

GREENACRES TENNIS CLUB INC.

'HOME OF THE DRAGONS'

Members Handbook



as at March 2025

ABOUT US

Greenacres Tennis Club (GTC) is a friendly and welcoming club affiliated with the North East Tennis Association (NETA) and administered by Tennis SA. Established in 1961, our club has been a strong and vibrant part of the community for 60+ years—and we're continuing to grow. Rewarding our growth and commitment, Port Adelaide Enfield Council (PAEC) and the state government committed over 6 million dollars to the redevelopment of the Greenacres Reserve precinct providing us with state-of-the-art clubrooms in 2024.

We take pride in offering tennis opportunities for everyone, fostering a diverse and inclusive membership base. Located at Greenacres Reserve on Manoora Street, Greenacres, our club features large, modern clubrooms with commercial kitchen, four well-maintained courts with lighting, surrounded by a range of fantastic community facilities, including an oval, modern playground, outdoor exercise equipment, a basketball and netball rings, and BBQ areas.

Our commitment to excellence has been recognized through several awards:

🏆 *Club of the Year* – 2020 Tennis SA Awards

🏆 *Sports in the Community* – 2020 Tennis SA Awards

🏆 *Most Outstanding Competition* (Fiery 3's social competition) – 2022 Tennis SA Awards

As a proud member of the **Good Sports** program, we uphold policies around alcohol, drugs, and smoking to ensure a safe, family-friendly environment for all.

Tennis for Everyone

GTC offers a range of competitions and membership options:

- ✓ Juniors – Friday night, Saturday mornings
- ✓ Seniors – Saturday afternoons
- ✓ Social Tennis – Tuesday evening doubles comp
- ✓ Coaching – Sunday to Friday

COMPETITIONS

Greenacres Tennis Club offers a range of competitions for all ages and skill levels, including Juniors, Seniors, and our Fiery 3's social competition:

Juniors

Our junior program caters to players aged 18 years and under, with competitions held at various locations across Adelaide's north-eastern suburbs.

Junior Pathway

- **Orange Ball** – Played on modified courts with 50% compression balls on Saturday mornings. Parents are required to assist with scoring and ball collection.
- **Green Ball** – Played on full courts with 75% compression balls on Saturday mornings. Players are responsible for their own scoring; parents are not permitted on the court.
- **Yellow Ball** – Played on Friday nights and/or Saturday mornings, depending on ability, using standard 100% compression balls.

Advanced Yellow Ball players may also qualify for Senior competition on Saturday afternoons.

To foster team spirit, players are encouraged to stay until all matches are completed, supporting their teammates and the club.

Team & Individual Awards

- Junior players in Green Ball and Yellow Ball teams are eligible for the Most Consistent Player Award, based on singles results with a minimum of three match wins.
- Rankings are determined by the percentage of matches won versus matches played to ensure fairness, as players may have varying numbers of matches.
- Forfeits (both for and against a player) do not count toward statistics.
- Golden Racquet Award – awarded to players who have won 100% of Singles matches in a season.
- Fill-ins and non-financial members are ineligible for awards.

For more information, contact our Junior Coordinator at greenacrestc.juniors@gmail.com.

SENIORS

Senior tennis is open to adults and teenagers and runs year-round. Juniors may also compete in senior competitions if suited to the level of play. We offer flexible membership options to accommodate different player needs.

Senior Summer Competition (Oct – Mar/Apr)

- Matches are held Saturday afternoons at north-eastern suburban locations.
- Singles competition – Teams of 4-6 men or women; each player competes in one singles and one doubles set (first to 9 games).
- Doubles competition – Teams of 4-6 men or women; each player competes in three doubles matches.

Senior Winter Competition (May – Aug)

- Matches are held Saturday afternoons across the metropolitan area (some divisions are based in northern or southern suburbs).
 - Singles and doubles competition – Teams of 4-6 players.
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NOMINATIONS (Senior & Junior competition)

Greenacres Tennis Club participates in both Summer (October start) and Winter (May start) seasons. Tennis SA administers all competitions. GTC is part of North East Tennis Association (NETA).

Financial players will receive an email with nomination details and deadlines. Non-financial players will not receive nomination notices. To secure a place in a team, please nominate by the deadline. Late nominations will be considered only if spots remain available.

Senior Competition Options:

- Men's Doubles
- Men's Singles (includes match of doubles)
- Women's Doubles

- Women's Singles (includes match of doubles)
- Mixed Doubles (men and women)

Junior Competition Options (up to age 18):

- Orange Ball (4 seasons per year, in line with school terms)
- Green Ball
- Yellow Ball (Friday night and/or Saturday morning)
- Advanced juniors may play/fill in for a senior team

New and returning players (absent for 12+ months) must apply for membership.

FILL-INS (Senior & Junior competition)

If you are unable to play a match, notify your team captain/team manager or junior coordinator as early as possible. Fill-ins must be approved by the Club Captain, who will liaise with Tennis SA for approval.

If you are aware of a prior commitment, please notify your captain/junior coordinator in advance to allow ample time for replacements to be arranged. As a team member, your commitment to as many matches as possible is appreciated.

SOCIAL – FIERY 3's

- Fun doubles-only competition on Tuesday evenings.
 - Teams of three players.
 - First to five games, sudden death deuce.
 - Match times: 6:45 PM & 8:15 PM.
 - Sportsmanship votes awarded.
 - More details at: Greenacres Tennis Club Website.
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MEMBERSHIP FEES

We aim to keep fees competitive and affordable. Membership fees contribute to leasing facilities, hiring extra courts, lights, balls, and Tennis SA affiliation fees.

