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## **1. COURT USAGE**

The Committee shall determine court hire fees at each Annual General Meeting and publish to the SLTC website.

### **a) Visitors**

#### **(i) Intra club competitions**

Non-members are permitted to play in a maximum of 3 intra-club competitions in one financial year at a fee nominated by the Committee.

#### **(ii) Social play**

Non-members are permitted to play Saturday afternoon social play for a maximum of 3 occasions in a financial year. Thereafter the non-member must pay the full hourly court hire rate. This does not apply to recently lapsed members who failed to pay their annual subscription.

### **b) Members**

Courts cannot be used for social play during competitions (seniors or juniors) unless:

- (i) All teams have 2 courts and cannot make use of any spare courts
- (ii) Competition play is completed

## **2. TEAM SELECTION PROCESS**

### **a) Eligibility for selection**

All financial members are eligible to nominate for selection in club representative teams.

Non-financial members are not eligible to nominate for selection in club representative teams.

### **b) Selection committees**

Selection committees will be appointed for all competitions including:

- (i) NSNTA men's, ladies and mixed competitions
- (ii) MRTA men's, ladies, mixed and junior competitions
- (iii) Victorian Pennant men's, ladies and junior competitions
- (iv) MDLTA competitions
- (v) NSTA men's, ladies, mixed and junior competitions
- (vi) NSLTA competitions

Members of the Selection Committees are appointed by the Committee prior to the commencement of each relevant season.

The Match Committee Coordinator shall supervise all Selection Committees to ensure selections are in accordance with Club Rules, these By-laws and overall fairness to all members wishing to play.

Coordinators for the Selection Committees shall be appointed by the Committee.

The role of the Coordinator is to:

- Supervise their respective selection committee
- Determine meeting times for the selection committee
- Determine preliminary team selections and publish on the SLTC website
- Receive and determine appeals against preliminary selection
- Finalise team selections and complete the associated submission procedures to the relevant organisation e.g. NSNTA
- Submit the final list of teams to the Secretary for publishing on the website
- Assist captains with managing teams including emergency players, playing order and finals selection
- Report to the Committee as requested

All disagreements in the selection process shall be referred to the Committee for resolution.

### **c) Selection Committee meetings**

Only members of the Selection Committee and Committee members can attend meetings. Members may only attend meetings if invited by the respective Coordinator.

### **d) Team selection criteria**

The following are some factors to be considered by the Selection Committee will consider when selecting teams:

- Prior grade played
- Prior season's performance
- Player potential
- Desire of members to play in the same team
- Desire of a member to play in a specified grade

### **e) Appeals against team selection**

Members can appeal their own selection in writing addressed to the Match Committee Coordinator. The relevant Coordinator will respond to the member either verbally or in writing prior to finalising team selections.

Any member who is selected to a different team after the preliminary selection will be contacted by a member of the respective Selection Committee to explain the reason for the move.

### **f) Emergency players**

Team captains are responsible for arranging emergency or played-up players. All emergency players must be financial members. Where a team captain is unable to obtain a member as an emergency player, a non- member may be player with approval of the Match Committee Coordinator.

Team captains must notify the relevant Coordinator of all played-up and emergency players.

### **g) Competition court rosters**

Where court rosters are prepared for competition or social play, they must be strictly adhered to unless team captains agree to swap allocated courts.

### **h) Competition team fees**

The Committee shall determine the team fees for each season.

Team fees shall be collected by each captain and paid to the Treasurer by the date determined by the Committee. Each team member will generally pay the same proportionate amount however the team captain may vary this formula where this may result in an unfair situation e.g. a player is unavailable for a substantial period of the season due to injury.

Team members are not entitled to a refund of team fees for forfeits and washouts.

## **3. KEYS TO FACILITIES**

Committee members are entitled to a key to the front gate, clubrooms and toilets.

Entry for financial members will be via the Book a Court electronic gate. Members are required to log in online and complete the process for a pin number to be issued and used at time of entry

Office / storage areas and Bar keys are provided to members at the discretion of the Committee.

## **4. DRESS CODE**

### **a) Attire**

Members must wear suitable clean customarily acceptable tennis attire for all competition play. Non-tennis attire includes singlets, football shorts, football jumpers, board shorts and jeans. Sleeveless tennis shirts may be worn by men i.e. not singlets.

Attire which has writing, logos or images which are obscene, derogatory or offensive cannot be worn. Unacceptable attire shall be determined by any member of the Committee or Junior Committee.

