

# 2011 MEDIBANK JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT SERIES RULES - South West

*FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS DOCUMENT THE ACRONYM MJDS WILL REPRESENT 'MEDIBANK JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT SERIES'.*

## 1. AGE ELIGIBILITY

1.1 For the purpose of entry into an age division, a player's age will be calculated as at 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2011 - i.e.

- 1.1.1 10 & Under (10/U) - born 01/11/2000 or later
- 1.1.2 12 & Under (12/U) - born 01/11/1998 or later
- 1.1.3 14 & Under (14/U) - born 01/11/1996 or later
- 1.1.4 16 & Under (16/U) - born 01/11/1994 or later
- 1.1.5 \* Post Junior : 21 & Under (21/U) - born 01/11/1989 or later

## 2. RESIDENT ELIGIBILITY

2.1 Only players who are currently registered with Tennis NSW are eligible to enter a MJDS event. Proof of registration (i.e. 'Tennis NSW Registration Card' or 'Receipt Of Payment') should be produced upon check-in at an event, if requested.

2.1.1 If a player cannot prove that they are registered then they must complete a 'Player Registration Application Form 2010/11 and pay the additional Tennis NSW membership fees.

2.1.2 Players are to be aware that as player registrations are renewed each financial year, players will be required to renew their registration with Tennis NSW July of each year.

2.2 South West Region players have full participation and progression opportunities at each MJDS event. South West Region players are classified as :

2.2.1 Those players whose registration card identifies that they have been registered with Tennis NSW through a SOUTH WEST Region affiliate/sub-affiliate; or

2.2.2 Those players who have been registered directly with Tennis NSW and whose registration card indicates that they are members of an affiliated or unaffiliated club/association located within the boundaries of the SOUTH WEST Region; or

2.2.3 Those players whose registration card indicates that they have been registered with Tennis NSW through a club/association located outside the boundaries of the SOUTH WEST Region, but who are also members of a SOUTH WEST Region affiliate/sub-affiliate.

2.3 'Out of Region' players have limited participation and progression opportunities. 'Out of Region' players are classified as those players whose registration card indicates that they have been registered with Tennis NSW with an affiliated or unaffiliated club/association located outside the boundaries of the SOUTH WEST Region. It also include players who have completed an Regional Eligibility Form to represent a region outside the South West

2.4 'Out of Region' players are NOT :

2.4.1 Entitled to be declared winner or runner-up, even if they accumulate the highest number of games in their pool. This also means they can not receive trophies;

2.4.2 Allowed to advance beyond the round robin pool stage to any quarter finals, semi-finals or finals.

2.4.3 Entitled to SOUTH WEST Region MJDS points;

2.4.4 Allowed to participate in the SOUTH WEST Region Champion of Champions event.

### 3. EVENT DURATION

- 3.1 Each MJDS event will be conducted over one (1) day. Two day events may be trialled as long as prior approval has been given by Tennis NSW.

### 4. TOURNAMENT BALLS

- 4.1 Tournaments are required to use a Tennis Australia sponsored ball type.  
4.2 Tournaments **MUST** purchase and use the green modified (75%) ball for all U10 events, tournaments found failing to adhere to this guideline will face possible loss of sanctioning for the following year.

### 5. AGES CONTESTED

- 5.1 The following age groups will be contested at each MJDS event: 10/U, 12/U, 14/U, 16/ \* Regions may choose to conduct a 21/U age group for post junior players.  
5.2 The conduct of the post junior 21/U division will be as per the same format for other age groups as outlined in this document.

### 6. CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

- 6.1 Entry to all MJDS tournaments will be via the online entry system which can be accessed from the South West website [www.tennis.com.au/southwesttennis](http://www.tennis.com.au/southwesttennis)

- 6.2 The tournament entry form shall highlight that :

- 6.2.1 The scheduled starting time should be as close as possible to 8.30am, with players to report in by 8.15am. A player may be defaulted for arrival after 9.00am.  
6.2.2 'Out of Region' players are welcome to enter the MJDS, but they will have limited entitlements and progression opportunities - they should be made aware of this upon entering.  
6.2.3 Entries will close on Tuesday night (9.00pm) before the MJDS or earlier if entries exceed court availability.  
6.2.4 When the number of entries has to be limited, preference where possible shall be given to SOUTH WEST players whose entry has been received prior to the close of entries.  
6.2.5 A reserve list will be created of entries received after the designated closing time for the Tournament Director's use in the event of any subsequent withdrawals;  
6.2.6 Players, who withdraw after 8.00pm on the Friday and are unable to provide a 'Medical Certificate' to the Tournament Director by the Wednesday after the tournaments completion, will not be entitled to receive a refund. Players who withdraw more than twice without reason will face disciplinary action.  
6.2.7 Players must be available to play their first match at any time after the commencement of the MJDS, and to play their subsequent matches throughout the course of the day, as required by the Tournament Director/Referee.  
6.2.8 The recommended entry fee payable by a player for any MJDS for those that enter by 9pm the Tuesday prior to the event is \$17.50 (inc. GST) per player. Entries received after this date will cost \$20.00 (incl GST) per player and are subject to availability. This fee must be submitted with the appropriate entry form prior to the commencement of the event. Tournaments may alter the entry fee to a maximum fee of \$22.00 per event.

### 7. FORMAT OF PLAY

- 7.1 The format of play for all events should be based on providing the greatest opportunity for all players to participate within the confines of the event restrictions - i.e. number of courts, entries received etc.  
7.2 The minimum entry for any event will be four (4) players (see 7.3.5 and 7.3.6).

