



M.E.M.R.L.T.A. INC.



Midweek Eastern Metropolitan Region Ladies' Tennis Association Incorporated

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THE 42nd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF M.E.M.R.L.T.A. INC.

Will be held at 7.30pm on **TUESDAY, JUNE 11th, 2024**

**ASHWOOD HALL,
21a Electra Ave.,
ASHWOOD, 3147**

It is recommended that you bring your phone with you, to be able to access our website to refer to alterations to existing By-laws.

Each Club should be represented at the A.G.M. by TWO voting delegates. Additional members are most welcome to attend.

Remember that a \$25 fine applies to a Club not represented at the A.G.M.

AGENDA:

- Apologies
- Minutes of the 41st AGM 2023 **(Please download from our Website)**
- Business Arising
- President's Report
- Anne Hubbard Award
- Treasurer's Report
- Appointment of Auditor
- Setting of Affiliation Fees & Honouriums
- Amendments to Rules
- Election of Office Bearers
- Condolences
- General Business

Coffee and tea will be available prior to the Meeting commencing and at the completion of the AGM

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO MEMRLTA's BY-LAWS

The following By-law amendments have been submitted by the Executive Committee:-

7. Registration of Emergencies -

- a. Emergencies for the current season must be registered on the paper score sheet on the day of their first match and into the online scoring system. Details and Grade to be Registered MUST be completed. ~~EMERGENCIES PARTICIPATING IN MATCHES MUST BE FINANCIAL MEMBERS OF CLUBS REGISTERING THEM.~~
 - (i) Any emergency registered MUST abide by the financial rules required by the club registering them.
 - (ii) No emergency registered to play with a club shall be allowed to play for another club in the Association during the course of the season, unless with the sanction of the Executive Committee.
- d. Any emergency (including any pool emergency) must play in position #3 or #4, or the lowest position available if more than 2 emergencies (including pool emergencies) are playing in the one match. This does not apply to Section 1 as it is deemed an open section. Violation of this by-law shall have the offending team, if it wins, forfeit the points for the match to the offended team. Games won by the offending player(s) shall not count in the team's total. The offended team shall be awarded all sets (eight games to nil) in which the offending player(s) participated.
- d e In order to be eligible to play in Semi-final and Grand Final matches, where there is a 10-team draw, emergencies must have played in three (3) matches during the current season. Where there is an 8-team draw, emergencies must have played in two (2) matches during the current season.

Supporting Statement:

7a: After discussions with some clubs, we have learned that Clubs have very different 'rules' (depending on the Club) regarding emergency players for their teams. To allow flexibility for the use of Club emergency players, we feel adjusting this by-law in this way allows each club to have their individual 'rules', and still keep the insurance integrity viable. It should be remembered, that once registered for a Club, the emergency player is regarded as a club emergency for the remainder of the season – i.e. only play for the ONE club.

7d: We have had the policy of emergency players playing at #3 and #4 for many years and the Committee thinks that this needs to become a by-law to maintain the integrity of emergency players NOT strengthening the team. This will not impact many teams, as most teams are playing their emergencies correctly, however as a by-law, the Committee can invoke a penalty when teams disregard the policy as it stands now.



8. Pool Emergencies -

- a. A pool emergency player (hereafter referred to as pool emergency) must ~~either~~:
 - (i) be a financial member of a Club affiliated with ~~MEMRLTA~~ or Tennis Victoria, or
 - (ii) be a financial member of a Club that holds their own current public liability and personal injury insurance, or
 - (ii) (iii) pay MEMRLTA’s pool emergency player registration fee.

Supporting Statement:

8 a: This proposed change is at the direction of Tennis Victoria to cover our Insurance obligations.



- 8 d. Any pool emergency and any other emergency must play in position #3 or #4, or the lowest position available if more than 2 emergencies (including other emergencies) are playing in the one match. This does not apply to Section 1 as it is deemed an open section. Violation of this by-law shall have the offending team, if it wins, forfeit the points for the match to the offended team. Games won by the offending player(s) shall not count in the team's total. The offended team shall be awarded all sets (eight games to nil) in which the offending player(s) participated.
- d.e. In order to be eligible to play in Semi-final and Grand Final matches, pool emergencies (graded section 2 and below), where there is a 10-team draw, must have played three (3) matches during the current season, or where there is an 8- team draw, must have played in two (2) matches during the current season. Pool emergencies graded as Section 1 will not be eligible to play in any Semi-final or Grand Final matches.

Supporting Statement:

8d: We have had the policy of emergency players playing at #3 and #4 for many years and the Committee thinks that this needs to become a by-law to maintain the integrity of emergency players NOT strengthening the team. This will not impact many teams, as most teams are playing their emergencies correctly, however as a by-law, the Committee can invoke a penalty when teams disregard the policy as it stands now.



The following By-law amendment has been submitted by Donvale Tennis Club:-

Current By-Law 4:

4. Court Attire

Approved tennis garments, i.e. skirts, dresses, shorts, shirts and correct footwear must be worn. Track suits/compression garments may be worn under/over tennis clothing when warranted. Failure to wear correct tennis attire, a \$10 fine will be issued.

Proposed By-Law 4:

Approved tennis garments are encouraged, i.e. skirts, dresses, shorts, shirts & track pants. Correct footwear must be worn.

Supporting Statement:

The current rule is outdated in this age of inclusiveness and tolerance and it has nothing to do with how we play tennis. Some other Associations do not fine for a more relaxed attire and we feel all ladies look acceptable with their presentation in those competitions.

The Committee does not support this amendment:

Tennis is one of the few sports where teams compete without the expectation of having to wear a team uniform (unless they so choose) so to set an expected dress code is completely reasonable. How players present on court should reflect that they are playing in a competitive environment and not just having a social hit. By setting an Association wide dress code that also aligns with many individual club dress codes, it ensures that competitors are always dressed to a standard that will be suitable at all Clubs. There is also significant freedom within the MEMRLTA dress code to wear clothing that is suitable for all shapes and sizes and is able to reflect an individual's taste and can fit within any budget.



NOMINATIONS FOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR 2024/25

<u>Position</u>	<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>1st Nominator</u>	<u>2nd Nominator</u>
President:	Hope Stewart	East Camberwell	Helen Bell	Kate Drinnan
Vice President:	Jackie Aslett	Legend Park	Diane Turnbull	Margaret Reeve
Secretary:	Fiona Dwyer	Koonung Park	Gayle Powell	Robyn Laurie
Treasurer:	Christine Shearer	Gardiner	Eileen Johnson	Nerida Muirden
Record Secretaries:	Christine Youings Helen Williams	Gardiner Camberwell Utd	Nerida Muirden Julia Holda	Eileen Johnson Anne Chipperfield
General Committee:	Skye Berman	Kooyong	Shelly Hart	Maria Dzanovski
	Ros Brereton	Parker Reserve	Lynette Whiteley	Barb Catto
	Noelene Duckett	East Malvern	Angela Lacey	Mardi Andrew
	Jessica Fary	Burwood	Sue Delglis	Anne Teese