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Northcote Tennis competes in the **North Eastern Junior Tennis Association (NEJTA)** competition. The NEJTA includes teams from Clifton Hill, Fitzroy, Ivanhoe, Eaglemont, Preston and Eltham.

Teams of 4-6 kids are teamed together based on age, tennis standard, commitment to improve, social preferences and after consultation with the NT coaches.

The junior competition is a 'Home and Away' season which runs over a two-term period. There are 14 home and away games scheduled. In general, no games are played on long weekends or during the school holidays.

**Matches are played on Saturday mornings –**

- the singles/doubles competition starting at **8:00 am**,
- the doubles competition starting at **10:00 am**.

### **SEASONS**

**Autumn: Feb - June**

NOTE: team registrations close in the November before the season commences.

**Spring: July - December**

NOTE: team registrations close in the June before the season commences.

Junior players first entering competition will generally start playing only doubles games in one of the lower sections (the lowest being about Section 26). The lower sections play with Green Balls (Lower Compression) The lower sections are girls and boys mixed.

If they continue playing, they and their team would progress up the ranking season by season. When they reach about Section 14, they play both singles and doubles games and then use Yellow Balls (Full Compression). This is also when teams are either girls or boys, no mixed teams

Prospective players should be able to commit to the full season – which understandably will affect both football and cricket players, as the tennis season overlaps the playing seasons for both of these. So please be aware if your other sports play on Saturday mornings also. Teams usually have one or two extra players so players are rostered off every few weeks. This also allows for player illness, injury or holidays.

## **JUNIORS NEJTA FEES**

As Northcote Tennis is not a membership based club facility we are required to charge fees for use of the courts and to use the facility as our 'HOME' club.

Fees are charged per player per six month season.

Fees cover;

- NEJTA Fees and Charges
- Court Hire from City of Darebin
- New Balls every week.
- NT Team Uniform (Hoodie & T shirt)
- General Court Maintenance

FEES TBA ONCE WE HAVE OUR TEAMS FINALISED  
(estimate approx \$200 Per Player Per Season)

Payable to Northcote Tennis prior to the Season commencing when teams are submitted to NEJTA.

## **JUNIORS NEJTA GRADING DAY**

We endeavour to host a 'Grading Day' at the courts prior to each season.  
This is to let the kids have a hit and establish their standard and suitable section.

## **JUNIORS NEJTA PARENT ASSISTANCE**

As Northcote Tennis is not a club with members and a committee, we rely on parent help and assistance to run our Saturday morning competition effectively.

There isn't a lot to do! But a little organisation goes a long way!

Each team will need one parent to volunteer to be a Team Manager and all parents would generally need to commit to two Saturday mornings per season to either drive the team to an away game and supervise them, or supervise the team at a home game.

### **TEAM MANAGER ROLE**

- Ensure the team roster is distributed to all team players
- Have a contact list for all players and parents
- Help arrange any player swaps or changes to rostered weeks off and facilitate the change to the roster.
- Facilitate a reliable means to communicate to the entire team (WhatsApp/ Email etc)
- At HOME games, ensure score card is filled in correctly and submitted to Hannah or Jason
- If it is raining on the match day the team manager will contact parents and advise if the match is washed out (cancelled). and ensure all players are aware at least 45 minutes prior to match start time.
- Parents can also check the Junior Tennis (TROLS) website to determine if a match is washed out. The address is: <https://www.trols.org.au/nejta/index.php>

### **PARENTS**

For AWAY GAMES a Northcote Tennis parent attending needs to:

- enter the boys names on the match scorecard; this is provided by the Home team.
- at the conclusion of play, review the match scorecard for set & game scores and get a Northcote Tennis player to sign the scorecard as Captain.

### **UMPIRING**

All kids are expected to umpire their own matches. The lower sections generally need some help with the umpiring from parents when they first start playing. This is to support and teach them the rules and etiquette until they are confident to do this themselves.

