

# **RULES OF THE NORTH BALWYN TENNIS CLUB INC.**

## **(amended 2001)**

### **A. COURT PROCEDURE**

- Wear correct tennis attire, as per notice displayed in Clubhouse.
- Enter via gate closest to court to be used.
- Water court thoroughly before play if necessary, bag and water thoroughly after use.
- Return drag mats and line brooms to their appropriate place.
- Last player to leave courts will check and lock all gates.
- Players shall not use offensive words or gestures or conduct themselves in a manner unbecoming to the best standards of tennis behaviour, such as throwing racquets or balls.
- Sunday play is not permitted by City of Boroondara before 9.00 am.

### **B. CLUBHOUSE**

- Keep facilities tidy at all times.
- Wash and dry your own dishes.
- Last member to leave should turn off lights, fans, heater and lock windows and doors.
- No smoking in the Clubhouse.

### **C. VISITORS TO CLUB**

- Before play, member accompanying visitor must complete entry in Visitors Book, and pay fee.
- No one visitor shall be introduced more than seven times in the one year without special permission of the Committee.

### **D. ORGANISED PERIODS OF SOCIAL PLAY.**

Organised periods of play are as follows:-

#### MONDAY

Social Play

#### TUESDAY

Social Players: Access to four courts to 11.00 am., two courts thereafter.

Competition: H.D.T.A. – four courts available all day.  
M.E.M.R.L.T.A. – two courts available from 11.00 am.  
H.D.T.A. secretary to allocate court usage.

#### WEDNESDAY

Social Players: Four courts available until 11.58 am., two courts from 12.00 pm.  
(courts 1 & 2).

Other courts will become available on completion of competition play.  
Competition: E.D.W.T.A. – four courts from 10.00 am. (courts 5 to 8), six courts from  
12.00 pm. (courts 3 to 8).

#### THURSDAY

Social Players: Six courts available all day.

Competition : Priority, two courts available.  
Courts are hired for extra teams as seen necessary by the General  
Committee.

#### FRIDAY

Social Play.  
Hire Courts.

#### SATURDAY

1.30 pm – 4.00 pm on courts not needed for competition.

#### SUNDAY

1.30 pm – 3.30 pm. From 3.30 pm onwards, organised social play has  
priority on courts 1 to 6.

**E. PROCEDURE FOR ORGANISED SOCIAL PLAY.**

- Place name tag on board on arrival.
- Player at bottom of board chooses set from 12 players immediately above.
- When more than 12 players are waiting, the next set must be chosen in advance, and placed in space provided.
- When the player at bottom of board does not wish to select set, name must be placed at top of board.
- Player must remove name tag and return to alphabetical listing:
  - a) When finished playing for day
  - b) If wishing to leave court surrounds or have a rest for a limited time. This time is set down as 30 min. minimum.
- Singles may be played if there are vacant courts and either player is not asked to play doubles. Courts must not be monopolized for an excessive period.
- Saturday Afternoon – Competition Season  
No social play is allowed on a Saturday afternoon while courts are required for competition play. Any queries, speak to the Duty Officer.

**F. PROCEDURE FOR NON-ORGANISED PERIODS OF PLAY**

- Place name tag on board on arrival. Name tag must be placed in correct numbered court when playing on all occasions.
- MEMBERS MAY ONLY PLAY ONE 6 GAME SET OF TENNIS (SINGLES OR DOUBLES) IF ALL COURTS ARE IN USE AND OTHER MEMBERS ARE WAITING TO PLAY.
- A SHORT WARM-UP PERIOD CAN BE USED BEFORE THE FIRST SET ONLY, IF ALL COURTS ARE IN PLAY.
- Members waiting to play should place their name tags in the “court in waiting” slots.
- Subsequent sets can be played, by waiting in order of turn, for a court to become available.
- Balls are not provided by the Club.

**G. RULES OF PLAY FOR MEMBERS’ CHILDREN UNDER 9 YEARS OF AGE**

- Children under 9 must be accompanied by an adult family member at all times during play.
- May only use courts if available and no other members are waiting to play.
- Correct tennis shoes must be worn.
- No visitors fees will be required.

**H. JUNIORS**

- Juniors have prior right to all courts on Saturday mornings until noon, other than those used for coaching.
- Juniors are not permitted to bring playing visitors to courts on Saturday mornings while competition season is in progress without permission of the Junior Organiser.
- Approved juniors may play social tennis on Saturday mornings while the competition season is in progress only with the approval of the Junior Organiser.
- Juniors cannot play after 12.30 pm. Saturdays and 1.00 pm Sundays and Public Holidays unless granted permission by a Committee member.
- Juniors are permitted to use two courts on weekdays during State School holidays.

**I. BALLS**

- Are provided by the Club during organised periods of social play and for all competition matches.
- USED tennis balls are available for sale to members at price set by the Committee.
- NEW tennis balls are available for sale to members at cost price.
- Place Club’s balls in ball cupboard, at completion of day’s play.

**J. RULES**

The rules may be changed at any time by the Committee.