



HILLS TENNIS ASSOCIATION INC

Night Tennis Competition 2022-Spring & 2023 Summer seasons

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.

Composition of teams

Teams will generally comprise 2 men and 2 women. Male players are generally 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 Coordinators.

All teams are encouraged to be flexible in accommodating reasonable substitutions including those with different gender mixes.

HTA Registration Cost is \$40.00 per team per season (this is the HTA fee – and does not include member club fees) 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 or Heat

Wet 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)

Heat cancellation would be very rare but - matches will be cancelled if the actual temperature on <https://www.weatherzone.com.au/sa/mount-lofty-ranges/mount-barker> is 36 degrees or higher at 6.00pm on the night of play.

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 be available and all players should comply with all relevant hygiene measures to keep everyone safe..

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 or directly online. 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 Coordinators 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 Coordinators 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).

Nomination forms to be emailed to 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.

Season Dates Spring 2022		Closing date for nominations 16 September 2022		
Tuesday	Minor Round Starting a week later for 4 team Divisions	4 Oct – 6 Dec 2022	Grand Final	13 Dec 2022
Wednesday		5 Oct– 7 Dec 2022		14 Dec 2022
Season Dates Summer 2023*		Closing date for nominations 9 December 2022		
Tuesday	Minor Round Starting a week later for 4 team Divisions*	17 Jan – 21 March 2023	Grand Final	28 March 2023
Wednesday		18 Jan – 22 March 2023		29 March 2023

*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