



SYDNEY TENNIS LEAGUE PROSPECTUS



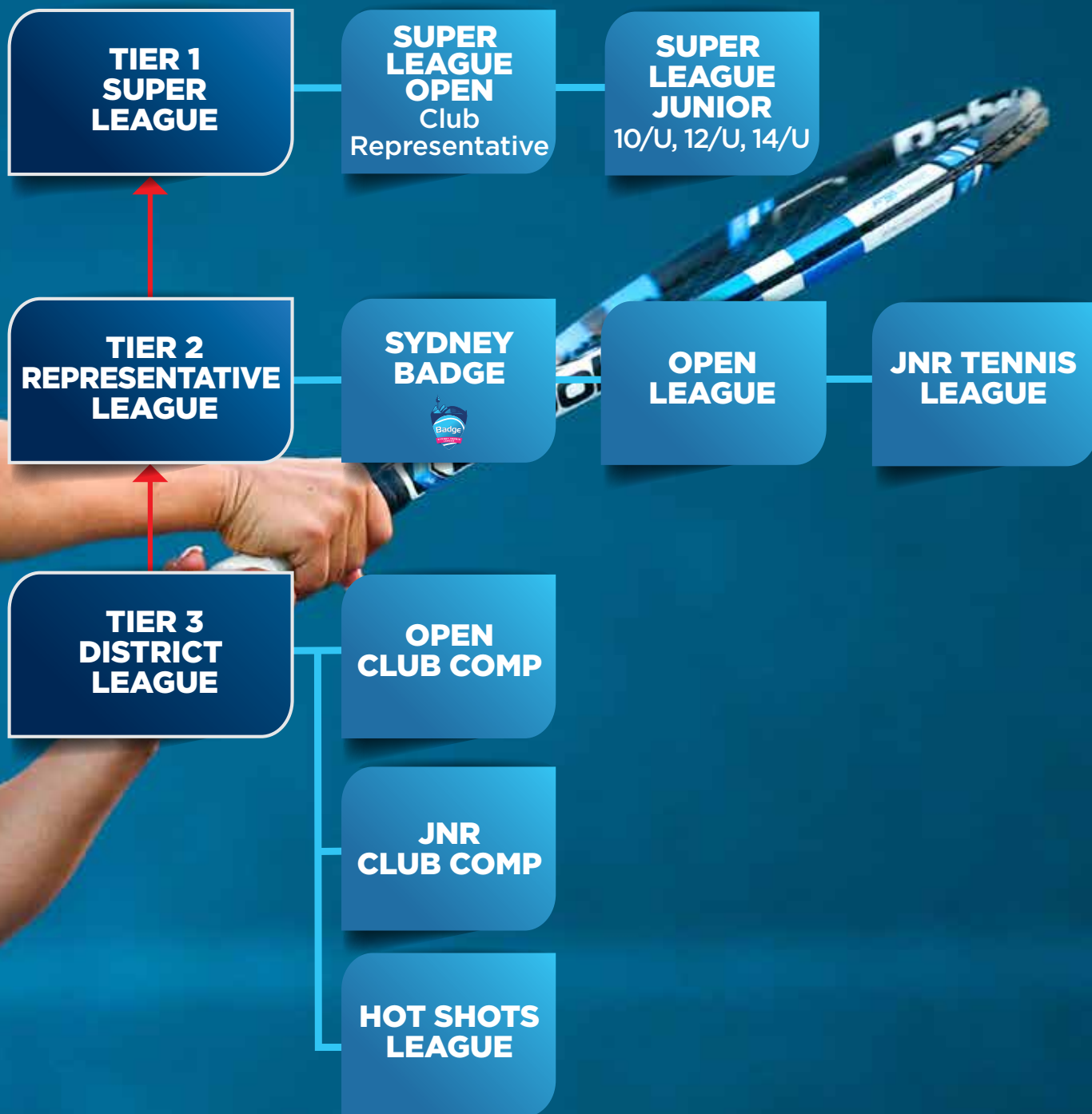
VISION

The Sydney Tennis League provides an opportunity for players from Hot Shots level through to professional athletes to engage in regular tennis competition against their peers in Metro Sydney. A tiered structure will ensure Associations, Clubs and Centres remain the central providers and drivers of competition tennis through five primary Metro regions – North, South, Central, South West and West.

