



Serpell Tennis Club Inc.
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Junior Competition Information

The following is general information about playing competitive tennis for Serpell Tennis Club.

Dates and Times:

There are two seasons each year that run for approximately fourteen weeks each. The **Summer Season** from **October to March** and the **Winter Season** from **April to September**. Exact dates can change, depending on when the school holidays fall. Competition tennis is played on either Saturday 8:30am-12:30pm or Sunday 9:00am-1:00pm depending on your preference. There are no games on long weekends or during school holidays.

Location:

Seven games will be played at **Serpell Tennis Club** (Home) and seven games will be played in the Easter Region Tennis Association region which spans from just into Toorak in the East to Emerald in the West. Most games will be played within a 15 kilometre radius of Serpell Tennis Club.

Frequency of Play:

Tennis teams will have approximately four players (some more, some less) and two, three or four players will play each week, depending on the format of the section. Therefore, players will have time off. However, they will be expected to fill in for other teams at similar levels of play. Your child should expect to play every week.

Player Expectations

Players **must** be full junior **members of Serpell Tennis Club**. The annual membership fee is \$120.00 (plus a one off \$15.00 joining fee) that includes a compulsory Tennis Victoria Registration fee. A full commitment to the season is required by all players. Given there are only a few players per team it is important that all players will complete the season.

Parent Expectations:

All parents will act as **team duty parents** as required on a rotational basis...usually three times over fourteen weeks. Duty parents must supervise players for the entire match to ensure that any mishaps are handled responsibly. Parents will provide morning tea (**no nut products please**) and drive all players to the away matches and back to their respective homes. All parents must be prepared to accept the role of **Team Manager** from time to time for a season. Parents may only be spectators and may not become involved in their child's matches, whatsoever.

Code of Conduct (Parents):

At all times parents, spectators and players must remember that playing tennis should be fun and enjoyable for all involved. Parents are encouraged to stay and watch their children play, to socialise with other parents and to encourage and console as required. Visiting teams, and their supporters, should be made to feel welcome and shown where basic amenities such as toilets, tea and coffee making facilities are.

Parents should not interfere in the games or coach while matches are in progress. The players are encouraged to take responsibility for how the game is conducted, for line calls, the score and any disputes.

Code of Conduct (Players):

As a player you are **representing your team** and your club. Do so proudly. How you approach your game will impact how much success and enjoyment you get from the game. Be ready to play. Have your racquet, correct clothing including a hat, water bottle and sun screen applied and be ready to play. When playing at home, make your opposition feel welcome. Introduce yourself and determine the order of play. When playing away, introduce yourself and determine which courts you will be playing on.

Play with purpose. Win with dignity. Loose with grace. Bad language, racquet throwing or abuse is not acceptable. **Above all else, enjoy yourself. After all it is a game.**

Tennis Club Expectations:

Serpell Tennis Club will try to put your child on a team that is close to their ability. The competition is set up according to ability and not by age. Therefore your child may play with or against other players of different ages. The competition is run by experienced and knowledgeable volunteers. A roster will be filled in by a team manager who will give each player a copy to identify dates of play, turn in for players and duty parents, opposing clubs and locations of play.

Dress Code:

It is expected that players will wear **appropriate sporting attire**, including a **hat**. Please no large patterns or logos on clothing. Pockets in shorts or dresses are useful to hold the extra ball when serving.

Boys – Sports shorts, Serpell Tennis Club T-shirt, tennis shoes with smooth soles can be worn.

Girls – Sports shorts, skirts, Serpell Tennis Club T-shirt, tennis shoes with smooth soles can be worn.

Serpell has a range of club clothing available for purchase at any time or on Registration Day

Next Steps:

We look forward to having your child play for our club. Please call any of the people below if you have any questions.

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