

## **Ainslie Tennis Club Tennis Leagues Participation Policy**

This policy captures the selection and team entry process for Adult and Junior Tennis Leagues at Ainslie Tennis Club. It details policies and requirements in addition to those specified by ACT Tennis in information to players, and the Tennis ACT Canberra Tennis League Rules of Competition document.

The purpose of facilitating participation by Ainslie Tennis Club members in the Canberra Tennis League is to provide members with the opportunity for skill development and competitive play, and to foster stronger ties between Ainslie members.

### **Principles**

All teams are to be approved by the Ainslie Tennis Club Adult League Coordinator or the Ainslie Tennis Club Junior League Coordinator..

All players in Ainslie teams must be current financial members of an ACT Tennis-affiliated club. At least one player must be an Ainslie member, and preferably at least half of the team are to be Ainslie or Braddon players.

Players from clubs other than Ainslie or Braddon cannot submit expressions of interest to be placed in a team by the relevant League Coordinator - they may only be invited by a team captain or be part of an existing team.

All players who play for Ainslie need to abide by the Tennis ACT Canberra Tennis League Rules of Competition document and also hold themselves to a high standard of sportsmanship.

### **Selection for teams**

All nominated teams are subject to approval by the Ainslie Tennis Club Adult League Co-ordinator or the Ainslie Tennis Club Junior League Coordinator through [Match Centre](#). Existing teams wishing to re-register unchanged for the next season can do so without seeking Coordinator agreement - they just need to let the relevant Coordinator know, while new teams should discuss their nomination before entering through Match Centre.

In some seasons there may be more players or teams wanting to register than it is practical for the club to register, or there may not be a place in a team for a player who has nominated to play.

Existing teams also have preference over new teams, in the case where only a limited number of teams can be entered.

Currently Ainslie limits the number of teams that can be registered on a Saturday to one (1) due to the need to balance court availability.

Vacant spaces in teams will be preferentially filled by players who:

- Are of a skill level that suits the team in which there is a vacancy;
- Are returning from injury, having played pennant for Ainslie just prior to their injury;
- Communicate with the relevant Coordinator as required prior to any deadlines;
- Make other contributions to the club, such as attending working bees, participating on the committee or contributing to the organisation of any club event.

Players may be refused the opportunity to register or play for Ainslie if, in previous seasons, they do not meet the standards of sportsmanship required of the club, or if there are repeated issues with attendance and timeliness. Such decisions will be reviewed by the Ainslie Tennis Club Committee.

## **Fees**

Fees are set by the pennant coordinator and approved by the Ainslie Tennis Club Committee and are composed of:

- The fee charged by ACT Tennis
- A contribution to the cost of lights and maintenance
- Court hire fees for home games played at another venue (if any).

Players are committed to pay their fees from the closing date of team nominations, regardless of injury or inability to participate in the competition.

Fees are to be paid by each player by EFT to the club's bank account by the third week of play. Team captains should remind players to pay their fees on time.

Reserves are not generally asked to pay any fees, but players may make a private arrangement with another player where a fill-in arrangement goes for multiple weeks.

Ainslie Tennis Club will not generally refund any portion of season fees for washouts or other cancellations, except in the extraordinary circumstances of a whole season being cancelled, or where ACT Tennis waives the fees for a season.

If team shirts are being arranged, players will need to contribute to the costs.

## **Responsibilities of players**

Players are responsible for:

- Reading and understanding all messages and information from the relevant Ainslie League coordinator and from ACT Tennis
- Paying their fees for Tennis League on time, and notifying their captain and the relevant Tennis League coordinator that they have paid
- Notifying their captain of any absences with as much notice as possible, and helping to identify a suitable fill-in, particularly if the absence is at short notice.

- Looking at the draw on [Match Centre](#) and arriving at the venue at least 15 mins prior to the start of the game for warm-up.

### **Responsibilities of team captains**

Team Captains are responsible for:

- Nominating teams through [Match Centre](#) and communicating with the League co-ordinator about the team nomination.
- Reminding players to pay their fees on time
- Ensuring that the pennant PIN is entered at the gate to ensure lights come on
- Welcoming visiting teams to the club
- Reporting any issues with lights or the facilities to Asset Manager Mary Ryan [maryryan@grapevine.com.au](mailto:maryryan@grapevine.com.au)
- Ensuring that the combination lock on court 3 is locked if it is used during the match
- Ensuring courts are bagged after use.
- Ensuring that the clubhouse is left closed, clean and tidy at the end of the night
- Reminding players as needed of the requirement to abide by ACT Tennis Rules of Competition, as well as a high standard of sportsmanship.
- If play is abandoned due to rain, team captains are to advise Club President Steve Ryan on 0409 906 215 so that the lights can be turned off.

### **Responsible position:**

Ainslie Tennis Club Adult League Coordinator and Ainslie Tennis Club Junior League Coordinator

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