The Sydney Tennis League provides a participation pathway that fosters competition tennis locally, encourages Club and Regional loyalty, whilst also providing the opportunity and direction to reach the highest level State-wide. Players begin their journey with Hot Shots Leagues and aspire through the Sydney Tennis League pathway to play in the Asia-Pacific Tennis League.

By the start of 2017, Tennis NSW's vision is to have the Sydney Tennis League recognised as the umbrella for league and competition tennis in Sydney.





LEAGUE STRUCTURE

THE REGIONS

A map of the Sydney metropolitan area divided into five distinct regions, each color-coded and labeled. The regions are: West (light purple), North (light blue), Central (dark purple), South West (medium blue), and South (bright blue). The map shows the coastline and major water bodies of Sydney.

EACH TENNIS NSW AFFILIATE WILL BE ASSIGNED TO ONE OF FIVE METROPOLITAN SYDNEY REGIONS TO COMPETE IN UNDER THE SYDNEY TENNIS LEAGUE.

WEST

NORTH

CENTRAL

SOUTH WEST

SOUTH



CENTRAL



SOUTH WEST



WEST



NORTH



SOUTH

TIERS THE SYDNEY TENNIS LEAGUE WILL COMPRISE OF THREE TIERS:

TIER 1: SUPER LEAGUE

OPEN

- Six male and female teams competing in a home and away league
- Played on Saturdays, from 12:00pm
- Run over a total of 12 weeks (10 rounds plus semi-final and final)
- Team comprised of min. 4 players and max. 8 players on match day (squad max. 10)
- Teams decide which players play singles and which players play doubles (players can play both)
- Total prize pool of \$20,000
- As part of league entry, each team will receive a logo (if required) and balls for the season
- Lines-people and chair umpires provided for grand final
- Entry fee is \$750 per team

See League Calendar for 2017 match dates

JUNIOR

- Top 24 players from each age group will be selected by Tennis NSW to represent one of six teams in a six week competition.
- Matches will be played on Saturdays, from 12:00pm
- Players will be selected based on national ranking, national rating and recent performances. Please note players will not be selected if they are not a member of a Tennis NSW affiliate.
- Players selected will compete in the Term 1 and 2 competition blocks with teams then re-selected for the Term 3 and Term 4 competition block.
- Players will be notified by email of their selection. Those not selected will be placed on a reserve list. All players are encouraged to compete in an STL Representative League.
- Teams will consist of four players competing in singles and doubles in the FAST4 Tennis format (formats may vary term to term)
- A central venue will host each competition
- Entry fee is \$130 per player per term

See League Calendar for 2017 match dates

TIER 2: REPRESENTATIVE LEAGUE

- Representative Leagues will be made up of teams from Associations/Clubs registered to STL
- Singles and doubles leagues for all ages within each of the five Metropolitan Sydney regions
- Run over six weeks on Sundays in each of the school terms
- Home and away matches
- Junior start times between 8:00am and 12:00pm
- Open start times from 2:00pm
- Minimum of two courts required per fixture
- Players can boost their national rating

SYDNEY BADGE

- Doubles only competition run on Saturdays from 12:00pm onwards
- Open age with 16 weeks of competition (14 rounds plus semi-final and final)
- Home and away matches
- Min. of four players and max. 10 players per squad
- Played across all five Metropolitan Sydney regions
- Season starts in April and finishes in September. See League Calendar for dates.

TIER 3: DISTRICT LEAGUE

- In order to run a District League competition, Associations/Clubs must be registered to the Sydney Tennis League
- District Leagues consist of all Association/Club run competitions/leagues varying in age, gender and format
- Dates and times of competitions are at the discretion of the Association/Club administrators

- Entry fees will be determined and collected by Association/Club. Tennis NSW will not profit from or influence competition fees
- The use of League Manager as the competition software is a requirement. This ensures all players can receive a national rating

