

Adult Pennant report - Ainslie Tennis Club AGM June 2020

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Since the beginning of 2020, ACT Tennis relaunched adult pennant as Canberra Tennis League, with updated branding, a new committee to set the rules of play, providing balls, and grading teams into divisions based almost entirely on player ratings that can be found within MyTennis.

Only two complete seasons have been played in the past 12 months (winter 2019 and spring 2019). Summer 2019-20 was abandoned due to bushfire smoke after just a couple of incomplete rounds and Autumn 2020 was cancelled after just one round round was played, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Participation by Ainslie

Participation in adult pennant in the cub has grown substantially, with the largest number of teams for at least the last 15 years entered in Autumn 2020.

We are yet to see the results in pennant wins, because there has been no recent play, but winter 2020 should be a big season for Ainslie, with new players, and lots of work being done by existing players to improve their play.

Playing pennant for Ainslie is a great social experience, and allows players to improve and develop. We emphasise getting players into teams that are well matched and competitive, and giving players the opportunity to fill-in for higher divisions wherever possible.

Season	Teams	Results
Summer 2018-19	<u>Three teams:</u> Monday/Tuesday div 4 and 7 Thursday night div 3/4	
Autumn 2019	<u>Four teams:</u> Mon/Tues div 7, 8 and 9 Thurs div 4	Runner up div 9 Mon/Tues
Winter 2019	<u>Three teams:</u> Monday night div 6 and 7 Thursday night div 4	One pennant (Thursday night mixed doubles)
Spring 2019	<u>Five teams:</u> Monday night div 6, 7, 8, 9 Thursday night div 4	
Summer 2019-20	<u>Four teams:</u> Monday night div 6, 8, 8 Thursday night div 4	Play abandoned due to bushfire smoke

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Autumn 2020	<u>Seven teams:</u> Monday night div 4, 5, 7, 8 Thursday night div 3, 3 Saturday afternoon div 1	Cancelled after one round
Winter 2020	<u>Six teams:</u> Monday night approx div 2/3, 5/6, 8 Thursday night approx div 3/4, 4 Saturday afternoon div 1 <i>Grading not yet complete.</i>	Play starts last week of June 2020

New players

New players are welcome to sign up as reserves for winter, or to enquire about joining a team in spring, contact me on kat.knope@gmail.com or 0413 492 788