Fees are reviewed annually before the Club's AGM and communicated before each season's nominations.

Payment Details:

- An early bird discount applies to Junior and Senior players who pay in full before Round 4.
- Flexible payment plans are available but must be arranged before the season starts with the Treasurer.
- The early bird discount does not apply to payment plans.
- Payment receipts should be emailed to greenacrestctreasurer@gmail.com.

Fee Payment Deadlines:

- Players must have fees paid or be on a payment plan by Round 6 to continue playing.
- Any player with unpaid fees by the end of the minor round will be ineligible for future seasons.

Players who fill in for 4 or more matches will be charged a pro-rata fee.

Membership fees are non-refundable unless due to a serious injury/illness, which will be reviewed on a case by-case basis.

COMMUNICATION & SOCIAL MEDIA

Stay connected with us via Facebook & Instagram for club updates. If you haven't already, give us a Like/Follow!

Club communication also occurs via email, text messages, and WhatsApp for team-related updates.

Keep your contact details up to date to ensure you receive important notifications.

EXPECTED PLAYER BEHAVIOUR

- Give your best at all times.
- Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit, however, participate as a team.
- Play by the rules and show respect for other players, coaches, officials.
- Treat all participants in sport how you would like to be treated.
- Control your temper. Verbal abuse and sledging are not acceptable behaviours.

EXPECTED SPECTATOR BEHAVIOUR

Our club is committed to providing a safe environment for participation.

Aggressive, threatening or other inappropriate behaviour by members, their families, their friends, and other sporting personnel while attending a game or event will not be tolerated.

These behaviours are outlined on our Code of Behaviour and specifically include:

- Focus on your child's effort and performance, rather than winning at all costs.
- When possible, stay and watch your child's match. Children love it when their parents/care-givers stay and support them.
- Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- Do not use bad language.
- Do not harass or ridicule players, coaches, officials or other spectators.
- Do not make racist, religious, sexist, threatening or other inappropriate comments to players, coaches, officials or other spectators.
- Where possible, assist team manager/captain or coach at games.

If you have experienced inappropriate/ threatening behaviour and would like assistance, please reach out to our Member Protection Officer at greenacrestc.mpo@gmail.com.

It is important that all our members (juniors, seniors and social) feel safe and nurtured, and we try to provide this environment. You can find more support on our website www.greenacresttennisclub.com

UNIFORMS

Greenacres Tennis Club takes great pride in its branding and encourages members to wear "Dragons" uniforms. We strive to make uniforms cost-effective by seeking government grants to help subsidize costs. While wearing the club uniform is not mandatory, it is preferred as it fosters team spirit and presents a professional look on the court.

Our uniform sponsor, Apelle, provides both on-court and off-court/support wear options. Playing tops will be available through our customer portal leading up to each season.

Uniform Portal: <https://apelleapparel.com/collections/greenacres-tennis-club>

Players should wear clean, tidy attire with non-marking shoes and a hat to protect against the sun and UV rays.

LOST PROPERTY & VALUABLES

Greenacres Tennis Club is not responsible for lost items. Any found items will be kept for one month. Unclaimed items will be:

- Uniforms → Donated to our Second Serve program.
- Other clothing & drink bottles → Donated to charity.
- Racquets → Retained for owner identification.

Valuables are brought to the club at your own risk.

VOLUNTEERING

Greenacres Tennis Club relies on volunteers for smooth operations.

Opportunities to Help:

- Executive or General Committee roles
- Team Manager for your child's team
- Canteen assistance on game days
- Club event support
- Fundraising activities
- BBQ cooking on match days/events

All committee members require a Working with Children Check, which can be arranged for volunteers free of charge.

Current Committee Members:

Executive Committee:

- President: Kaylah Wilson (greenacrestc.president@gmail.com)
- Vice President: Darren Lambden (greenacrestc.vp@gmail.com)
- Treasurer: Jess Galloway (greenacrestctreasurer@gmail.com)
- Secretary: Davin Buttery (greenacrestc.secretary@gmail.com)
- Member Protection Officer: Rachel Owens (greenacrestc.mpo@gmail.com)

General Committee:

- Club Captain: Darren Lambden / Kaylah Wilson
 - Junior Coordinator: Rachel Owens (greenacrestc.juniors@gmail.com)
 - Diversity Officer: Anita Healy
 - Canteen Managers: Kai, Gio, and Lyndall
 - Tournament Organisers: Lillie Jarratt / Jess Galloway
 - Social Media: Natalie Pranic
 - Sponsorship: Andrew King
 - Youth Delegate: Kai Abbracciavento
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EVENTS

Events we rotate through our calendar:

- Annual Senior Singles & Doubles Tournaments
 - Annual Junior/Senior Tournament
 - Easter Tournament
 - Themed Fiery 3's Nights
 - Halloween Event
 - Christmas/End of Year Celebrationand more events coming soon.
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TENNIS COACHING

Head Coach: Matthew Owens (Matt Owens Tennis School)

Greenacres Tennis Club's Head Coach, Matthew Owens, offers small group and private lessons from Sunday to Friday for ages 5+. Our 8-week coaching terms, run in line with SA school terms, allowing us time at the end of each term should we need to hold catch up lessons due to weather cancellations. School holidays is a great opportunity for private lessons.

Programs Offered:

- Tennis Hot Shots (Ages 5+)
- Junior Development Squads
- Adult Beginner Lesson
- Private & Semi-Private Lessons

Coaches hold National Police Checks and Working with Children Clearances.

For coaching inquiries:

- Phone: 0415 539 270
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- Website: www.mattowenstennis.com.au
- Facebook: Matt Owens Tennis School