

## **Highmoor Uniting Tennis Club**

## **Junior Team Guidelines**

**COMMITMENT/AVAILABILITY:** All players participating in Highmoor Junior teams are expected to be available to play when required throughout the season. Of course, there are exceptions for illness/injury, family commitments, school commitments, and in some cases other sport commitments. If you know that you cannot play, please communicate this as early as possible to the Club official (Coach).

\* The Team's success relies on commitment from all players.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Playing in a team requires you to be a member of the club. Once you have become a member, you are then registered with Tennis Victoria and have insurance/liability cover for playing tennis at Highmoor or other junior tennis venues. The membership also allows you to use the Highmoor tennis courts free of charge, so that you can practice as much as you like.

**ATTIRE:** Wearing appropriate clothing/footwear is important when playing tennis competition. All players should wear proper tennis shoes that will give you sufficient grip and comfort, and will not damage the court surface. Please ask the Club official (Coach) if you are unsure what shoes are allowed. Also, comfortable sports clothing is important to move freely during the course of a tennis match.

\* Highmoor has its own Tennis shirts/Hoodies/Caps available to purchase. They have the club logo and look very smart. The Hoodies look really cool and you can have your name/nickname printed on the back. It would be great to see more juniors wearing the club uniform.

**START TIMES:** It is important that you follow the rules of start times. Failure to be on time can result in a forfeit. For example, if the start time reads as 8:30am, that means the first point of the match is supposed to be started at 8:30am. So all players should be present at the venue 15-20 mins early, which allows a good warm-up hit and time to fill out your names on the score sheet.

**TEAM SUPPORT:** As part of your commitment to the team, you are expected to stay and support your teammates until the completion of all matches. We all have busy schedules and need to move on to the next commitment, but where possible, please stay and watch your team, that support just might be difference of the team winning or losing.