## SAMPLE ROSTER

Round No.	Match Date	Match Location Home or Away	Opponent	Court Location	Players IN	Player OUT
1	20-Jul-24	AWAY	LALOR	24 Sydney Crescent, LALOR	DYLAN, ISAAC, JAMES, ELLIOT	TEO
2	27-Jul-24	HOME	GREENSBOROUGH	Northcote	TEO, ISAAC, JAMES, ELLIOT	DYLAN
3	03-Aug-24	AWAY	HURSTBRIDGE	Ferguson Paddock, Arturs Creek, HURSTBRIDGE	TEO, DYLAN, JAMES, ELLIOT	ISAAC
4	10-Aug-24	HOME	DV Baptist	Northcote	TEO, DYLAN, ISAAC, ELLIOT	JAMES
5	17-Aug-24	AWAY	Bundoora	Telfer Reserve Entry adjacent to 143 Greenwood Drive, Bundoora	TEO, DYLAN, ISAAC, JAMES	ELLIOT
6	24-Aug-24	AWAY	East Coburg	Corner Bell Street & Pentridge Blvd, COBURG	TEO, DYLAN, JAMES, ELLIOT	ISAAC
7	31-Aug-24	HOME	St Marys	Northcote	DYLAN, ISAAC, JAMES, ELLIOT	TEO
8	07-Sep-24	HOME	LALOR	Northcote	TEO, ISAAC, JAMES, ELLIOT	DYLAN
9	14-Sep-24	AWAY	GREENSBOROUGH	Greensborough Park Main St and, Greensborough	TEO, DYLAN, ISAAC, ELLIOT	JAMES
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS - NO TENNIS ON SAT SEPTEMBER 21, SEPTEMBER 28, OCTOBER 5						
10	12-Oct-24	HOME	HURSTBRIDGE	Northcote	TEO, DYLAN, ISAAC, JAMES	ELLIOT
11	19-Oct-24	AWAY	DV Baptist	309 Diamond Creek Road Courts are behind the Church, Plenty	TEO, DYLAN, JAMES, ELLIOT	ISAAC
12	26-Oct-24	HOME	Bundoora	Northcote	DYLAN, ISAAC, JAMES, ELLIOT	TEO
MELB CUP — NO TENNIS ON SATURDAY NOVEMBER 2						
13	09-Nov-24	HOME	East Coburg	Northcote	TEO, ISAAC, JAMES, ELLIOT	DYLAN
14	16-Nov-24	AWAY	St Marys	Kalparrin Gardens, 58 - 64 Yando St, Greensborough	TEO, DYLAN, ISAAC, ELLIOT	JAMES
SEMIS	23-Nov-24					
FINAL	30-Nov-24					
EXTRA WEEK	07-Dec-24					


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## SAMPLE SCORECARD — GIRLS OR BOYS SINGLES + DOUBLES

		<b>SINGLES SCORECARD</b> PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY		DIVISION      BOYS / GIRLS							
		SECTION									
		Date									
		Start Time									
	Home	Visitor	Finish Time								
	Player Name	Player Name	Home	Visitor	Home						
1			1 & 4	1 & 4							
			2 & 3	2 & 3							
2			1	1							
			2	2							
3			3	3							
			4	4							
4			1 & 2	1 & 2							
			3 & 4	3 & 4							
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Home Captain sign		Visitor Captain sign									
Winning Team		Home Supervisor sign									
<b>EMERGENCY PLAYERS</b>											
Name		DOB		Team							
<b>SCORE CARD RULES</b> a) No pencils, felt pens, red pens or white out to be used. <i>Penalty – fine.</i> b) <b>Home team</b> is responsible for Section, start and finish times, date and games/sets totals and Home Supervisor signature. <b>Each team</b> is responsible for completing Club, Players full name, and date of birth of any unregistered player and captains signatures. c) Once entered, Score Cards <b>should not be altered</b> . Results must be recorded by the Home Team at the completion of each set. If an error requires correction, it should be crossed out with a single stroke and the correct entry made. The change <b>must be</b> initialed by <b>both captains</b> . d) Where a match is not completed for any reason, the exact score at cessation of play must be shown on the Score Card and totaled. e) Score Cards must be <b>entered on TROLS online by 6.30pm Monday following the match</b> . f) <b>Date of Birth</b> must be entered online by home team for all unregistered players.  <div style="text-align: center;">DO NOT WRITE HEAT OUT OR WASHOUT ACROSS PLAYERS NAMES</div>											


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## SAMPLE SCORECARD — MIXED DOUBLES

 <h3 style="margin: 0;">DOUBLES SCORECARD</h3> <p style="margin: 0;">PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY</p>		DIVISION		BOYS / GIRLS	
		SECTION			
		Date			
		Start Time			
	Home	Visitor	Finish Time		
	Player Name	Player Name	Home	Visitor	Home Visitor
1			1 & 2	1 & 2	
2			3 & 4	3 & 4	
3			1 & 3	1 & 3	
4			2 & 4	2 & 4	
NOTES:			TOTALS GAMES		
			TOTALS SETS		
Home Captain sign		Visitor Captain sign			
Winning Team		Home Supervisor sign			

EMERGENCY PLAYERS		
Name	DOB	Team

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The change **must be** initialed by **both captains**.
- d) Where a match is not completed for any reason, the exact score at cessation of play must be shown on the Score Card and totalled.
- e) Score Cards must be **entered on TROLS online by 6.30pm Monday following the match**.
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