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1. POLICY STATEMENT

It is the aim of Patterson Lakes Tennis Club to promote junior tennis to the extent that all players reach and play to their full capability, uphold the tennis code of conduct and etiquette and be responsible club members.

2. COMPETITION

Junior competition is available and played on a Saturday morning between 8:00 am and 12:30 pm.

Teams graded in Section 1 and above play between 8:00am and 12:30pm.

Teams graded Section 2 and below have split starting times. Matches are played 8.15am-10.15am or 10.30am-12.30pm as allocated by the Association.

Juniors are graded by the local association to place them in a section most suited to their ability.

Competition caters for all grades of tennis from beginners to advanced players.

3. ELIGIBILITY FOR COMPETITION

All juniors must be current financial members of the Patterson Lakes Tennis Club (or other affiliated club) to be eligible for competition play.

4. RESPONSIBILITIES - COMPETITIONS

It is very important to realize that all competition players are team members and as such must be committed to play every week, unless playing on a rotating basis.

Please be responsible and consider your team members.

5. DRESS CODE

It is expected that all junior members whilst playing in competition follow the dress code standards as laid down in the Tennis Australia rules.

Checks are conducted by the Peninsula Tennis Association committee members to ensure that dress and conduct codes are adhered to.

Copies of the dress and conduct codes are displayed on the notice board of the club. Please read these and familiarise yourself with the requirements.

Please note that black ripple sole shoes are strictly forbidden on all courts.

6. ETIQUETTE

A copy of the Tennis Etiquette is displayed on the notice board of the club. Please familiarise yourself with these rules of personnel behaviour on court. They will be strictly enforced.

7. COMPETITION – GETTING STARTED

A Membership – In order to play competition, or championships, you must be a financial member. Application forms for membership are available by contacting the coach, membership officer or any club committee member.

B Entry Forms – Prior to commencement of the competition (summer and winter), entry forms will be distributed to members.

These forms will cover – entry conditions, section preferred (if known), whether you wish to be a full, rotating or emergency player, and will require a signature from both the applicant and the parent or guardian.

If you wish to play, and are a club member, but have not received an entry form, please contact a committee member or the coach for assistance. For Summer Competition, forms will be available in July and for Winter Competition, forms will be available in February.

Once completed and returned to the club, all forms will be reviewed and team selections made by the selection committee in conjunction with online data from the competition website.

Please ensure that the form is returned to the Junior Coordinator or Team Manager in a timely manner otherwise you risk forfeiting your place in the team.

The junior committee will apply for a section for the team. However, this is open for review with the final decision on the section attained will be with the tennis association.

Final decisions on sections attained will be posted on the club notice board and communicated to team members as soon as available from the association. Players will be notified of team selections at the Bi-annual Information/Presentation night. If you are unable to attend the information session it is your responsibility to follow up on team selection, section and commencement date of the competition by contacting the Junior Coordinator or your team Manager. The fixture is available online at *comps.tennis.com.au*

- C Costs – The only costs for competition will be a fee of \$10.00 per season for ball money, payable on return of entry form.
- D Playing Times – Play commences at 8:15am or 10.30am sharp. Please note that for home games players are expected to be at the courts at least 15 minutes prior to commencement of play to allow time for a warm-up. For away games players must make themselves available by 7.30am or 9.45am to allow travel time and warm up time. Each time slot has a maximum of 2 hours except for the two top sections which can play for up to four hours. All play will conclude at 12:30 pm at the latest.

8. TEAM RESPONSIBILITIES

- A Players:
 - i) If you are unavailable to play because of sickness or a family commitment, try and find a replacement from your team list otherwise contact your team manager. It is important to let your team manager

know as soon as possible in order to make other arrangements.

- ii) Collect all the tennis balls from the court.
- iii) Must travel to the courts even in the event of wet weather unless notified otherwise by your team manager.
- iv) Stay at the courts until your team's matches are completed. Encourage and support your team members.

B Team Captain – The team captain is the duly selected team representative and as such is responsible for the following areas:

- i) Make up the duty roster including phone numbers of team members and emergencies.
- ii) Organise emergency players if necessary.
- iii) Rotate players if there are more than 4 players in the team.
- iv) Advise the Junior Coordinator of any change in the team.
- v) Sign the team sheet at the competition of play.

All teams must have a team manager who may also be a team member.

C Team Manager – The team manager (who is usually a parent of one of the team members) has the following responsibilities.

Home Games

- i) Be at the courts by 8:00 am for early time slot and 10:00am for the later time slot.

- ii) Make sure that the scorebook is correctly filled in and signed by both teams at the end of play.
- iii) Ensure that the book is given to the Club Supervisor to be signed.
- iv) Put chairs away in the clubhouse if they have been used.
- v) Ensure all children from your team and the opposition's team have been collected.
- vi) Ensure that one parent is available to assist with canteen duty if your team is rostered on duty.
- vii) Enter the scores online for home games on the computer or delegate a team member to do this before 5pm on Monday.

Away Games

- i) Teams may arrange to car pool.
- ii) Ensure that at least one adult stay with the junior players for the entire match.
- iii) Ensure all of the children in your team have been collected before leaving the venue.
- iv) Confirm scores online before 12noon on Tuesday following the match.

9. CLUB AND COURT USE

Junior members must be under adult supervision at all times, both on the courts and in the clubroom.

10. COACHING

Patterson Lakes Tennis Club offers a variety of coaching initiatives from private (1 on 1) coaching to group lessons and squad.

Coaching covers – introduction to tennis, consistency, placement, spin, power, match play as well as general fitness.

Please speak to the Coach on Ph. 0417 775 759 who can arrange a program to suit your requirements.

11. OTHER SOURCES OF INFORMATION

All junior players will receive at the beginning of the season an Association fixture. More detailed information regarding the competition including the junior rules and by-laws is available on the association website. Details regarding the conditions of play, substitute players, order of play, code of conduct, protests, finals etc are in this document. A copy is also available in the club rooms. Club locations and fixture for the season is available on the website and will also be distributed by your Team Managers. Team ladders and player statistics are available online at *comps.tennis.com.au* (make Peninsula TA your default setting) *www.tennis.com.au/pta* is the Peninsula Tennis Association website
www.pltc.com.au is the Patterson Lakes Tennis club website