

DAYLESFORD LAWN TENNIS CLUB

BEGINNER TENNIS INFORMATION SHEET

SATURDAY MORNINGS

WELCOME to a new season of Beginner Tennis at Daylesford.

Beginner tennis is a great way to learn tennis skills, meet new friends, play in a team, get active and have fun.

Beginner tennis is for players who are **primary school aged**



BEGINNER TENNIS IS FOR SKILL DEVELOPMENT

Beginner tennis is **not** formal tennis coaching or tennis lessons. Beginner tennis is about introducing young children to the game of tennis and developing some skills such as coordination, holding a racquet, hitting a ball and learning to serve. The other aim of beginner tennis is **FUN.**

WHO IS INVOLVED IN BEGINNER TENNIS?

The Daylesford Lawn Tennis Club is responsible for hosting beginner tennis as part of our junior development program. Beginner sessions are a modified "Hot Shots" program and are conducted by a trained facilitator.

WHAT ABOUT DIFFERENT SKILL LEVELS?

As the age range and experience is different across all children the sessions are broken up so that similar age groups play together.

In some cases if a younger child shows mature skill development they can be moved between age groupings after consultation with the coordinator.

For all children in Grade 5 and 6 the aim is to help them transition to competition tennis by playing sets of tennis and learning the rules of the game.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

All beginner tennis players **must** become members of the tennis club to ensure that the appropriate insurance applies. Being a member enables all beginner players to use the tennis courts at any time to practice with their parents and other beginner players.

All membership must be paid in full by the **end of November**. If any families have difficulties in cost of membership then please contact us to discuss further.

BEGINNER MEMBERSHIP = \$ 60.00

The easiest way to join is online where you can pay by credit card or bank transfer. Go to our webpage:

<https://www.daylesfordtennis.com/membership>

BALL MONEY = \$2.00 each week

Ball money enables the club to provide good quality balls for the juniors and also to cover the cost of trophies and prizes for the competitions.

Beginners must check-in at the clubhouse and pay ball money each week before commencing the "Hot Shots" session.

WHAT SHOULD I BRING TO TENNIS?

- **A HAT**
- **SUNSCREEN ALREADY APPLIED**
- **A WATER BOTTLE**
- **TENNIS RACQUET**
- **COMFORTABLE SPORTS CLOTHES**
- **TENNIS SHOES/RUNNERS**
- **\$2 BALL MONEY**

PARENT INVOLVEMENT EACH WEEK

Beginner tennis players love to have parents/ carers watch and support them in playing tennis.

The club is not able to run a beginner tennis program unless parents/ carers are involved and active in assisting **each** Saturday morning.

What will I have to do?

- Help the beginner tennis coordinator with throwing the balls to the children;
- Encourage and help beginner players;
- Make sure that the children are paying attention and are in the correct positions on the court.

All parents must complete a [contact information sheet](#) at the time of enrolling their child in the program. Email and mobile phone numbers are necessary to enable quick communication where required.

WHAT ABOUT THE WEATHER?

As we play on grass courts, wet weather can mean that the courts are slippery and dangerous to play on. If it is raining at 8.30am it is unlikely that any tennis will be played.

As tennis is a summer sport, excessive heat will also mean that play may be suspended. If the temperature is above 35C or a Code Red fire day then no play will occur.

Parents should [like the Daylesford Lawn Tennis Facebook page](#) to receive updates or follow the link to our Facebook page from our website to find out if play is on.

BEING GOOD SPORTS

The Daylesford Tennis Club requires good sporting behaviour and it is important that beginner tennis players act and behave in a sporting manner.

SOME DO'S AND DONT'S:

DO

- Arrive on time so that others are not kept waiting;
- Come dressed to play tennis in comfortable sports clothes and tennis shoes;
- Try and improve your game by watching and learning from others;
- Listen and obey the coordinators and/ or parent helper's instructions.

DON'T

- Throw your racquet;

- Talk while the coordinator is explaining something;
- Stand too close behind another player who is swinging a racquet;

Players who do not show good sporting behaviour and are disruptive to other players will be asked to leave the session

DATES FOR 2023 - 24

The first Saturday for beginner and Junior tennis will be Saturday 14 October 2023. This date is weather dependent. Any changes to this will be posted on the club's facebook page.

THERE WILL BE NO TENNIS OVER THE SCHOOL HOLIDAY PERIOD AND MARCH LONG WEEKEND

All players are welcome to play tennis informally over this break. Tennis finishes in mid – late March 2024 with a final presentation day for all players and families. This date will be advised.

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