

MURRUMBEENA TENNIS CLUB - JUNIOR COMPETITION POLICY

Fees and Eligibility

Players must be financial members of the Murrumbeena Tennis Club and must pay the nominated registration fee for each season of competition.

Junior players must in any season they play be 17 years or under for MDJTA or 18 years or under for BRTA for the duration of that season.

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/Murrumbeena and/or registration form. Fees are not refundable. Late registration will only be accepted if there is a place in a suitable team.

Start and Finish Times

Saturday junior matches are played under the Moorabbin and District Junior Tennis Association (MDJTA). Matches generally commence at 8.30 (but may be later) and must be finished by 12.30pm, with any game in progress to be completed. Seasons are Autumn (Term 1 and 2) and Spring (Term 3 and 4).

Sunday junior matches are played under the Bayside Regional Tennis Association (BRTA). Matches commence at 9.00am and must be finished by 12.30pm, with any game in progress to be completed. 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 warm up.

Commitment

Players must be available for the above times for the season. Any intended extended absences should be advised at the time of registration. Please consider carefully your commitment for the following season. The teams will be submitted to the respective Associations soon after registration.

The format of the teams cannot be changed after that time. Tennis teams are relatively small compared to other sports. This means that each player's commitment is more 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very disappointing for other team members to forfeit matches because there are insufficient players when a player has withdrawn or has extended absences from a team.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 by the Club Coach and Junior Convenor based on the following criteria: previous season's statistics, competition experience, coach recommendation, team continuity, friendship groups, size of teams and number of boys/girls registered. All player requests regarding team selection must be included in the registration. If your request cannot be met you will be contacted before the team lists are sent to the relevant Associations.

Team Grading

Section gradings are requested to the relevant Associations with the aim of challenging but not overwhelming our players. The Associations are under no obligation to honour section requests and will place teams in sections based on team entries of all clubs in the Association.

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Team Managers

One parent from each team must volunteer to be the team manager. 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 at the start of the season and distribute this to all team members. 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 if in doubt about who is eligible, help in finding an emergency or if an emergency player cannot be organised and a team forfeit is required.

Team Captain

The player listed as the number one 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 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.

Privacy

Player details may be distributed to the Murrumbeena Tennis Club Junior Delegates 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 players at all times. The Club reserves the right to suspend or expel any player, parent or member for failing to abide by the rules, regulations, by-laws and codes of behaviour of the Club and/or the Association. 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 demonstrate and encourage positive behaviour. This includes being organised and on time for matches; praising and encouraging team mates; 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 are recommended for warm sunny days.