



MURRUMBEENA TENNIS CLUB - JUNIOR COMPETITION POLICY

Fees and Eligibility

All players must be financial members (either junior members or part of a current family membership) of Murrumbeena Tennis Club (MTC) for each season of competition. Junior players must in any season they play be 18 years or under for the duration of the season for Bayside Regional Tennis Association (BRTA). Registration will not be accepted and players will not be considered in team lists if all membership and registration fees have not been received by the registration date advised on the club website www.tennis.com.au/Murrumbeenaatc and/or registration form.

BRTA registration fees are not refundable. Late registration of a player will only be accepted if there is a place in a suitable team.

Start and Finish Times

Sunday junior competition matches are played under BRTA. Matches commence from 8:00 am and must be finished by 12:30 pm, with any game in progress to be completed. Start times for each round will be found on each Section draw, if the start time is not listed for the round the start time is 0900.

Seasons are Autumn (Term 1 and 2) and Spring (Term 3 and 4). Players should arrive at both home and away matches at least 15 minutes before the start time for a warmup hit.

MTC currently has five junior competition teams. Four teams play home matches at MTC and one team play Lauriston courts for home rounds. (Lauriston Tennis Club, 11 Rosanna St. Carnegie)

Commitment

Players must be available for the above times for the season. Any intended extended absences should be advised at the time of registration and communicated to the Team Manager. Please consider your commitment for the upcoming season.

The MTC junior team lists will be submitted to BRTA soon after registration. The format /rank order of these teams can only be changed post registration if deemed necessary. Tennis teams are relatively small compared to other sports. This means that each player's commitment is important. It is very disappointing for other team members to forfeit matches because there are insufficient players when a player has withdrawn or has extended

absences from a team. Teams will be liable for any fines incurred from the relevant Association for any forfeited matches.

Team Selection

Teams will be selected and built by the MTC Coach and Junior Convenor based on the following criteria: previous season's statistics, competition experience, coach recommendation, team continuity, size of teams and number of boys/girls registered. All player requests regarding team selection must be included in the registration. Friendship groups may be considered but is not guaranteed. If your request cannot be met, you will be contacted by the Junior Convenor before the team lists are sent to BRTA.

Team Grading

Section gradings are requested to BRTA by the Junior Convenor, with the aim of challenging but not overwhelming our players. BRTA is under no obligation to honour section requests and will place MTC junior competition teams in sections based on team entries of all clubs in the Association.

Team Manager

The Team Manager is a volunteer parent from each team. If there is no volunteer for a particular team, the Junior Convenor will nominate one of the team member's parents to be the Team Manager. The Team Manager will prepare the playing roster prior to the upcoming round and distribute this to all team members/parents. This may also include car-pooling for away matches and morning tea for home matches. Team Managers will also need to organise emergency players for their team if needed. The Junior Convenor can be contacted when the Team Manager is in doubt about who is eligible, to assist in finding an emergency player or if an emergency player cannot be organised and a team forfeit is required. All team managers will hold a valid Working with Children Check.

Team Captain

The player listed as the number one rank player for each team will be the designated captain for that team for the season. If the team captain is not playing on a particular day, the player listed as the number one player is to assume the role of team captain. The team captain must ensure that both the First name and Surname of each player is included on the scoresheet and that the players are listed in the correct rank order. At the end of the match the home team captain should add total number of sets and games won and sign the scoresheet. As the away captain they must check the adding of sets and games won and sign if the scoresheet is correct. The details of any emergency players must be completed on the scoresheet. This includes both the player's First name and Surname as well as the date of birth. For Sections with younger players, the Team Manager will assist with this each week.

Privacy

Player contact details may be distributed to the MTC Junior Convenor, Team Managers and other players and parents for the purpose of administering the competition, finding emergency players and club communications. Contact details are not to be used for any other business or marketing purpose without the authorisation of the Club. Player medical information may be distributed to other parents and club representatives who are supervising the players.

Behaviour

Players and parents are expected to support the principles of sportsmanship, fair play and positive encouragement of all players at all times. MTC reserves the right to suspend or expel any player, parent or member for failing to abide by the rules, regulations, by-laws and Code of Conduct of the Club and/or the Bayside Regional Tennis Association. Murrumbeena Tennis Club is a child safe club. It is a requirement that all members, parents and volunteers review and adhere to the clubs Child Safe Policy, found on the club website.

Sideline behaviour document



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All players are expected to assist with court preparation and maintenance and keep track of balls they are playing with. It is also expected that all players and parents demonstrate and encourage positive behaviour. This includes being organised and on time for matches; praising and encouraging teammates; showing a friendly and sportsmanlike attitude to opposition players; thanking and assisting parents; making an effort to welcome and encourage emergency players.

Tennis Attire

Appropriate tennis attire must be worn for all competition play. Appropriate tennis shoes for the court surface should be worn and hats or caps and sunscreen are recommended for warm sunny days.

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