NATIONAL RATING

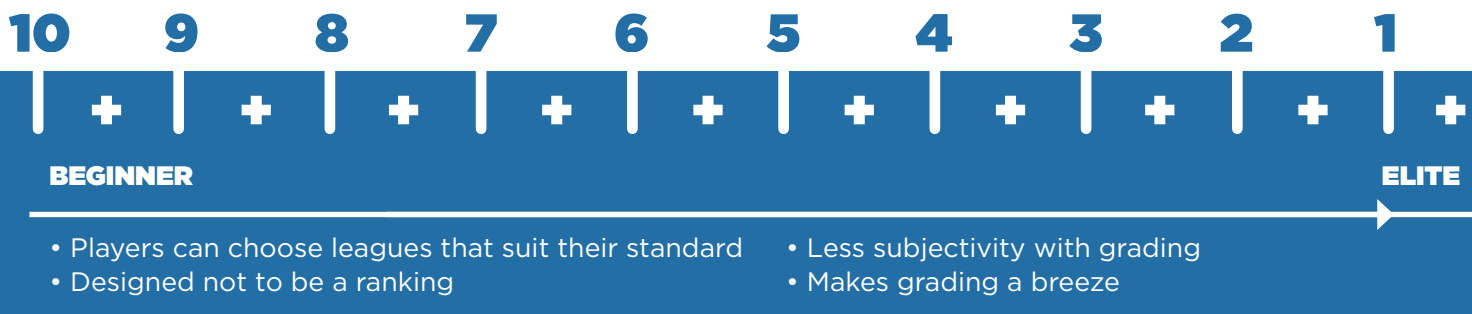
A RATING IS A MEASURING TOOL INDICATING A STANDARD OF PLAY AND ENABLES PLAYERS TO RECORD THEIR PROGRESS. A RATING WILL GIVE PLAYERS ACCESS TO APPROPRIATE LEVELS OF COMPETITION.

The primary aim of the rating is to provide a standard base of play. Play is based on the TA Rating System ensuring organisers of a league will be able to grade efficiently and effectively. Players can choose the most appropriate league for them and play with and against players of similar ability.

For junior and adult players there are 10 rating bands, starting with 10 which is the lowest and progressing through to 1 which is the highest rating. Before progressing to a higher rating, a player will be given a plus rating e.g. a player will rise from an 8 to an 8+ to a 7.

This means that players can play in the most appropriate league available and that administrators can grade efficiently and with less subjectivity. Administrators will ultimately be able to clearly promote the playing standard of their competition and players can select those competitions that best suit their standard.

The rating is NOT designed to be a ranking whereby players can measure their performance improvement on a specific match.



The National Rating is available to all players who are competing in a league that is run using League Manager and Match Centre software.

WHAT IS SUCCESS?

TENNIS NSW IS COMMITTED TO:

- **THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SYDNEY TENNIS LEAGUE- PROVIDING A CLEAR PATHWAY FOR LEAGUE TENNIS**
- **A REVAMPED COMPETITIONS STRUCTURE**
- **BRINGING BACK PLAYERS INTO ASSOCIATIONS/ CLUBS**



THE FOLLOWING NINE RECOMMENDATIONS WILL BE FOLLOWED TO ENSURE THE PLANNED DEVELOPMENT OF SYDNEY TENNIS LEAGUE AND COMPETITIONS FULFILLS THE VISION OUTLINED IN THIS PROSPECTUS.

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THREE TIER STRUCTURE:

Provides competition for every standard of play and creates a clear pathway to progress.

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FIVE METRO REGIONS FOR TIER 2:

Encourages inter-regional play, reducing travel time, with the possibility of a State play-off.

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CENTRALISED ADMINISTRATION:

Tennis NSW will be the primary administrator of Sydney Tennis League and a dedicated resource will be allocated.

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TEAM-BASED REGISTRATION:

Team entries will be through a TNSW affiliate only. Payment structure will enable Associations, Clubs and Centres to charge appropriately and generate revenue. All players must be registered through their local Club.

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CHAMPIONSHIPS/CARNIVALS:

Tier 1 and 2 leagues to culminate in a final with the opportunity for a championship or carnival. Tier 3 leagues will culminate in a final.

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FOUR SHORT COMPETITION PERIODS:

Establish four competition periods held during each of the school terms.

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PLAYER RATINGS:

Competitions can be structured based around a rating level, meaning players can more easily access competitive match play.

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TNSW ASSISTANCE:

Tennis NSW will oversee and support all three tiers. Tier 3 leagues will be provided with match rules and protocols, including multiple options to allow members the opportunity to tailor their competition to their own environment. Marketing and software support will also be given.

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ALL AGES:

Competition ranging from Hot Shots level through to seniors. All affiliates of TNSW will be assigned to one of the five Metropolitan Sydney Regions.

**THE SYDNEY TENNIS LEAGUE WILL
BE ADMINISTERED THROUGH LEAGUE
MANAGER AND MATCH CENTRE. FOR MORE
INFORMATION ON HOW YOUR CLUB OR
CENTRE CAN RUN AN STL COMPETITION, OR
ALIGN A CURRENT COMPETITION WITH THE
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