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Dear Junior Coordinator,

Here we are on the verge of another season starting!

The TG Junior Committee is: Bernie Morris (Geelong East Uniting), Nigel Wilson (All Saints), Denise Henry (Wandana Heights), Donna James (Ocean Grove), Jake Dunn (Lara), Jill Pavia (Geelong Lawn), Brian Spong (Highton), Cameron Govan (Grovedale/Tennis Victoria) and myself (Drysdale). Thank you to all these wonderful people for volunteering their valuable time.

There are also a number of new Junior Coordinators that we would like to welcome with a number of new additions to the team. A huge welcome to Clare Ireland (Point Lonsdale), Julian Arnold (Grovedale), Olivia Rich (Hamlyn Park), Mandy Chester (Wandana Heights) and Georgia Verlin (Leopold). Good luck with your new role! And of course, welcome back to our returning junior coordinators too! Attached is your Junior Contacts Booklet for summer 2020-21

SUMMER TEAMS:

There are 175 teams submitted for summer. Girls have 8 sections and boys have 15 sections this season. We also have 14 teams entered for Orange Ball which have been divided into two sections – Orange Barty and Orange De Minaur. With the majority of kids in the orange ball competition being beginners, this season we have divided the sections into a Bellarine/St Marys section and a Geelong region section. This was done just to lessen the travel for parents just starting out. There is a separate document with all the orange ball info attached to this email.

There are some mixed composition teams in some sections. These players were all assessed by the Junior Committee at the time of grading and placed in the section we decided would be fairest for all involved. There are some girls playing in boy's sections and some boys playing in girl's sections.

PLEASE NOTE- In the teams where there are a mix of boys and girls, the complete team has been graded in this section; so there is NO need for any boys playing in a girls section to be played as a specific number in the team; however, during the season, if you need special permission for a boy to play in a girl's team (or visa versa) you MAY be directed to play this child in the #1 player position.

TG RULES & PROPOSED CHANGES:

As most of you would know, TG would have normally had their annual General Meeting and AGM by now, where rule changes are proposed and voted on by the clubs. As this has not yet happened, I have been instructed by the TG Executive Committee that all of the proposed rule changes will come into effect at the start of the season and once the AGM is finally held and these changes are voted on by the clubs, if they are not voted in, each competition will go back to the original rule.

I have attached both a copy of the TG rules, as well as the proposed rules. The main proposed rule change that will make a difference to points allocated each round, is the TG Executive are proposing to change the total number of points allocated for each match to be 7 instead of the usual 8 (explanation is in enclosed document). **Please make sure you, your players and their parents are aware of all the rules because the TG Junior Committee will be enforcing them fully moving forward.**

TEAMS AND FIXTURE:

Teams are now correctly entered into their sections in League Manager (LM). The fixture is attached to this email. Thank you to Bernie for his hard work getting the draw done; as well as Jake for all his work in LM and Cam and Jill getting the spreadsheet and data completed for us.

COVID REQUIREMENTS:

There will be a separate document emailed that deals with all things COVID-19 including the link for registration (for all parents and junior players) as well as the link for clubs to see who has registered.

ALTERNATE COURT LOCATIONS AND START TIMES:

There will be a number of clubs this season that will need to use alternate court locations as well as start times to accommodate the number of teams they have. This will be even more topical this season with clubs trying to ensure there are not a large number of teams coming to a venue at the same time. Please be careful you do not have an overlap from when the early matches are due to finish and the later matches due to start. We would recommend if you normally have 8 am and 9.30 starts, this season with COVID restrictions, you make it an 8 am and 9.45 am start, just to give a bit more time for the early group to finish and leave the venue. Anyone requiring early starts **MUST** get **PRIOR** permission for the opposition.

I would remind the clubs organising this that wherever possible, please give the early start times to the clubs that are situated more locally, rather than clubs that have to travel more than 20 minutes. There will be weeks that this cannot happen and when that is the case, that is fine; however, you might find that a team does not have any teams that are local in their section. If this is the case, these teams might not get the opportunity to have an early start time in their fixture, which is just the luck of the draw.

If you are requiring alternate court allocations or start times, I will require that information by Wednesday 21st of October. This will allow enough time for any relevant changes to be made on LM and for these to be put on the TG website too, ready for the start of the season on Saturday the 24th of October.

SEASON PAPERWORK:

You can now look at your teams as graded on (LM) as well as the fixture for this season. I have attached the score sheet. You may choose this or you can print a score sheet out from Match Centre to use each week. Also attached is the record book, junior contacts booklet and how to create a tennis account (which everyone will need to access Match Centre, which will be the only way to access results, ladders, fixtures etc).

Clubs can print out whatever paperwork they need for each team. This paperwork is also on the Tennis Geelong website, if you need to access it.

CLUB LOCATIONS:

Attached is the summer 2010-21 contacts and court locations. This is helpful to give to the teams so they know where all the courts are situated.

SCORE ENTRY AND CONFIRMATION IN LEAGUE MANAGER FOR THE HOME AND AWAY SEASON:

Score sheets for the home and away matches are not required to be emailed each week; however, you still need to complete and save a copy of the score sheet. You will be required to produce the score sheet anytime if asked.

