



## Membership Communication – 2020 Fee Structure

### ***Our opportunity***

Table Tennis Victoria's vision is to: *"Connect more people in Victoria, with more forms of table tennis, more often"*.

We know that the services we offer to our members (e.g. player development pathways, competition access, insurance coverage of players, grant funding, coaching courses, etc.) are important to club operations.

### ***What needs to change?***

Recent government funding changes have seen Table Tennis Victoria's major external funding stream significantly reduce. We therefore need to explore alternate funding sources to continue to support you, and to address the critical growth challenges facing table tennis in Victoria. TTV has always ensured that our fees bring the best value to our members, and in order to continue this service, the Board and Executive have resolved to increase fees from 1 January 2020.

Changes as of 1 January 2020:

1. **Annual membership fees will increase** - We have mitigated increases in the fees by introducing a *Concession* rate for Senior Card Holders (in addition to its current application to Students and Juniors). We have also frozen *Social Membership* and *Affiliation* fees.
2. **Introduce *Competition* category** - The old *Pennant* and *Tournament* categories will be replaced by a new single category: '*Competition*'. The development of a single *Competition* category reduces confusion and administrative burden on Affiliates and TTV, and will hopefully lead to an increase in tournament participation amongst existing pennant players.

### **FAQ's**

- ***What do I get for my membership fee?***

TTV members continue to benefit from player development pathways, competition access, insurance coverage, grant funding opportunities, coaching and officials' courses, etc. It is important to note that comparisons highlight that table tennis membership fees at both association and club level are very low when compared to other sports. They will also benefit from the new initiatives outlined in the Strategic Plan.

- ***Why is this happening now?***

In order to stay on track in building the profile of table tennis in line with our vision, as well as meeting the needs of our members, we cannot continue to allow the growth of our sport to be based on external funding.

- ***Where will the extra money generated by the increased membership fees go?***

The initiatives outlined in the Strategic Plan in areas such as Participation Growth Strategy, Club Enhancement Initiative, Marketing & Communications, as well as High Performance & Talent Development will all directly benefit from the funds through a combination of additional staff resourcing and program development.

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