

Turner Tennis Club



Getting Started in Pennant

Joining a pennant team encourages you to go out and play tennis every week, which helps improve your tennis and your fitness.

I began playing pennant for Turner nearly 30 years ago and have played intermittently ever since (taking breaks for children, living abroad, and a bit of arthritis!). I started in Division 6, and what I lacked in talent, I made up for in enthusiasm. Some of the friends I made playing in the early days are still some of my closest friends.

As I am getting on, my days of playing singles are long gone, but my personal favourite has always been the Night Mixed. It is a very sociable evening played home and away, starting with tennis and ending with supper (and sometimes the odd bottle of wine).

Now, here are all the Autumn pennants you can choose from:

Tuesday OR Thursday Night Mixed

Each team consists of 2 females and 2 males. Each player plays 2 sets of ladies/mens doubles and 2 sets of mixed doubles. Play starts at 7:30pm and the tennis usually finishes by about 10:30pm. Supper follows the tennis for as long as you want to stay. You play home and away matches and you will need to provide supper when you are the home team.

Saturday Afternoon Unisex Singles

Each team consists of 4 players (male and/or female). Each player plays 1 rubber (best of 3 sets) of singles and 1 rubber of doubles. Play starts at 1:00pm and the tennis usually finishes by about 5:00pm.

Saturday Afternoon Ladies Doubles

Each team consists of 4 players. Each player plays 4 sets of doubles. Play starts at 1:00pm and the tennis usually finishes by about 4:00pm.

Monday Night Singles

Each team consists of 3 players. Each player plays 1 set of singles and 1 set of doubles with each team mate. Play starts at 7:30pm and the tennis usually finishes by about 10:00pm.

Please note

- Competition lengths vary from about 8 to 14 weeks depending on the number of teams in the division and whether the team makes the finals.
- You will need to pay competition registration, light (for night comps) and ball fees.
- For all competitions, you will need to be registered with Tennis ACT to play (cost is \$20).
- There is a division for every standard, so anyone can play. The grading committee will put you in a team with players of reasonably similar ability.
- If you can't commit to a whole competition, you can always nominate as a reserve and play when a team member is unavailable.
- For more information go to the Tennis ACT website.

Lastly, give it a go! It's FUN...

Kind regards,
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