

AYC TENNIS ASSOCIATION

Club Survey – Taroom Tennis Club

For the last few seasons the Association has been using both long and short rosters and multiple playing formats in an attempt to better meet the needs of our players. The use of multiple roster lengths causes some complexity when forming the roster and the combination with multiple formats has seen some difficulty in meeting everyone's needs.

Given what we have learnt from the last few seasons I believe that we may be better placed to make a decision on how the pennant can best move forward.

We would appreciate it if you could spend a few minutes to provide us with your Club's preferences or view of what this might be for the Association.

Q 1 – The Roster, would you prefer to

Retain a mix of long and short rosters	2 nd
Return to only long rosters	3 rd
Move to only short rosters	1 st
Why is your preference better for your Club and for the pennant: Shorter rosters allow greater flexibility, require shorter periods of commitment and enable a broader range of players to be introduced to representing the club in pennant tennis. The summer break is a natural divide around which to structure two pennants - a long pennant doesn't feel like one competition when momentum is lost during the break. We acknowledge that players from other clubs prefer the longer form. The pennant should benefit from accommodating enthusiasts of both long and short form pennants.	

Q 2 – The Format, would you prefer to play

The traditional format of even numbers of men and ladies	3 rd
The non-gender format used for the X Divisions	1 st
A non-club based format as used in Division 1	2 nd
Why is your preference better for your Club and for the pennant: Suits our club demographic. Club-based teams are better for building a connection to the club wherever possible. Better players (6 and below) derive greater enjoyment and benefit from playing against players of a similar standard - difficult to accommodate in a club-based contest. Keeps better players involved in the pennant.	

AYC TENNIS ASSOCIATION

Club Survey – Taroom Tennis Club

Q 3 – The Home / Away Nights

Many people consider the range of nights that a roster covers is a deterrent. There have been a number of suggestions as to how this could be improved, most are to the detriment of getting similar teams or players competing against each other.

How important is it to your Club to have a single night for your roster	Not Important
How would you like to see single night, or reduced night rosters, implemented: We are fortunate that most clubs we play against choose to play on Thursdays. We can almost always find a fill-in if matches played on other nights make regular players unavailable.	

Q4 – Generally

What are the best things for your Club about having teams in the AYC Roster: Since reentering the pennant after a decade absence, participation has helped to rejuvenate a club that was ready for a boost. It brings players together from different social tennis groups within the club, who previously may not have even met. It brings clubs together. Geilston Bay hosted our home nights when our courts were out of action, and we are now hosting Glenorchy in a similar situation.
What are the least appealing aspects for your Club about the AYC Roster: ?? It works well for us.
Are there any other changes, or additions to the pennant, that could make it better for your Club, or more relevant to the tennis your members wish to play: 7pm start would be good.
Are there any other comments your Club would like to make Due to competing demands on time, finding people willing to commit to representing the club on the AYC committee is difficult. It is a regretful situation - the work that goes into running the competition is greatly appreciated. Without the effort of one very dedicated member we probably would not have representation at all.