved Graham Sandman (Treasurer), seconded Colin Thompson (Buckley Park) **Carried**.

- (b) Bills for payment:

These are listed in the Treasurers report

Moved Graham Sandman (Treasurer), seconded Ian Lyster (East Coburg) **Carried**.

8. Match and Permit Committee Report

Round 14 arrangements

- Players and the Association volunteers who take the Round 14 calls both reported that the option of texting or phoning through Round 14 results worked well and made it easier.
- Only a couple of people needed to be texted back to clarify details.
- Given the success, we will continue providing the texting option in future.

Team entries for Autumn 2026

- Team entries for this season are up by 7 teams with a total of 564 teams
 - 140 teams in Ladies – up 2 teams
 - 147 teams in Mixed – up 9 teams and 1 grade
 - 277 teams in Men's – down 4 teams and 1 grade
- There have been no team withdrawals so far, which is a great result.

New results system

- We have a new online results system that should make it easier for teams to enter results.
- Emergency players that have already filled in for a team this season will appear on the dropdown list.
- To enter other emergencies and played up players, select "Other Player" at the bottom of the dropdown list.
- If an emergency player has played in the NSNTA before, teams can search for their name. This helps ensure player names are spelt correctly and player history is correct. Please confirm it is the right player before selecting them using this method.
- If an emergency player has not played in the NSNTA competition before, their first name, surname and player history need to be entered manually. Please ensure all details are included. The winning team will be fined for incorrect or incomplete player names, even if the emergency played for the opposition.
- For defaults and washouts, teams can tick the default or washout check box.

Predictive ladders

- We have published links to predictive ladders on the front page of the NSNTA website.
- These ladders automatically incorporate results that are submitted online into the ladders to show where teams are likely to be placed.
- All results are still subject to verification by the Competition Coordinator and may be adjusted.
- Results in italics have not yet been verified and are subject to change.
- Results in red are missing. Please encourage teams to check these ladders to confirm their results have been submitted.

Result sheets

- Clubs are required to provide a match result sheet for all home games. Please leave a supply somewhere in your clubhouse.
- Please encourage captains to complete a match result sheet. Both teams will be fined if a match result sheet cannot be provided on request.
- It is very hard for the Match and Permit Committee to resolve disputes about the score if a match result sheet has not been completed.

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 65 additional registrations and 14 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.
- The Chairman will acknowledge receipt of an additional registration, but their registration is not conformed until they have played three matches and we have assessed whether they are strengthening a team.

- 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.

Played up players

- A “played up player” is someone who is registered in a lower team for the club in the same competition (Ladies, Mixed and Mens are separate competitions).
- Played up players are not emergencies. A team can only play two emergencies without prior permission from the Match and Permit Committee, but can play as many played up players as they need.

Match starting times

- We have continued to see a growth in teams this season, which means teams now share courts at many venues.
- We ask Club Delegates to remind their teams that players should arrive prior to 7.00 pm, so that they are on court and ready to commence play at 7.00 pm. Teams can claim the first set if sufficient players are not in attendance to commence the match by 7.15 pm (By-law 26(b)(iii)). Captains should also keep matches moving between sets.
- At 7.15 pm, a team can only claim the first set. They cannot claim the second set until 7.45 pm.
- If all players are not present by 8.00 pm, the match becomes a default.

Washouts

- Washout procedures are on the NSNTA website.
- Please ensure all teams follow this process and decisions are made by authorised club representatives, not team captains.
- If a club official does not contact the away club and reach agreement for a washout in advance, all four players from both teams should attend.
- If the two captains arrive first, they can agree to a washout and notify the other players not to attend. But either captain has the right to wait until all eight players are in attendance before agreeing to a washout.
- There is no expectation that the home team will get to the courts early and try and dry courts.

Light testing

- We thank all clubs for their updates on their lighting works.
- All clubs that did not meet the new lighting policy requirements now have works planned and funded.
- We anticipate all courts will meet the new standards by the start of next season.

Printed fixtures

- The Committee is considering discontinuing printed fixtures.
- Advantages of this include:
 - Printed fixtures become outdate as they cannot be updated with changes during the season like the website can
 - It would allow more time for the Committee to regrade or change the fixture in the event of withdrawals after grading
 - It would save time and effort for the Committee prepare and Club Delegates would not have to attend a pickup night.
 - It would save money (although this is not the main driver of the change).
- We have also noticed that clubs are requesting fewer fixtures.

- Instead, the Committee proposes providing a printable document could be made available on the website or be emailed to clubs that they could print for players and teams that needed it.
- We will shortly send a survey to clubs for feedback on this proposal and input on what should be included in a printable document.

9. General Business

Meeting closed at 9:11 pm

Next Delegates' Meeting

27th April, 2026 at 8.30pm – Maribyrnong Park Tennis Club