



HILLS TENNIS ASSOCIATION INC

Night Tennis Competition 2015-2016 seasons

Seasons

This year there will again be 3 seasons of night tennis, each of 10 weeks duration plus an extra week for grand finals. The seasons will be Spring, Summer, and Autumn with separate competitions on Tuesdays and Wednesdays during Spring and Summer and on Mondays and Wednesdays during Autumn. Dates for each season are listed on page 3.

Composition of teams

Teams will 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 but their participation will be at the discretion of the Night Tennis Committee.

Registration Cost is \$40.00 per team per season. Member clubs will be invoiced for the registration fees after the season's program has been finalised.

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

No night tennis games will be cancelled due to heat. However, if teams agree not to play because of hot weather the match will be recorded as a draw.

Due to the varying nature of weather around the hills no match should be cancelled before start of play unless there are extreme weather 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. Teams who wish to cancel before the match, where both teams do not agree to the cancellation, will be considered to have forfeited.

Toilet Facilities

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.

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. The scoresheets

are not to be mailed to the Recording Secretary but should be retained until after the grand final in case they are required to resolve disputes.

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 Slazenger Ultra Vis 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 Committee 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 Committee 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 Roger Ebsary at 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.

Night Tennis Committee

Roger Ebsary
Steve Matulick



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Season Dates Spring 2015		Closing date for nominations 14 September 2015		
Tuesday	Minor Round Starting a week later for 4 team Divisions	6 Oct – 8 Dec 2015	Grand Final	15 Dec 2014
Wednesday		7 Oct– 9 Dec 2015		16 Dec 2014
Season Dates Summer 2016		Closing date for nominations 14 December 2015		
Tuesday	Minor Round Starting a week later for 4 team Divisions	12 Jan – 15 March 2016	Grand Final	22 March 2016
Wednesday		13 Jan – 16 March 2016		23 March 2016
Season Dates Autumn 2016		Closing date for nominations 16 March 2016		
Monday	Minor Round Starting a week later for 4 team Divisions	4 April– 6 June 2016	Grand Final	13 June 2016
Wednesday		6 April – 8 June 2016		15 June 2016