

TENNIS VICTORIA BY-LAWS

9.0 – Affiliation Fees

9.1. Application

This By-Law sets out the procedures and Affiliation Fees for Membership of Tennis Victoria.

Unless the contrary intention applies in this By-Law, words shall have the same meaning as in Tennis Victoria's Constitution.

NB: 'Member' (capitalised) and **'member'** (lower case) have specific meanings in this By-Law:

- **Member:** As per Tennis Victoria's Constitution
- **Member:** The constituents of a Tennis Body affiliated to Tennis Victoria, and will be preceded with an identifier e.g. club members, association member clubs.

9.2. Affiliation Categories for Tennis Bodies

A Tennis Body may affiliate as a Member in one (1) of the following categories:

- a. **Association:** an incorporated body comprised of association member clubs.
- b. **Specialist Body:** Tennis Officials Australia - Victoria, Tennis Coaches Association - Victoria and Tennis Seniors Victoria.
- c. **Club:** an incorporated body of a tennis club comprised of club members.
- d. **Commercial Centre:** Professionally administered tennis business/venue with formal business registration.
- e. **Associate Affiliate:** Schools, and any other Tennis Bodies that do not meet the definition of Association, Specialist Body, Club or Commercial Centre as contained above and within the Constitution. Associate Affiliates do not have voting rights but are eligible to access all other benefits and services of affiliates unless otherwise specified in By-Laws.
- f. **Restricted Associate Affiliate:** Any unincorporated Tennis Body under the authority of a larger organisation (e.g. an unincorporated church-based club under the authority of the Melbourne Catholic Archdiocese), that does not meet the definition of an Association, Specialist Body, Club or Commercial Centre as contained above and within the Constitution. Restricted Associate Affiliates do not have voting rights and are not covered under the Tennis Australia National Insurance Program but are eligible to access all other benefits and services of affiliates unless otherwise specified in By-Laws.

9.3. Timelines and Procedures for Affiliation

- a. The annual affiliation fee payable by each category of Tennis Body is set out in Schedule 1 of this By-Law.
- b. All Tennis Bodies will be invoiced on 1 July for the total amount of their affiliation fee on 30 day payment terms, unless they have been approved for a payment plan, as outlined in 9.4.
- c. To renew affiliation all Tennis Bodies must agree to be bound by TV's Constitution, By-Laws and Policies. Additionally:
 - i. An Association must pay the annual affiliation fee and provide a list of their association member clubs
 - ii. A Specialist Body must pay the annual affiliation fee
 - iii. A Club, Commercial Centre, Associate Affiliate or Restricted Associate Affiliate is required to:
 - i. Pay the annual affiliation fee
 - ii. Record all tennis participants connected to their organisation and/or

tennis venue. This includes members, social players and casual users.
There is no Player Registration Fee.

9.4. Club Assistance Package (CAP) and Payment Plans

- a. Any Club with a turnover (i.e. revenue) of less than \$1,170 in their most recent financial year is eligible to apply to management for the CAP.
- b. Any Tennis Body may apply to management for a payment plan for their affiliation fee. Any such payment plan will require the full amount of the affiliation fee to be paid within the financial year.
- c. Management shall have the discretion to approve or reject applications for CAP affiliation fees and payment plans, and may take into account additional factors such as the financial assets of a Tennis Body and willingness of the Tennis Body to improve their financial viability.
- d. CAP fees and payment plans shall be granted for a period of one year only, with Tennis Bodies being eligible to reapply in subsequent years if necessary.

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9.0 Schedule 1 – Affiliation Fees

The following fees apply for the 2024/25 financial year:

Clubs and Commercial Centres

Number of Courts	Affiliation fee (inc GST)
Metro Melbourne	
1-4 courts	\$1,205
5-9 courts	\$1,855
10+ courts	\$4,835
Country Victoria	
1-4 courts	\$675
5-9 courts	\$1,015
10-19 courts	\$1,885
20+ courts	\$3,060
Professional Club Business	See Note 1 below

Note 1: A Professional Club Business is a tennis Club within the state of Victoria with a recurring average annual operating revenue over the preceding three financial years in excess of \$1,000,000, and with 3000 or more members and 20 courts or more, in the previous financial year.

A commercial in-confidence affiliation fee with Professional Club Businesses, approved by the Board, will be implemented.

Note 2: The Club Assistance Program fee referred to at 9.4 of this By-Law is \$249 (inc GST).

Associations

Association Category	Definition	Affiliation fee (inc GST)
Small Metropolitan	3-29 member clubs	\$895
Large Metropolitan	30+ member clubs	\$1,775
Small Country	3-29 member clubs	\$690
Large Country	30+ member clubs	\$1,360

Specialist Bodies

The fee for Specialist Bodies is \$1,205.

Associate Affiliates

Where the Associate Affiliate or Restricted Associate Affiliate owns or has tenure over tennis courts, their affiliation fee is the equivalent fee that they would pay if they were eligible to affiliate as a Club, or if they do not have ownership or tenure over tennis courts, a flat fee equivalent to the fee paid by a Metropolitan Club with 1-4 courts: \$1,205.

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