

Gold Coast Junior Development Series 2018

Age Groups

10 & Under – Green Ball
11 & Under
13 & Under
15 & Under
17 & Under

Age Eligibility – Each player's age group is determined by the age they are as at 31/12/2018. If requested, a player must produce their birth certificate to an official or administrator.

How much does it cost to play?

The entry fee is \$40.00 per player per tournament and includes the cost of doubles. If a player does not wish to participate in doubles that is at their discretion and will not change the total entry cost. Players in the 10 & under division are allowed to play up in the 11 & under doubles.

Players should be registered with a local Gold Coast Tennis Club, if not, please contact the tournament co-ordinator listed for the event. Online entry is the preferred method of entry with the entry fee paid via the nominated details listed upon entry. Entries can be made online at tournaments.tennis.com.au for each JDS.

Players who wish to enter late into any tournament of the series may do so upon approval of the subsequent tournament coordinator and will incur a \$10 late fee.

What events are included in the Junior Development Series?

There are both singles and doubles events included in the Gold Coast Junior Development Series. Age eligibility is at: 31st December 2018. For example if a player turns 13 on or before 31/12/2018 they must play in the 13/u division or they may play up an age group at their discretion.

For players entering a doubles event without naming a partner, the player shall accept the partner allocated by the Tournament Director.

The events are:

- 10 & Under (Green Ball) – born no later than 31/12/2008
- 11 & Under (11/U) – born no later than 31/12/2007
- 13 & Under (13/U) – born no later than 31/12/2005
- 15 & Under (15/U) – born no later than 31/12/2003
- 17 & Under (17/U) – born no later than 31/12/2001

Play commences at 8:00am SHARP in all events unless otherwise notified by the Tournament Director. All players should be at the **venue by 7:30am at the latest**. All parents will be asked to attend a Parent Briefing 10mins before the commencement of play. Please note, all players must be available at all times during the day. No time exemptions will be granted.

How do I enter?

Entries will **close strictly at midnight seven days prior to the first day of the tournament.** Entry to all JDS tournaments is to be done via online entry at tournaments.tennis.com.au. No players shall be permitted to enter in more than two events, one being doubles. A player may play up in any age group including doubles.

In instances where technical issues arise, or a player is wishing to enter after the close date; email and telephone entries may be made to the respective Tournament Coordinator. For any late entries, players will only be accepted in cases dependent upon player numbers and court capacity. The decision imposed by the Tournament Coordinator shall be final, and all late entries will incur a \$10 late fee. Please not email entries are only valid on receipt of a confirmation reply email from the relevant Tournament Coordinator and should only be used as a last resort for entry.

What is the format of play?

All Tournament Directors will utilise a consistent format of play throughout the Region. Players will usually play a minimum of three (3) sets and a maximum of five (5) sets during a round robin on the first Sunday. Round robins for all singles will be played on the first Sunday of the tournament and in most circumstances will be one (1) set, first to six games (6) with a match tiebreak played at five (5) games all. Where there is a pool of three, players will play the first to nine (9) games with a tiebreak at eight (8) games all. The winners from each pool playing in either a semi-final or final will play on the second day of the tournament i.e. the second Sunday. Semi-finals and finals will be played the best of two (2) tie break sets (t/b at 6 games all) with a ten (10) point match tie break played if tied at one set all. Doubles will be played utilising the same format with no ad scoring.

JDS standings for round robins will determined via the following:

1. Sets won
2. Games won
3. Games against
4. Head to Head results if two players are tied, or if three (3) athletes are tied, then:
 - a. If three (3) athletes each have one win, an athlete that has played less than all three (3) matches is automatically eliminated and the athlete advancing to the Single Elimination competition is the winner of the match-up of the two (2) athletes tied with 1-2 records; then
 - b. Highest percentage of sets won (sets won against sets played); then
 - c. Highest percentage of games won (games won against games played).

Lucky Losers

Lucky losers will be determined on the percentage of games won out of the total games played. In instances where the players have equal percentages, a tie break shoot out will be played between the players to determine the Lucky Loser positions.

Combined Age Groups & Mixed Genders

If there is a lack of numbers in an event it will be at the discretion of the Tournament Director to combine 2 or more events or age groups. This decision shall be final and any withdrawals after this decision before the release of the draw shall receive a 50% refund of the entry fee. If the player withdraws after the draw has been made no refund will be applicable. No credits will be applied for other Gold Coast JDS events in any circumstance.

How are points allocated?

Points will be allocated according to the following table for all age groups excluding 10 & under:

ROUND:	POINTS TO BE ALLOCATED:
Winner	100
Runner-up	80
Semi-Finalist Winner	65
Losing Semi-Finalist	55
Quarter Finalist	50
Participation	40
Doubles Winner	50
Doubles Runner-up	35
Doubles Participation	20

Points are not transferable to another age group or region. For example if a player in the 13 & under age group plays up in the 15 & under age group, and received points on the day then those points WILL NOT transfer back down into their 13 & under accumulative point score. No points won in another regional JDS will be transferrable. If a player withdraws

Please note the points earned in the 2017 Surfers Paradise JDS will count towards the 2018 point score. These are the only points that will be transferrable to another age division in the instance where a players birth year from 2017 to 2018 has meant they are no longer able to play in the age group the points where earnt.

