



TENNIS NORTHERN REGION
ADVISORY GROUP

ADVISORY GROUP TERMS OF REFERENCE

Introduction

Tennis Northern (TNR) oversees all things tennis in the Northern region. Geographically we stretch from Mahurangi in the north to Devonport in the south and as far west as Helensville and Waimauku. With 26 clubs and over 6,000 registered players we have a diverse membership.

TNR wants to ensure it engages regularly with this group to make sure we are in touch with our membership and meeting the needs of players and clubs. To achieve this, an Advisory Group will be established. All clubs will be invited to participate and ideally there will be representation from every club.

We are seeking anyone involved with tennis who is prepared to meet a minimum of twice per year and provide feedback on what is happening in the tennis community. This will include but is not restricted to organized social tennis that clubs provide, club health, interclub, tournaments and anything else relevant to our sport.

Purpose and makeup of the Advisory Group

The key objective of the Advisory Group is to provide open and honest feedback from members' perspectives on how TNR is meeting our mission of "More People playing More Tennis More Often" and delivering on our Strategic Plan 2023-2027.

The Advisory Group will also provide feedback on junior tennis, tournaments, senior and junior interclub, interclub rules and regulations, policies, and club feedback on any other matter relevant to our sport.

We will be seeking feedback on what is being done well, what are the challenges, opportunities and frustrations and what can we do to address them. We need to know the good, the bad and the ugly. We will be asking for constructive feedback and expect the Advisory Group to not only challenge us on what can be done better but work with us on solutions and initiatives that will improve players' experience and their engagement with our game.

We ask that each TNR affiliated club nominate a representative for the Advisory Group. They do not have to be president, club or team Captain, committee members or an interclub player. We welcome divergent views so ask for participation from our junior players (parent or older teen) and from our ethnic communities. As long as club nominations are involved with tennis within the region in some way shape or form, they are welcome to attend. This includes vets, coaches and social players.

Requirements

The Advisory Group will meet a minimum of twice per year. The format will vary with outside facilitators utilised on occasion. We recognize that volunteers are busy, however we would like a commitment from club representatives of one year (two meetings) and ideally two years (four meetings) to ensure continuity.

- An agenda for the Advisory Group meeting will be sent two weeks prior to the meeting and representatives are expected to have read any pre-reading and sought feedback

from the club's committee and wider player community (where applicable and possible).

- The Advisory Group will provide honest and open feedback from the player and club's perspective with regards organized social play at clubs, interclub, tournaments, junior tennis and club health.
- The Advisory Group will listen and be respectful of other points of view.
- Come up with innovative ideas to further improve tennis across all areas.
- The Advisory Group will share the findings with their club and wider tennis community.

Communications

TNR will minute the meetings, summarise the findings and use this information to ensure that we continue with the forward thinking and proactive changes needed to enhance the tennis experiences throughout the TNR region.

Meeting minutes will be circulated to Club Presidents and Club Captains for distribution to the wider community. A summary of the outcomes will be included in Courtside News and through social media channels.