



South Hawthorn
Tennis Club

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Welcome to our Club!

MEMBER INFORMATION

NEW MEMBERSHIPS

The Club Membership Annual Year is for 12 months from 1st March to 28th February the following year.

Membership is made up of the following categories:

- Adult - (aged 21 years or over as of 1st January prior to current Annual Year)
- Family - (minimum 3 family members of which one must be an adult)
- Senior – (aged 70 years or over)
- Junior - (aged under 21 years as of 1st January prior to current Annual Year)

Joining Fees covers the first year a member joins the club and is not required to be paid again, provided the membership remains current.

Access Swipe Cards are required to gain access to the courts, clubhouse and to operate court lights. One-off fees apply for purchasing of access swipe cards.

The Club's website lists the fees for membership, joining and access swipe cards:

<https://www.shtc.org.au/membership/>

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Membership renewal notices are sent by email around February 15th. Membership renewal fees are for a full year to cover 1st March to 28th February the following year.

Membership Renewal Fees are due by the 15th of March. Partial pro-rata periods and refunds of Membership renewals are not available.

Please note that if renewal fees are not received by March 30th, your membership, booking courts, and access swipe cards will be terminated.

JUNIOR MEMBERS AND CHILDREN

In accordance with our lease and the policies of Tennis Australia concerning Child Safety Children, members under the age of 13 may not use Club facilities without parent or guardian supervision. Members aged 13-17 can use Club Facilities unsupervised

During the coaching session, the coach can be considered as providing guardian supervision for the child enrolled in the program.

ACCESS SWIPE CARDS

Access Cards (fees apply) are required to gain access to the club, clubhouse and to operate court lights. Only members aged 13 and above are eligible for Access Cards. Parents or guardians are responsible for Access Cards used by members aged 13-17.

Replacement of lost cards or requiring extra cards are available for an additional cost. Fees can be found on the Club's website - <https://www.shtc.org.au/membership/>

For security reasons, do not print the name of the club on your access card and do not lend the card to others.

BOOK-A-COURT AND COURT AVAILABILITY ONLINE

The Club uses ClubSpark which is owned and run by Tennis Australia for members to book courts online. Visit our website for links to Book-A-Court and check Availability of courts.

COURT PLAYING TIMES AND RULES

The Courts are available 7 days a week and most Public Holidays (there are some exceptions): for Christmas Day, Good Friday:

- Monday to Friday 7.30am to 10.30pm
- Saturday to Sunday 9am to 10pm
- On ANZAC Day 12pm to 10pm

The Courts are Closed and cannot be used on the following Public Holidays:

- Good Friday
- Christmas Friday

Court rules:

- Only members or visitors with members can play – one visitor per member.
- Acceptable tennis attire must be always worn during play.
- Only herringbone/flat soled shoes are allowed.
 - Ripple sole shoes/cross trainers are prohibited (they damage the courts)
- Synthetic clay courts (Courts 1, 2, 5 & 6) must be bagged as directed AFTER each set.
- En tout cas courts (courts 3 & 4) :
 - must be bagged as directed and watered BEFORE each set.
 - where excess water is on these courts, a roller is available to dry excess water prior to any play.
- Be polite and friendly to all club members and enjoy your tennis!

VISITORS

Members can invite one visitor when playing on a court.

Details on fee costs and where to sign-in visitors online are displayed on each court and the clubhouse.

A visitor can play up to four times per Club year. After the fourth visit, visitors should consider becoming a member to continue playing.

Members must:

- Always be present and playing with a visitor at the club.
- Not lend their access card to non-members and visitors

USING COURT LIGHTS – REQUIRES AN ACCESS SWIPE CARD

Courts 1 to 4:

- The switches/reader panel is located on a steel cabinet under the balcony opposite court 3.

Courts 5 & 6:

- The switches/reader panel is located inside the small shed at the south end of Court 6

Operating the court lights:

- When operating turning Lights ON and OFF, use the same access card (not from different access cards in your group)
 - **LIGHTS ON:** Swipe the access card over the court light reader next to the light control box and push the LIGHTS ON button of the court you wish to use.
 - **LIGHTS OFF:** - Swipe the same access card originally used to turn on and press court LIGHTS OFF button.
 - The lights will stay on for 2 minutes before switching off.
- When leaving do not forget to turn the lights off

Court Light Fees:

- Fees per hour/per court are listed at the court lights panel.
- Invoices will be emailed out every 3 months.
 - Please note access swipe cards and booking courts will be invalidated if lights accounts are not paid promptly.

SECURITY

Please ensure all doors and gates to clubhouse, shed and courts are locked after entering and leaving.

If you are the last person leaving the facilities, please check that the lights, air conditioners and heater etc are turned off and gates and clubhouse are locked.

Access Swipe Cards:

- Do not print the name of the club on the cards.
- Do not lend the access card to others.
- Report to membership@shtc.org.au if you have lost your access card.

COACHING

The Club has experienced Coaches providing extensive coaching programs for all ages and standards such as:

- Group Coaching - Private Coaching - Hot Shots - Cardio - Holiday Clinics

Only Coaches who have a formal agreement and contract with the Club are permitted to coach at the club. Members of the club are not allowed to hire professional coaches other than the coaches contracted by the Club.

The Coaches that the Club currently have a formal contract agreement are:

- Sue Davey - 0412 145 459
- Dylan Edgley - 0411 113 395

Details about Sue and Dylan can be found at: <https://www.shtc.org.au/coaching/>

Please direct Coaching enquiries to Sue or Dylan.

COMPETITION

Members wishing to play competition should register their interest on the website.

The Club have players competing in Junior's, Men's, Women's, and Mixed competition teams. Competition teams participate in Weekend (Saturday afternoon, Sunday morning), Mid-Week, and Night competitions.

Current competitions that the Club participates in include:

- Tennis Victoria Pennant
- Bayside Regional Tennis Association (BRTA) weekend competition
- Blackburn Districts Night Tennis Association (BDNTA) competition
- EDWTA Mid-Week Women's competition
- Eastern Regions Tennis Association (ERTA) Junior and Senior competition

SOCIAL PLAY

Midweek social play for members and non-members is available on demand.

Social play in the evenings is organized depending on the season, and courts availability due to night competition - please refer to the club website for details.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS TOURNAMENT

Club Championships are held annually – singles, doubles and mixed doubles when numbers are sufficient.

These events are held (over a 4 weeks' period) in October. Dates and details will be advertised on the website.

CONSTITUTION & CODE OF CONDUCT

All members of the Club are bound by the Club's Constitution and Code of Conduct as a condition of their club membership. Details are available on our website.

TENNIS AUSTRALIA NATIONAL POLICES

SHTC is an Affiliate of Tennis Victoria and are bound by, and must comply with, the Tennis Australia National Policies, including but not limited to the:

- Member Protection Policy
- Safeguarding Children Code of Conduct
- Disciplinary Policy
- Competitive Play: Code of Behaviour
- Privacy Policy

Copies of Tennis Australia National Policies can be found at: <https://www.tennis.com.au/about-tennis-australia/reports-and-policies/policies>

MEETINGS

The Annual General Meeting (when office bearers are elected) is held at the end of November.

Notices are sent out 21 days in advance, usually by email and on the website. The Executive Committee meets on the second or third Wednesday of each month (February – November) and the Selection Committee meets as required.

CONTACTS

Any Executive member can be contacted for further information about the Club. Contact details are on the Club website: