



## HILLS TENNIS ASSOCIATION INC

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### **Night Tennis Competition 2021-Spring & 2022 Summer seasons**

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#### **Seasons**

This year there will again be 2 seasons of night tennis, each 9-10 weeks duration plus an extra week for grand finals. The seasons will be Spring and Summer with separate competitions on Tuesdays and Wednesdays during Spring and Summer. Proposed dates for each season are listed on page 2. All play is subject to State pandemic conditions and directions.

#### **Composition of teams**

Teams will generally comprise 2 men and 2 women. Male players are ranked 1 and 2, and female players ranked 3 and 4. Teams of a different composition may nominate, with participation subject to the discretion of the Night Tennis Co-ordinators.

If teams need to alter composition for a game during the season due to player unavailability please notify teams you are playing against. All teams are encouraged to be flexible in accommodating reasonable substitutions including those with different gender mixes.

**HTA Registration Cost** is \$20.00 per team per season (this is the HTA fee – and does not include member club charges – HTA have halved the usual rate due to the pandemic impacts). Member clubs will be invoiced for the registration fees after the season's program has been finalised. Member clubs will usually include provision for the HTA registration costs within their club fee charges to participants.

#### **Game Format**

All sets played are doubles. Six sets are played, 1&2, 3&4 1&3, 2&4, 1&4, 2&3 with tie breaks at 5 games all.

#### **Cancellations due to Weather**

Due to the varying nature of weather around the hills no match should be cancelled before start of play unless there are extreme weather/fire conditions. Both teams should be ready to play at 7:00 pm and the match should not be considered cancelled until 7:30 pm. If matches are interrupted by rain, teams should wait ½ hour before canceling due to rain unless both agree otherwise.

(Teams are always free to reschedule matches on their own initiative within the same week if both agree as a result of weather cancellations)

#### **Toilet Facilities, Sanitiser & pandemic issues**

It is the responsibility of each club to ensure that satisfactory toilet facilities are available and open for each night tennis match. These facilities should be as close as possible to the courts. Sanitiser should also be available and all players should comply with all relevant pandemic safety measures that are in place at the time.

#### **Starting time of matches**

Even though night tennis is considered by many as a social occasion it is important that

games start on time. Players should arrive in time to have the necessary warm-up so that matches can commence at 7:00 pm. Teams that do not have one set ready to play by 7:15 pm can be asked to forfeit a set. If you know a player will be late due to unforeseen circumstances please let the opposition know as soon as possible.

### Recording of match results

The results of all matches are to be recorded on scoresheets provided. Home teams are responsible for entering results of matches into the on-line recording system within 48 hours of completion of the match. Opposing teams are responsible for checking the entry and indicating whether they agree or dispute the results.

### Balls

It is the responsibility of the home team to provide 4 new balls during the season for each match.

### Grand Finals

A grand final will be played in each division between the two teams finishing first and second on the premiership table at the end of the minor round.

The team finishing on top of the premiership table will earn the right to host the grand final. However, the Night Tennis Co-ordinators may re-allocate the venue of a grand final to avoid having only one match at a venue. Teams who earn the right to host a grand final will be invited to change location but may refuse the invitation.

If a team wishes to play a player in the grand final who was not listed on the nomination form, the approval of the Night Tennis Coordinator will be required.

### HTA Web site

Other information about tennis in the Adelaide Hills can be found on the web site of the Hills Tennis Association ([www.hillstennis.net.au](http://www.hillstennis.net.au)).

**Nomination forms to be emailed to** [night.tennis@hillstennis.net.au](mailto:night.tennis@hillstennis.net.au)

*All nomination forms must be sent by email, and be received by 5:00 pm on the nomination day. All teams must include a mobile contact number for the team to aid in communication on playing nights.*

| <b>Season Dates Spring 2021</b>  |   | Closing date for nominations 15 September 2021   |  |                    |                                      |
|----------------------------------|---|--|--|--------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Tuesday                          | <b>Minor Round</b><br>Starting a week later for 4 team Divisions  | 5 Oct – 7 Dec 2021   |  | <b>Grand Final</b> | 14 Dec 2021                          |
| Wednesday                        |   | 6 Oct– 8 Dec 2021  |  |                    | 15 Dec 2021                          |
| <b>Season Dates Summer 2022*</b> |   | Closing date for nominations 8 December 2021   |  |                    |                                      |
| Tuesday                          | <b>Minor Round</b><br>Starting a week later for 4 team Divisions* | 11 Jan – 22 March 2022   |  | <b>Grand Final</b> | 29 March 2022                        |
| Wednesday                        |   | 12 Jan – 23 March 2022*<br>(no game in the Australia day week as that falls on a Wednesday – 26 January) |  |                    | 30 March 2022<br>Or<br>5 April 2022* |

\*these are provisional as we may rearrange schedule dependent on team nominations especially for 4 team divisions so that we start on the first date indicated for them also to finish earlier overall