## **b) Footwear**

Footwear must not leave marking or cause damage to the courts. Footwear with ripple or studded sole or with a raised heel cannot be worn. Shoes designed for running, jogging or cricket cannot be worn. Non-sporting footwear cannot be worn.

## **5. PRIVATE USE OF FACILITIES**

The clubhouse may be hired by club members for private purposes. The requests must satisfy the current terms and conditions approved by the committee.

Requests must be made in writing to the Secretary for a decision by the Committee. Fees may be payable for private use.

Club equipment may be hired by members for a fee. Requests must be made in writing to the Secretary for a decision by the President.

## **6. SMOKING**

Smoking is not permitted in the club house. Smoking is not permitted on club grounds during junior competition.

## **7. CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS**

### **a) Tournament Committee**

The Tournament Coordinator is responsible for annual club championships. The Tournament Coordinator shall be assisted in this role by a Tournament Committee. The Tournament Coordinator and Tournament Committee shall be selected by the Committee. The role of the Tournament Coordinator is to assist the Committee to:

- Chose the closing date for entries
- Chose the dates for each event
- Preparing a draw for each event (including seedings)
- Schedule the events
- Schedule the matches and the courts to be used
- Determine the format of each event e.g. best of 3 sets, 8 game set

### **b) Eligibility to compete**

Only members can enter the Club Championships. Entries from non-financial members or members who have not paid competition team fees will not be accepted.

### **c) Entries**

Entries can only be submitted in the format determined by the Tournament Committee. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Tournament Committee but not after the draw for the relevant event has been prepared.

### **d) Substitute players**

For doubles and mixed events only a player may be substituted after the preparation of the draw for reasons of illness, injury or unavailability. The substitute player must be of equivalent or lower ability than the member being substituted.

Substitute players are not permitted where the pair has already played a match.

### **e) Late arrivals**

Members who are 15 minutes late for their scheduled match will forfeit unless their opponent agrees to the match being rescheduled.

### **f) Grading**

Winners of senior A, B and C grade singles events are not entitled to play in that event for the subsequent 3 years.

Members competing in veteran's events must be 45 or over on the 1st January of the year event.

### **g) Entry fees**

Entry fees shall be determined by the Committee.

### **h) Maximum number of entries**

The Committee will determine the maximum and minimum number of entries or combination of entries.

### **i) Rules of Club Championships**

For the avoidance of doubt, the Committee has overall responsibility for management of the Club Championships and retains the right to amend all determinations of the Tournament Coordinator and Tournament Committee.

### **h) Appeals**

Appeals against the conduct of the Club Championships must be made in writing to the Tournament Coordinator. To the extent possible, the Tournament Committee will make a determination before decision appealed against takes effect.

## **8. MEMBERSHIP**

Membership may be suspended by the Committee where a member requests in writing. Suspension may be granted for reasons such as injury or illness for a period of at least 4 months where the member is unable to use the facilities. A medical certificate must be supplied to support the member's request.

Cancelling membership is possible at any time however the member is not entitled to a refund of membership fees, team fees or bond monies.

Any person who re-joins as a member within a period of 3 years of membership lapsing is not required to pay a joining fee.

Pro-rata membership will be determined by the Committee. Each member is only eligible for one pro rata application.

At the discretion of the President and Treasurer, a member may be granted the option of a payment plan for membership fees.

Payment plans are not available for any other monies owed including team fees.

## **9. Sponsorship**

The Committee will determine the categories of sponsorship and the amount to be paid for each category.

## **10.COURT CARE – BAGGING OF COURTS AFTER PLAY**

Artificial grass courts must be bagged at the completion of competition, social play and coaching.

## **11.MEMBER BEHAVIOUR**

Members, visitors and guests shall not use foul, discriminatory, offensive or abusive-language within the club premises. A Committee member may request any person using such language to leave the club premises.

Members shall not use social media to offend or abuse another member.

Members shall not make offending or abusive remarks about any person when entering results of competition matches into relevant websites.

## **12.DOGS**

Dogs are permitted in the SLTC premises however must be removed on request if they pose an interruption to the enjoyment of the use of the facilities by any member.

### 13.ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION

Members are entitled to purchase and consume alcohol within the club premises from our licenced bar facility in accordance with the law. Alcohol is not to be consumed on court during completion play or club championships.

BYO is **strictly** not permitted