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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.

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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)
- Court Maintenance
- Court Toilet Facilities

FEES TBA ONCE WE HAVE OUR TEAMS FINALISED
(estimate approx \$150—\$180 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

Section 21 Boys - Autumn Season 2023

Match No.	Match Date	Match Location Home or Away	Opponent	Court Location	Players IN	Player OUT
1	4th February	Away	Regent	East Preston Park Tennis Club Collier Street EAST PRESTON	ISAAC, DECLAN, LIAM & OWEN	NIKOLAI
2	11th February	Home	Fitzroy	Northcote Tennis 180 Victoria Road NORTHCOTE	ISAAC, DECLAN, LIAM & OWEN	NIKOLAI
3	18th February	Away	UCTC	UC Tennis Club Challenger Street DIAMOND CREEK	ISAAC, LIAM, OWEN & NIKOLAI	DECLAN
4	25th February	Home	Viewbank	Northcote Tennis 180 Victoria Road NORTHCOTE	ISAAC, LIAM, NIKOLAI & DECLAN	OWEN
5	4th March	Away	Bundoora	Bundoora Tennis Club Telfer Reserve, off Greenwood Drive BUNDOORA	NIKOLAI, DECLAN, LIAM & OWEN	ISAAC
LABOUR DAY weekend - NO TENNIS on Sat 11th March						
6	18th March	Home	Clifton Hill	Northcote Tennis 180 Victoria Road NORTHCOTE	NIKOLAI, DECLAN, OWEN & ISAAC	LIAM
7	25th March	Away	Eaglemont	Off The Boulevard (Burke Road End) East Ivanhoe, 3079	NIKOLAI, OWEN, LIAM & ISAAC	DECLAN
8	1st April	Home	Regent	Northcote Tennis 180 Victoria Road NORTHCOTE	ISAAC, LIAM, NIKOLAI & DECLAN	OWEN
EASTER / SCHOOL HOLIDAYS - NO TENNIS on Sat 8th April, 15th April & 22nd April						
9	29th April	Away	Fitzroy	Edinburgh Gardens Brunswick St North Fitzroy, 3068	NIKOLAI, DECLAN, LIAM & OWEN	ISAAC
10	6th May	Home	UCTC	Northcote Tennis 180 Victoria Road NORTHCOTE	NIKOLAI, DECLAN, OWEN & ISAAC	LIAM
11	13th May	Away	Viewbank	Viewbank Tennis Club Viewbank Reserve, Rutherford Road VIEWBANK	ISAAC, DECLAN, LIAM & OWEN	NIKOLAI
12	20th May	Home	Bundoora	Northcote Tennis 180 Victoria Road NORTHCOTE	ISAAC, LIAM, OWEN & NIKOLAI,	DECLAN
13	27th May	Away	Clifton hill	Clifton Hill Tennis Club Mayor's Park CLIFTON HILL	ISAAC, LIAM, NIKOLAI & DECLAN	OWEN
14	3rd June	Home	Eaglemont	Northcote Tennis 180 Victoria Road NORTHCOTE	ISAAC, NIKOLAI, DECLAN & OWEN	LIAM
FINALS: the First Semi Final is played on Sat 17th June . The Grand Final is played on Sat 24th June						

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**SAMPLE SCORECARD —
GIRLS OR BOYS SINGLES + DOUBLES**

	N.E.J.T.A. Inc. PO Box 746 GREENSBOROUGH 3088		SINGLES PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY		SECTION _____	BOYS / GIRLS _____	
					Start time _____	Finish time _____	
	Home	Visitor	Date				
	Fixture Number	Fixture Number	Home	Visitor	Home	Visitor	
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			
			TOTALS	GAMES			
			TOTALS	SETS			
Name & D.O.B. of Unregistered Player		Name & D.O.B. of Unregistered Player					
Home Captain sign		Visitor Captain sign					
Winning Team		Home Supervisor sign					

SCORE CARD RULES


- No pencils, felt pens, red pens or white out to be used. *Penalty – fine.*
- Home team** is responsible for Section, start and finish times, date and games/sets totals and Home Supervisor signature. **Each team** is responsible for completing Club Name, Fixture Number, Players full Christian and Surnames, name and date of birth of any unregistered player and captains signatures. *Penalty – fine for offending team.*
- Once entered, Score Cards **should not be altered.**
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 **must be** initiated by **both captains.** *Penalty – fine*
- 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. *Penalty – fine.*
- Score Cards must be **entered online by 6.30pm Monday following the match.**
Penalty – First Offence per team \$15.00 fine for one scorecard - \$30 fine for multiple score cards
Penalty – Second and Subsequent Offences per team - Loss of 2 points per team.
- Date of Birth** must be entered online by home team for all unregistered players.

DO NOT WRITE HEAT OUT OR WASHOUT ACROSS PLAYERS NAMES

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**SAMPLE SCORECARD —
MIXED DOUBLES**

	N.E.J.T.A. Inc. PO Box 746 GREENSBOROUGH 3088		DOUBLES PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY		If Match is played with team of three (3) players the Number 4 position must be forfeited and sets 2 and 4 awarded to the opposition.
	Section..... BOYS/GIRLS		START TIME.....FINISH TIME.....		
	Home	Visitor	Order Of play	Date	
	Fixture Number	Fixture Number		Home	Visitor
1			1 & 2		
2			3 & 4		
3			1 & 3		
4			2 & 4		
			GAMES		
			SETS		
Name & D.O.B. of Unregistered Player		Name & D.O.B. of Unregistered Player			
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