

Jellicoe Park Tennis Club

<http://jellicoeparktennis.weebly.com/>

Community members join the club to participate in social events, coaching and interclub competitions. Casual participants, non-members, are found at holiday programmes, senior coaching sessions and social events. All forms of participation contribute to improved personal and community well-being.

Competitions

Competition formats provide opportunities for game play for club members and casual entries from the wider community.

For 2019 winter interclub there was a mix of juniors and seniors and this summer season, pre-Christmas, there were six senior teams entered in Saturday competitions and one on a Monday. Seven junior teams have been competing each Saturday and one on a Sunday. The Presidents team (30+ years) could be counted as two teams as it has eight players, four men and four women, who play two doubles matches in each round.

More courts will enable more teams to be entered as the club grows and play home games at the same time.

Club based competitions are also run. Some, such as the club championships, challenge the keen interclub players, while others introduce new players to game scoring and provide a fun format for juniors and seniors with lesser skills but a wish to have fun as they exercise and socialise.

An annual two-day tournament involves up to thirty junior players in doubles on day one and singles on day two. Doubles partners are rotated within each similarly skilled group. Under elevens have their own one-day tournament played with smaller nets, courts and beginner balls to finish their year each December.

A winter weekend club-hosted tournament schedule will be introduced in 2020. Juniors from Manurewa and surrounding suburbs will be invited to participate in revised format round-robin competitions with sessions held each Saturday and Sunday morning and afternoon, as demand dictates. Each player will be on a court with four more similarly ranked players. Points are earned toward end of term prizes. Top two and bottom two move up and down between courts after each round.

More courts will increase the limit for each session by 50%.

Coaching

Coaching is available to all juniors as part of their membership on Wednesday and Friday evenings, while adult seniors have sessions on Monday evenings. Parents of a dozen advanced juniors pay a coach for coaching in squads of four and personal sessions, four evenings each week. No court hire or light fees are charged.

Wednesday night is club night and open to all members for friendly matches, coaching and practice.

More courts will mean coaching will be available for more players in each session and weekend sessions become an option.

Social

The appointment of a social coordinator has seen an immediate lift in community participation.

A recent social doubles tournament attracted eleven club related entries with another eight first time participants from the local community. They were supported by fifteen friends and family who also enjoyed the sausage sizzle. 2020 onwards more events are being planned which will coincide with public holidays to avoid clashes with the interclub competition schedule.

Businesses will be approached to co-host their own events.

Special events raise funds for other charitable purposes such as families and communities in need.

Having two more courts will lift the numbers able to be involved on court in each event.

Holiday programmes

Community children aged 11 to 17 are invited to participate free in Breakaway Holiday Programmes which are notified through the club's website, emails to parents and local schools.

Paid coaches are engaged to provide structured programmes for all levels while volunteers give additional off-court supervision and provide morning tea and lunch for all.

Ten full size beginner racquets were recently added to the club's stock for use in holiday and beginner programmes, thanks to a grant from Trillian Trust.

Participation exceeds the thirty contracted and funded by Counties Manukau Sport as numbers are boosted by younger siblings in the six to ten-year-old range.

For 2019 programmes have been run in April and October school holidays.

April	October
week one 32 aged 11 to 17 years 11 aged 6 to 10 years 7 were non-club members	week one 27 aged 11 to 17 years 11 aged 7 to 10 years 2 non-club members
week two 33 aged 11 to 17 years 8 aged 6 to 10 years 5 were non-club members	week two 29 aged 11 to 17 years 13 aged 7 to 10 years 4 non-club members

Free Breakaway Holiday Programmes will be held this summer. Daily 9am - 1.30pm.

Dec 2019 - Tues 17 - Fri 20. Jan 2020 - Week 1 Mon 6 - 10, Week 2 Mon 13 - 17, Week 3 Mon 20 - 24.
Open to all community kids aged 11-17yrs. Morning tea & light lunch provided.

Having more courts will enable these programmes to expand to include more local children.

With room for 50% more the programme advertising can also be raised to make more aware.