

# North Box Hill Tennis Club Inc By Laws

1<sup>st</sup> June 2024

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In accordance with Clause 42(3) of the Constitution the following By Laws shall apply:

## General

1. The colours of the Club shall be purple, green and wattle gold.
2. Applicants for Student Memberships must provide evidence of their full-time studies, if requested.
3. Parents must accept responsibility for the welfare and behaviour of children on Club premises, including visitors.
4. Discounts may be offered to family groups living at one address comprising:
  - two parents and any number of children;
  - a single parent and two or more children;
  - three or more junior siblings.

Note: Full time students under the age of 25 may be considered as part of a family group.
5. The Mid-Week Group Committee shall remain an autonomous group within the Club.
6. The Management Committee may designate individual committee members, or appoint ordinary members, to particular positions as the need arises. Such positions may include those of:
  - Membership Secretary
  - Senior Teams Manager
  - Junior Teams Manager
  - Maintenance Manager
7. The Management Committee may waive the payment of all or part of a subscription or levy in any situation where a member has fallen upon necessitous circumstances.
8. The following persons may each hold a petty cash advance as determined by the Management Committee
  - Treasurer
  - Secretary
  - Any Member approved by the Management Committee
9. The Senior and Junior Teams Managers may collect and bank team monies, and buy and sell balls as required, and will keep records of such transactions.
10. The Management Committee may designate a non-playing person to be an Honorary Member if deemed appropriate. Honorary Members may be appointed to Committee in any position.
11. Members may entertain visitors providing courts are not required by other Members. The Member is liable for payment of the Visitor Fee (for each Visitor) into the clubhouse safe prior to play.
12. The Management Committee has the right to set visitor fees and court light fees.
13. A Member, who allows non-members access to the Club, will be held responsible for the behaviour of these non-members.
14. All players must wear appropriate tennis attire, in particular shoes that are suitable for red porous court surfaces.

15. Junior members under the age of 15 must have an older Junior Member or adult present on the premises when entering the clubhouse.
16. Courts must be bagged and watered from fence to fence regularly, between sets and at the end of play. Play must not take place on dry courts or courts with surface water.
17. The Club Coach, coaching service providers (engaged by the Club) and Club sanctioned competition play shall have precedence over social tennis.
18. Social doubles have precedence over social singles. Courtesy must be extended to waiting players if courts are all occupied.
19. The Club may adopt the By-Laws, including the Code of Conduct, as promulgated from time to time by Tennis Australia as binding on the operations of the Club.
20. The Club and its Members shall comply with the Tennis Australia Member Protection By-Law.
21. A total smoking and vaping ban apply to the Club grounds and Clubhouse.
22. In accordance with the terms of the lease with the Whitehorse City Council no pets or other animals are permitted on the Club's grounds.
23. No Member or professional coach (other than a Club appointed professional coach) is permitted to conduct "paid for" lessons at the courts or receive any other commercial benefit.

### **Membership Categories**

The following additional Membership Categories, to those nominated in the Constitution, shall apply.

24. **Half yearly Membership** - This membership will have all the rights of a Senior Member and Junior Member as defined in the Constitution for a period of six months from the date of joining or renewing membership. The cost of this membership is half the annual Senior or Junior Membership cost. As appropriate
25. **Coaching Membership** - This membership will be available to persons Under 18 who are being coached by the Club Coach (Ian Peter – Budge). Such members will have free access to courts immediately prior to and after their tennis lessons and be permitted to play in the ERT Junior Competitions. Coaching Members will have no voting rights or free access to the Club There will be no fee for this Membership.
26. **Competition Membership** - Competition Members can join the Club for 12 months. Competition Members will have no voting rights and no free access to the Club outside competition times. A Competition Member shall only be permitted to play as a member of a Club sponsored team in the BDNTA, ERT and EDWTA Competitions.
27. **Veteran Membership** - This membership shall be available to current Senior Members who have been Club Members for more than 10 years and who are over 65 years old. Veteran Members will have all the rights of a Senior Member. This membership category to be effective from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2023. The cost of the membership shall be half the cost of a Senior Membership
29. **Child Membership** - Children, 10 years and under who have a parent or older sibling who is a member, are not required to pay membership fees.

### **Competition Tennis**

30. No person unless a Member of the Club, as defined in the Constitution or these By Laws, will be entered to play in a Club sanctioned competition.
31. No Member will be entered to play in a Club sanctioned competition if the appropriate membership fee is unpaid or there are other unpaid monies due to the Club

32. No Member will be entered to play in a Club sanctioned competition if the appropriate joining fee, ball money or any other necessary amount (as determined by the Senior or Junior Team Manager) is unpaid.
33. A competition team shall only be permitted to play an emergency player, who is not a Club Member, a maximum of two times per season.
34. An emergency player shall pay the appropriate Visitor Fee when playing "at home"
35. The captain of a competition team shall be personally responsible for the payment of the appropriate Visitor Fee by an emergency player, in that team, when playing "at home".
36. For ERT, EDWTA and Pennant Competitions:
  - Team Captains, or Match Convenors, will be responsible for supplying the balls, required for home matches, and obtaining any reimbursement from team members. Balls may be purchased from the Club.
  - Each team is required to pay the team registration fee prior to the team entry for the ERT and EDWTA competitions.
  - The Members of Pennant Teams will be responsible for paying all fees required by Tennis Victoria for playing in this competition.

#### **Fees**

37. The Visitor Fee is \$5 per Visitor
38. The cost to Members to use the court lights is \$10 per hour per court