Proposals for the AYC Pennant 2021-22

Proposal 1: All the Divisions become based on lines and grades and not gender specific

Proposal 2: Div X1 becomes Division 2 and Div X2 becomes Division 3

Proposal 3: All Divisions are played on a specified night.

Proposal 4: Each Division is played at a one venue.

(Sorell, 4 courts and St Therese's, 2 courts combine, and that Division alternates at either Sorell or the Domain on a specified night)

Proposed ITN Grades for Divisions:

Division One Open to 5.5

Division Two 5.0 to 6.0

Division Three 5.5 to 6.5

Division Four 6.0 to 7.0

Division five 6.5 to 7.5

Division Six 7.0 to 8.0

Division Seven 7.5 to 8.5

Division Eight 8.0 to 9.0

Division Nine 8.5 to 9.0

Reasons for these proposals

Proposal 1:

It would make the selection of teams much easier for Clubs, Club Captains and their Committees.

It would allow for more people to play and represent their Club. (not limited to finding two men – two women)

It would make the teams equitable over the Divisions not having to work around genders, but only grades.

Proposal 2:

Would align the pennant into straight Divisions rather than having off shoots that are becoming more attractive and popular to the stronger players.

Currently Division 2 players do not represent the true strength for Division 2 compared to Division 1.

Proposal 3:

Allows people to organise tennis into their schedules. Players have more fluid employment and family commitments than 50 years ago

Proposal 4:

Currently AYC nights lack vibe due to often only two teams versing each other at the venue. Division 1 has proved the night feels more vibrant and social.

Available Fill Ins can be sought from bye teams.

Allows fairer access for all Clubs to the financial benefits of having players play at the club and socialising afterwards.