What happens if I need to pull out or don't turn up?

Once a player has entered a JDS they are expected to play; **UNLESS** prevented by illness or injury (supported by a medical certificate). If a player cannot play, they must notify the Tournament Director ASAP as withdrawals affect the draw. Failure to show up and play without a valid reason as stated above will result in 30points being deducted from the player's point score.

- Any withdrawals before the withdrawal deadline will be issued a full refund of their entry fee, less an administration fee of \$10.00.
- Any withdrawals after the withdrawal deadline, but before the release of the draw will be issued a refund of 50% of their entry fee.
- Withdrawals after the release of the draw will **not be entitled** to any refund of their entry fees regardless of a medical certificate being provided
- Any athlete who has "no showed" or is found to have entered two tournaments without approval will not have their entry fee refunded.

All withdrawals must be submitted by the athlete in writing. Tournaments need not issue a refund if the withdrawal procedure is not followed. Refunds, less a \$10.00 administration fee will be issued if a tournament is cancelled (due to weather or other extenuating reasons) before the completion of an athlete's first match within that tournament.

Entries Open: 4 weeks before the 1st day of the tournament
Entries Close 7 days prior to the start of the 1st day of the tournament i.e. the Sunday before the first day of the tournament **(Withdrawal deadline)**



Late Entries: Will be taken at the direction of the tournament coordinator. All late entries will occur a \$10 late fee.

Entry Withdrawals: 6 days prior to the start of the 1st day of the tournament i.e. the Monday week of tournament

A withdrawal from a player during the tournament will not be provided a refund. If the withdrawal is due to medical purpose the player may receive the points allocated up until that point. A withdrawal from a player entered into two tournaments will not earn any points towards the Rockhampton trip and will not receive a refund.

Is there a Code of Behaviour?

The 'Tennis Australia Code of Conduct' including the dress code applies to all sanctioned tournaments in the Gold Coast Region. Correct tennis etiquette and behaviour is expected. All venues will have a Tournament Referee/Venue Supervisor to deal with any problems or disputes that may arise. The 'Code of Behaviour' also extends off the court to parents, coaches and friends as well. There is no interference, coaching or communicating allowed from off the court to players on the court.

In addition any player receiving a Code Violation will lose 20 points with the 1st Code Violation; 2nd Code will lose 40 points and a Point Penalty imposed; 3rd Code Violation will see all points lost and match disqualification (written confirmation will then be sent to Tennis Queensland of the codes when a player incurs a third code violation.)

How does seeding work?

Seeds 1 & 2 - best 2 AR Points; Seeds 3, 4, 5, 6 the next best 4 JDS Points Ladder; remaining seeds then revert back to AR Points / JDS Points Ladder.

What is the Rockhampton Finals Trip?

Each year the top two point scorers in each age group will qualify to participate in the Junior Development Series State Finals held in Rockhampton. Please note that a player must play a minimum 5 Gold Coast JDS events to be eligible for representation regardless of their point score. The top 16 players (top 2 girls and boys from each age group) will represent the Gold Coast and compete against the other Queensland regions at the State Final. Details surrounding this trip will be released closer to the tournament.

What is the Queensland Junior Teams Carnival?

The Queensland Junior Teams Carnival is the end of year team tournament where each region of the State competes. Additionally each year a singles AR tournament is held in conjunction with team the team event. The top two finishing JDS point players in each age group (who nominate) and the top four AR point players (who nominate) are eligible to represent the Gold Coast at the Queensland Junior Teams Carnival in December. All players must nominate regardless of their point score or AR ranking in order to be selected. Additionally players **MUST** be a resident of the Gold Coast region regardless of their point score or AR ranking to be eligible. The final team will be at the discretion of the Gold Coast Regional Assembly and nominations forms will be communicated towards the end of the year.

Where do I go if I have a complaint?

In the event of a complaint in respect of an Gold Coast JDS tournament (including in relation to a Tournament Committee, Tournament Director, Referee, Chair Umpire, line/net umpire, Court Supervisor or coach), a written complaint may be lodged with Tennis Queensland.



Tennis Queensland will determine what further action, if any, should be taken, including referring the matter to another party such as, a club, a regional association or Tournament Committee and/or the TA/MA Disciplinary Officer (to be dealt with in accordance with the TA Code of Behaviour). For the avoidance of doubt, the results of all matches connected to the complaint will stand in any event.

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For more information on Tennis Australia's policies please see below:

- [Member Protection Policy](#)
- [Code of Behaviour](#)
- [Extreme Weather Policy](#)
- [Matches played without an umpire](#)