The home team will need to enter score into LM by 9am Sunday (the day after the match). The away team will be required to CHECK ALL details in LM are correct, if they are, they then confirm, if not, they need to dispute the match with an explanation as to why it is not correct. Score sheets will be required to be produced if a match is disputed.

The away team needs to confirm the match by 6 pm Sunday (the day after the match). **Away teams are not to enter the scores into LM, unless they receive a full forfeit.** Away teams, if you go to confirm the score after 9am Sunday and the home team has not entered the score, please just put a note in the match notes you were unable to confirm as scores were not entered and save. Everything is time stamped and you will not receive a fine for doing this. TG will then check and confirm match in this case and fine home team.

LATE REGISTRATIONS:

Clubs wishing to use players not originally registered are required to register them as a Late Registration.

In the next few days, you will be emailed a link to a Google Doc to register any players now and through the season that were not originally entered as base players when you entered your teams.

There is a NEW link EVERY season, so please DO NOT use a link from a previous season.

This needs to be done by the time scores need to be entered into LM, which is 9am Sunday, the day after the match. We ask the team playing the late registration to also ensure they are entered into LM ASAP please. **Please note, if you play a player not originally registered and do not complete this late registration process by the required time, that player is deemed to be unregistered to play & their games/sets won will be forfeited.**

The Junior Committee regularly reviews late registrations and you will be notified if there is a problem. If you hear nothing from the Committee, you may continue to use that player in or above the section agreed to by the Committee.

TEAM COMPOSITION & USE OF ADDITIONAL PLAYERS:

You are reminded that Rule 4.1.5 states that Clubs **must** have the permission of the Junior Committee to enter a team of revised composition, i.e. other than as outlined in Rule 4.1.4.

Various clubs have made requests in relation to variations in team structures. These requests were all agreed to by the Junior Committee at the time of grading and these players are all entered in LM as base players.

*If your Club has a special request on a particular day, which would enable a team to be filled, you must contact either Kerry or Bernie **prior to the match**. It is our aim to have juniors on the court playing tennis; consequently, the majority of reasonable "one off" requests will be given fair consideration.*

Drysdale/Clifton Springs & Clifton Springs/Drysdale teams:

You may have noticed there are teams listed as both Drysdale/Clifton Springs & Clifton Springs/Drysdale. It was fantastic working with Nicole from Clifton Springs to make this happen. We have kids playing in the correct ability in merged teams consisting of players from both clubs, so all these kids still get to play tennis in summer.

Please note these teams will be playing the majority of home games at the first mentioned club; however, please ensure you check the court allocations and LM to ensure your teams go to the right location.

WHEELCHAIR PLAYER:

Finn Burn our wheelchair player will be playing in Section 12 – I will send separate information regarding this and the rules applicable for matches he is playing to those clubs in section 12.

CONTACT:

During the season, general correspondence, queries and concerns should be directed to Kerry Humphrey, Junior Competition Secretary via email: juniors@tennisgeelonginc.com.au or phone (0400 078 337) If you cannot get me, then please first try Bernie Morris (phone 5243 1779) or then another member of the Junior Committee.

Please remind parents of rule 1.10 only club & competition secretaries may contact Bernie or me.

BALLS:

In all sections; Use TWO pairs of approved, branded, coloured, new balls.

Green Dot low compression balls are to be used in sections 8 girls and 14 & 15 boys, except when playing on grass at Geelong Lawn (when regular compression balls are used). Green dot balls do not need to be new every week; however, they do need to be in good condition.

All other sections use regular compression balls.

TIE-BREAKERS:

Boys Sections 1-13 and Girls Sections 1-7: A Tie-Breaker is played at 5 games. Instructions on the Tie-Break procedure are detailed in at the end of the General Rules.

Boys Sections 14 & 15 and Girls Section 8: These sections play first to 6 Game Sets, with no tie breaks; they also play sudden death deuce.

UMPIRING:

Umpiring of matches is required for Boys Sections 14 & 15 and Girls Section 8. It is encouraged that even when the section requires an umpire, that the children do start to do some umpiring themselves, where appropriate, with the umpire's supervision. Can you please communicate this to ALL parents of these grades. Umpires can be used in all other sections if they are required but again, please stress they need to be there in a supervisory role ie. supporting the kids to score and call lines themselves, not having a parent out there doing all the umpiring. The kids are only going to learn by doing it themselves.

CODE OF CONDUCT:

As outlined in the General Rules will be enforced.

SUPERVISORS:

As outlined in Rule 4.1.9, each team must have an adult Supervisor present for the duration of every match.

WET DAY/HOT DAYS:

With regard to any cancellation on a wet or very hot Saturday morning, Junior Co-ordinators will be sent an email by 7.30 am. These details will also be posted on the Tennis Geelong Face book page and on the Tennis Geelong Website. The Tennis Geelong Face book address is www.facebook.com.au/tennisgeelong and the Tennis Geelong Website is: www.tennis.com.au/tennisgeelonginc/

TENNIS ATTIRE:

Clubs are reminded that Rule 1.17.1 indicates that only recognised acceptable tennis attire is permitted when playing in Tennis Geelong Inc. competition matches. Please keep a check on what your Club's juniors are wearing. Girls are able to wear leggings or skins, only with a tennis skirt, skort or shorts over the top.

Please keep this newsletter handy throughout the season as a reference tool. AFTER checking this and you need more information, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Looking forward to a very successful season of tennis!

Kind Regards,



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