

# 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 TIME DOES BEGINNER TENNIS START & FINISH?**

Beginner tennis sessions are divided into two groups.

- **Prep – Grade 2 @ 9.45am – 10.15am**
- **Grade 3 – Grade 6 @ 10.20am – 11.15am**

### **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 practise 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 = \$ 50.00**

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>

Follow the links and then create a tennis account which entitles you and the club to further benefits. If your child does not have their own email make sure you select the "Under 15" option under "join with email" so a parent's email can be chosen.

### **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.

Ball money must be paid at the clubhouse each week before commencing play.

## 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.

A roster will be established for the season and will include each family in it. This roster enables the load to be shared evenly and if you can't make your rostered time then you will need to swap with another family. Sometimes if a family are unable to attend the coordinators might ask parents on the day to help out.

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 **check our website** to find out if play is on or [like the Daylesford Lawn Tennis Facebook page](#) to receive updates



## 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 2018-19

Tennis will happen every Saturday morning commencing **Saturday 27 OCTOBER 2018**. If you can't make it every week then come along when you can.

### THERE WILL BE NO TENNIS OVER THE SCHOOL HOLIDAY PERIOD:

- December 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>
- January 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>

All players are welcome to play tennis informally over this break. Tennis finishes in mid – late March 2019 with a final presentation day for all players and families. This date will be advised.

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