

## Good News Tennis Ministries Tournament entry fees and general finances.

Although Good News Tennis Ministries (GNTM) is a ministry it has a profit motive. It is covered by Hatfield Christian Church. In 2015/16 GNTM contributed nearly 50% of its profit to spreading the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The books are audited and financial statements are available for inspection.

These are tough economic times and not everyone is able to pay entry fees. Attempts are made to recover entry fees from non-paying players through payment in kind, services from parents or players, part payment and other convenient methods.

The charges are R200/3.5 – 4.0 hours of tournament time. There is a 25 % discount for players paying by EFT at least 10 days before the tournament begins. In the Gauteng school holidays tournaments are two days long (7.0 – 8.0 hours) then the cost is R400.00 irrespective if you only play one day. Early payment qualifies you for a R100.00 discount per player.

The R50.00/hour the player pays covers the following:

(Tithe; new balls; court hire; website costs; marketing (cell; Telkom; sms); book keeping; medals; insurance; maintenance & repairs of electronic equipment; sponsorship; tennis bursary; labour and profit)

Included in the entry fee are the calculations of the 7 ladders that make up the tennis report card that is published after each tournament. These seven aspects of a player that are reported on are based on match results only. View the link of 28 May 2016 tournament report card for every player who has played since 10 January 2015.

The support by parents to help finance the tennis bursary has been poor and most of the +R3 350.00 plus interest has been financed out of GNTM profits. Many unsuccessful attempts have been made to gain sponsorship from businesses in the community. The result is the size of the cash bursary will never be guaranteed.

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### Etiquette and rules about GNTM finances

- Reply to the initial personal e-mail invitation by saying NO or “?” or YES. The reply saves costs of follow-up sms and phone calls (mostly cell numbers).
- Fill in e-mail survey of availability for the next 6 months tournaments by simply answering NO or “?” or YES in the correct block. GNTM responds to that answer e.g. If you reply NO you receive no further communication about the tournament in question.
- As soon as you know the player is committed please pay the entry fee by EFT.
- Please phone Pierre Lubbe as soon as you know you have to withdraw. An e-mail or sms is often read too late and leads to a crisis. Although not imperative to provide an excuse GNTM is interested enough to pray for your crisis if you do provide an excuse.

- If you withdraw before the schedule is compiled your money is kept in trust for future entry fees. If the schedule is already compiled you lose your entry fee to pay for the labour for the schedule to be re-compiled.
  - Please do not pay cash at the tournament.
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