

# RPTC JUNIOR NEWSLETTER



March 2022 edition

**WELCOME  
SEASON 1, 2022  
TO PLAYERS &  
PARENTS**

**LET THE GAMES  
BEGIN!**



## COMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT
26-27 <sup>th</sup> March and 2-3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Club Championships – registrations have closed but it's also a great spectator event.
Over the Easter period and Term 1 school holidays	There are lots of tournaments in Metro Melbourne and regional Victoria. Most entries close 30 <sup>th</sup> March – <a href="https://www.tennis.com.au/competitiveplay/calendar">https://www.tennis.com.au/competitiveplay/calendar</a>

## WELCOME

It's great to have so many new players and families enjoying tennis at Royal Park. A special mention to: Evie Curtin, Quinlan Tran, Chi Nguyen, Zara Bloom, Hugh and Sebastian Matthews, Xander Sturrock, Siena Suric, Ivy Vugdeliga, Sophia Pezzimenti, Sophie Hallam, Thomas and Victoria Grasso and Frescesca who have joined this season. We also farewell a few players. Thanks for the wonderful contributions you have made to the tennis club.

## INTRODUCING OUR JUNIOR COMMITTEE

This year is bound to be a busy year. We have a new member joining the committee this year; Matthew Cull, to oversee our weekly social hit. Thanks to Kevin Walsh and Michael Dodson for their contributions to the committee and supporting the junior tennis over the years.

## Our Junior Committee for 2021

- Jane Collins – Junior Coordinator/Junior Volunteer Recruitment. Mobile 0403 122 880
- Karl – Junior Team Selection Coordinator
- Alessia Ieraci and Hugo Johnston - Junior Liaison
- Matthew Cull – Social Hit Coordinator
- Catherine Johnston – Communications and Events Coordinator

## TEAM MANAGER FOR 2022

Our junior club would not be as amazing as it is without the dedication of our team managers. Thanks to Nick Wayman, Moritz Eissmann, Andrea Carson, Tinh Tran, Karl Hessian, Simon Hall, Jane Collins, Nick Oliver, Emily Nicholson, Matthew Cull, Travis Gilbert, Tanya Piccoletto and Di & Steve Hallam for supporting the juniors this year.

## FRIDAY AFTERNOON SOCIAL HIT

Matthew with the support of Nick is organising social hit, Fridays from 4.30 – 6 pm. We are hoping to have a regular sausage sizzle to follow but need more definite numbers and some parent helpers. We hope this will become a family event on a Friday night. Updates will be shared with your Team Manager. Any parental help on a regular or ad hoc basis would be very appreciated. Please reach out to Jane if you can.

## IMPORTANT EVENTS COMING UP

### Club Championships

This is a super fun event for everyone, including parents. The event will be held over two weekend – **26-27<sup>th</sup> March and 2-3<sup>rd</sup> April**. Come along to watch some great local tennis.

## TRANSITION – WHAT HAPPENS WHEN JUNIOR PLAYERS AGE OUT???

There are a host of opportunities for juniors to continue playing tennis once they hit 18 years of age. Royal Park offers a mix of social and competition options.

Wednesday night social hit	NSNTA Autumn Competition	Pennant
Register on meet up – social tennis melbourne from the RPTC website.	Women's – Tuesday night Mix – Wednesday night Men's – Thursday night	Interclub tennis competition running for 14 weeks from end April-early May. Follows a similar format to the Junior Pennant.

Useful sites:

<http://www.royalparktennis.com.au/#> (for information about social hit and NSNTA Autumn competition)

<https://www.tennis.com.au/vic/players/competitions/pennant> (for information about pennant)

## DEMYSTIFYING TENNIS ETIQUETTE

It's timely that we revisit tennis etiquette – what it means?– what our responsibilities are as players and parents?

Tennis Australia has created some key messages which are incredibly useful and accessible. Watch this video to learn more.

<https://www.tennis.com.au/learn/rules-and-scoring/etiquette>

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*Of all sports, tennis is famous for its etiquette. While sticking to a bunch of rules about how to behave on a tennis court might sound stuffy and old-fashioned, tennis etiquette makes the sport more enjoyable. Good tennis etiquette won't give you a bigger serve or a more accurate backhand, but it will make you more fun to share a court with.*

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The Tennis Australia website includes a great list of reminders on waiting your turn, warming up, walking with care, making the right line calls, scoring, having two balls before serving, focusing on your match etc.

## FOR PARENTS

Poor sideline behaviour can have a significant impact on how much kids enjoy sport - it can even determine if our kids continue in sport. When you are a kid you want to have fun, be with your friends and be supported by parents and spectators.

**Play by the Rules** has released a wonderful video - **Let Kids Be Kids - the kids**. A powerful message for us!

<https://www.playbytherules.net.au/resources/videos/let-kids-be-kids-the-kids>

**Represent tennis on the world stage, by becoming a ballkid at Australian Open 2023.**

**Any kids turning 12-15 years old this year can apply at [ballkids.tennis.com.au](http://ballkids.tennis.com.au) by 31 March 2022.**