

## **JUNIOR TEAM SELECTION POLICY**

### **Introduction**

Viewbank Tennis Club aims to provide junior tennis players with the opportunity to participate in the NEJTA interclub tennis competition each week.

Matches are played most Saturday mornings, except for school holidays and the like. Our club aims to provide players with a positive introduction to playing competition tennis, and give kids the chance to participate in competitive tennis in a supportive environment.

### **Team selection**

There are many things that go into team selection. Here are some of the variables that we consider when placing your child in a team (in no particular order):

- Ability to cope with match play;
- The demonstration of good sporting behaviour, i.e. understanding the rules and understanding what it means to play a team sport (doubles);
- Match play statistics provided to the club by the NEJTA;
- Feedback from the club coach if your child is taking lessons with Topline Tennis;
- Players entering or exiting the competition which automatically alters team structures;
- Family or friendship groups - kids who want to stay and play together regardless of their ability;

The construction of teams takes into account all of these factors. It is a balancing act, and we strive to get the balance right.

We also try to structure teams in some sections with no less than 6 players. This is so we can cover contingencies such as injuries, accidents or other sporting commitments and/or clashes. We understand that this can be a source of frustration for parents whose children want to play every week. However, experience has shown us that absences in teams frequently occur, which often leaves teams short and Team Mangers are left to scramble for replacements at short notice.

This approach has been shown to effect consistency in results and stability of the team, which ultimately effects the overall performance of a team throughout any given season. We don't like seeing kids being disheartened either! Hence why we plan to have more available players in a team to deal with these circumstances.

When sourcing emergencies, players from lower sections who are rostered out become available as first point of call for the team managers to call upon when a player is needed to play in a higher section that week.

If you have any concerns, or have a particular request in regard to team selection, please email [secretary@viewbanktc.com.au](mailto:secretary@viewbanktc.com.au) and we will do our best to take any concerns into account. Please note, that once teams are structured and the competition gets underway, changes in team structure cannot be accommodated. At the very least we will be able to explain to you why your child has been placed where they are!

### **Questions, comments, complaints or feedback**

If you have an enquiry or a complaint, please email [secretary@viewbanktc.com.au](mailto:secretary@viewbanktc.com.au). Any complaints will be dealt with in accordance with our complaints policy.

For more information, please visit the North Eastern Junior Tennis Association [website](#) or Viewbank Tennis Club's [junior competition page](#) on our website.