

Saturday Morning Junior Tennis Competition

FAQ

WHEN IS MY CHILD READY TO PLAY COMPETITION TENNIS!

How good does my child need to be to join?

To start in the lowest grade, your child should be able to get approximately half their serves in and have an idea of how to score. Our younger members are only 8 years old. We have over 100 kids organised into more than 7 divisions of skill level. It is a junior competition so they must be 18 years of age or younger.

When do they play?

They generally play every Saturday morning. The competition consists of a number of rounds and then the best teams play a final (sometimes also semi-finals). We do NOT play on Saturdays within public school holidays, and we try and avoid playing in Saturdays within a long weekend.

How long do they play?

Children are put into teams of two (2). Each person plays one set of doubles and one set of singles. Your team mate also needs to play their singles set, during which you assist as ball person or umpire (as they do for you). The three sets should be completed in just under 2 hours. We have 8am-10am and 10am-12 midday time slots – the time start is assigned to you based on the division (skill level).

I don't have a partner. Do I need one?

For new starters you can nominate a friend to play with if they are of somewhat similar ability. Otherwise we will assign a team mate randomly for you for the competition. In future competitions, (each school term) you get a new team mate assigned to you based on your past singles results. As your skill level improves, you will move up through the divisions. Sometimes you may stay in the same division or even go down a division if it is appropriate for your skill level. There are always some exceptions, but the intention is for each player to be playing against others of equal skill level.

What if I get sick or my family goes away?

We aim to have an odd number of teams in each division. This means each week one team has a BYE (ie has no one to play) and these people can fill in as reserves. If a reserve can be found, the person who is away and the team do not suffer in the scoring. However, if no reserve can be found then the unplayed sets must be forfeit which will drag the team down.

How much does it cost and how is payment made?

See the registration form for comp fees as these change occasionally. We collect the fees as one single payment at the beginning of each term. These fees cover the costs of court hire, tennis balls, trophies, etc. We can only accept cash or cheque (made out to CBTA), although direct transfer is also possible and pay on-line is coming.

What equipment do we need?

Just a tennis racquet and sports shoes. There is no strict dress code. Tennis Balls are provided.