

NORTH SUBURBAN NIGHT TENNIS ASSOCIATION INC.

(Reg. No. A0015517W)



Minutes of the General Meeting Held on 28th April 2025 at Maribyrnong Park Tennis

1. Attendances

Clubs Present 47

Clubs	29-Apr-24	AGM	26-Aug-24	28-Oct-24	24-Feb-25	28-Apr-25
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	N/A	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		✓		✓		✓
Taylors Lakes		✓	✓	✓		✓
Tullamarine	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
West Brunswick	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Westmeadows	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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

Craigieburn, Deer Park, East Coburg, Hillside, Moomba Park, North Sunshine, Princes Hill, St Christophers, St, Thereses, St Vincents, Sunbury, Sydenham, Taylors Lakes, Tullamarine

2. Apologies

Christine Smith (Green Gully TC), Tim Connelly (Hume), Ian Openshaw (Committee), Charles Warwick (Committee), Belinda Gibson (PEGS)

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Moved Ron Morton (Merlynston) seconded Jason Vochala (Royal 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
 - Associations Updates:
 - Sporting Clubs Grants Program now open
 - Associations forum 5th March recap
 - Affiliate Representative nominations
 - The Service Line newsletters for March and April
 - Safe Play newsletter
- Sport and Recreation Victoria
 - Sporting Clubs Grants Program now open
- Commission for Children and Young People
 - Commission updates March
- Westmeadows TC advising Hume City Council had completed lighting upgrades
- Coburg TC advising they are still in negotiation with Merri-bek council regarding lighting upgrades
- Bulla TC advising their lights have been upgraded and now meet NSNTA Lux levels
- PellySoft invoice

Outwards Correspondence:

- Buckley Park TC - Appeal outcome
- Essendon TC – outcome of protest
- Hadfield TC – outcome of protest
- Keilor TC – outcome of protest
- All clubs – Request from Ascot Vale TC for exemption for dual line court use
- All clubs – minutes from February delegates meeting and agenda for April meeting
- All clubs – April Treasurers report

6. President's Report

Larry advised that as there had been issues with emails recent fines would be waived. He also reiterated to all delegates that apologies for Delegates meetings do not cover attendance. All clubs are expected to send a representative even if that person is not a nominated delegate.

Larry also called for all interested people to apply for committee positions. The association cannot continue if there are insufficient people on the committees. Anyone interested in joining the committee is urged to discuss this with either Larry or Robert.

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 Glenn Ferris (Oak Park) **Carried.**

- (b) Bills for payment:

These are listed in the Treasurers report

Moved Graham Sandman (Treasurer), seconded Carol Munro (Buckley Park) **Carried.**

8. Match and Permit Committee Report

Missing information on match results

- We continue to have match results submitted with missing information – such as no surname or only an initial (no first name) for emergency players
- It is the responsibility of the winning team to submit a complete result, and the winning team will be fined if information is missing – even if it relates to an opposition emergency player
- We have been generous this season and not fined teams under By-law 47(g) when teams have not provided a match result sheet when requested
- Next season, both teams may be fined if they cannot provide a match result sheet when requested by a Competition Coordinator

Code of Conduct

- Please remind all your players of the Code of Conduct, which is on the NSNTA website
- The Code of Conduct includes specific requirements about smoking/vaping and the consumption of alcohol:

11. **Alcohol and smoking/vaping during matches**

- (a) *A player must comply with all alcohol and smoking/vaping policies applicable to the match venue,*
- (b) *A player must not:*
- (i) *consume alcohol or smoke/vape on the court during a set;*
 - (ii) *consume alcohol between sets;*
 - (iii) *smoke/vape within a venue while matches are in progress.*
- (c) *If permitted at the venue, a player may consume alcohol once they have completed all their sets and may smoke/vape between sets outside the venue (e.g. in the car park).*

Emergency players

- Please ensure emergency players do not strengthen teams (By-law 31(e))
- We have had some queries about players playing between competitions – eg Ladies and Mixed, or Mixed and Mens.
- We consider the grade the emergency is playing in the other competition, but it is not the only factor.
- When considering whether an emergency has strengthened a team, factors the Coordinators will consider include:
 - previous NSNTA history
 - history in other competitions (juniors, pennant, NSLTA etc.)
 - the emergency player's results on the night compared to the results of the other players in the team
 - the standard of the opposition player they played against
 - who the emergency player was replacing in the team
 - what position the emergency played.

Committee rulings document

- We have reissued the Committee rulings document, which is on the NSNTA website

- The latest changes clarify what happens if lights go out during a match and a set or match cannot be completed.
- We will also clarify the factors Coordinators considering when assessing emergency players.

Additional registrations

- Closing dates
 - Ladies Competition close 7.00 pm Tuesday, 29 April 2025
 - Mixed Competition close 7.00 pm Wednesday, 30 April 2025
 - Mens Competition close 7.00 pm Thursday, 1 May 2025
- No 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. Contact will only be made with the Club if an additional registration has been refused.
- **We usually wait for a player to have played three matches before accepting an additional registration.** When a player has no other history, we need to base our decision on the results of those three matches.
- 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 12 May 2025 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, 6 June 2025
- 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

Team entry sheets

- There is a new team entry sheet for the Men's Competition as A Reserve 4 was added as a new grade.
- 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.
- Instructions will be sent in relation to the Grade Contact Sheet – please fill it out correctly. In particular, please ensure club curfews are recorded correctly.

Spring 2025 dates

- Ladies – Tuesday, 5 August 2025
- Mixed – Wednesday, 6 August 2025
- Men's – Thursday, 7 August 2025
- 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 28 July 2025.

Light testing and policy

- The new NSNTA lighting policy takes effect on 1 July 2025.
- There are still ten clubs that may have courts banned due to not meeting the new policy: Aintree, Coburg, Delahey, Diggers Rest, Essendon, Glenroy Community, Green Gully, Greenvale, Hillside and Taylors Lakes.
- We are aware many of these clubs have court lighting improvements currently underway or planned. Please advise us once your club has taken action to improve its lighting so the lights can be retested.

9. General Business

- The request from Ascot Vale TC to use dual marked courts was discussed and a vote taken
 - The result was 32 For, 15 Against, 2 Abstain.
 - The request was Granted

Meeting closed at 9:30 pm

Next Delegates' Meeting

AGM 28th July 2025 at 8.30pm – Maribyrnong Park Tennis Club