- 7.3 For all events both Boys & Girls the following will apply :
- 7.3.1 Pools consisting of 7 or 8 players will be played on 2 courts depending on court availability. However tournament directors are encouraged to avoid having such large pools.
  - 7.3.2 10's and 12's event will operate under the format of "Best of" (ie. best of 8 games). 14's, 16's, and 21's events will operate under the format of "First to" (ie. first to 5 games).
  - 7.3.3 Results will be determined by the number of matches won, then games won. If two players are tied, head to head results should be compared. If players are still tied a tie break (first to 7 points leading by 2) should be carried out. If three (3) or more players are tied, results will be determined by number of matches/games won between those players only.
  - 7.3.4 Where there are two (2) or more pools, play-offs will occur according to the appropriate play off sheets.
  - 7.3.5 Where there are insufficient entries, (three or less), divisions may have to be combined. Players will then be seeded according to the current round robin point score and distributed evenly throughout pools.
  - 7.3.6 Where there are insufficient entries in one or more events, tournament directors and referees may combine boys and girls events. Points will be allocated separately for both sexes/ages within the pool and results will be calculated separately.
- 7.5 Each player's name shall be recorded on the round robin sheet.
- 7.6 Players from the same club/association shall be placed in different pools where possible.
- 7.7 The order of play shall be as stipulated on the round robin sheet, unless changed by the Tournament Director, at their absolute discretion.
- 7.8 Play-off matches shall be one (1) set duration, with the tie-break to operate if the score reaches five (5) all. Tournament directors and referees may alter the format of the playoffs if weather or time constraints apply. This must however be announced prior to the start of the first playoff match.
- 7.9 Where there are two (2) pools in an age group, the leading two (2) players from each pool will progress to the play-offs and be placed according to the appropriate play-off sheets.
- 7.10 Where there are three (3) or more pools in each age group, the leading two (2) players in each pool will progress to the play-offs and be placed according to the appropriate play-off sheets.
- 7.11 When five (5) or more pools are formed, the winners will play-off in the quarter finals (with bye placements where necessary), with the winners advancing to the semi-finals and then to the finals, according to the following seeded principle: 1v8, 2v7, 3v6, 4v5.

## 8 A & B Sheets

- 8.1 If court availability exists, Tournament Director's can offer the option to enter both A and B Sheets. A sheets are usually entered by those players who are regularly attending events. B Sheets contain players who are starting out in the tournaments.
- 8.2 The point score allocation in 10.5 will only apply for A sheets. All B sheet participants will receive one (1) participation point.
- 8.3 Seedings for event will be done of the regional point score. The regional point score will be updated on an event to event basis.

9 PLAYING OUT OF AGE GROUP

- 9.1 Players are able only allowed to accumulate points in one age group for Champion of Champions
- 9.2 Players are permitted to play up 1 age group at a Medibank Junior Development Series. However if it is believed the player doesn't have a legitimate reason to play out of their age group, the regional committee has the right to deny entry into an older age group.
- 9.3 Players must inform the tournament director or regional administrator in which age group they wish to participate in for the C of C at time of invitation.
- 9.4 Where players fail to nominate which age group they choose for the Champion of Champions, the assumption will be that the player chooses to contest their relevant age division.

10 POINT SCORE

- 10.1 The Regional Administrator shall allocate regional points based on results of each MJDS.
- 10.2 It is the responsibility of each MJDS Tournament Director to forward all pool sheets, match results and play-off sheets, including those for partially washed out MJDSs, to the Regional Administrator promptly by fax or Express Post by Monday, 5.00pm following the tournament.
- 10.3 In the case of a MJDS only being partially completed, points will be awarded to players on the basis of the last fully completed round of play (e.g. if the final is unable to be completed due to rain, both players receive runner-up points), round robin stage counts as a complete round. No points will be allocated in an event that does not commence due to inclement weather.
- 10.4 It is the responsibility of the Regional Administrator to allocate points promptly, and to provide the most current point scores to each Tournament Director in sufficient time for the next MJDS draw to be constructed. The point scores should be updated on the website as soon as is practical following each MJDS tournament.
- 10.5 Points will be allocated according to the following table, for all age groups/events: **Please refer to 7.4 for Metropolitan Point score allocation.**

ROUND	POINTS TO BE ALLOCATED
Winner	10
Runner-Up	8
Losing Semi-Finalist	6
Losing Quarter Finalist	5
Losing Round Of Sixteen (16)	4

11 UMPIRES

- 11.1 At the discretion of the Tournament Director, adjudicators/umpires are to be appointed to officiate matches. In the 10/U age division, parental guidance more so than umpiring is recommended to officiate matches, with the parent involved not to represent one of the players participating in the match.
- 11.2 In the event that the Referee is called to a court to oversee a match, they may at their absolute discretion appoint a player from within the event to umpire the match. Players who fail to fulfil such a request from the Referee are liable to disqualification for the remainder of the MJDS tournament.

12 LEVY TO REGION

- 12.1 \$2.50 (incl GST) of each participants entry fee is payable as a levy to the region to fund its activities.

### 13 CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

- 13.1 The Champion of Champions will be conducted in each region and administered by the appropriate Tennis NSW Regional Administrator.
- 13.2 The top eight (8) point scorers who meet the eligibility criteria to participate will contest the Champion of Champions event in each age group. In the event that the 8<sup>th</sup> place is tied, both players will participate in the Champion Of Champions.
- 13.3 In order to be eligible for selection at Champion of Champions players must have competed in a minimum of four (4) Medibank JDS events.
- 13.4 The determination of the top eight (8) point scorers will be based on the cumulative total of a player's best five (5) tournament results conducted in the respective Regional MJDS.
- 13.5 The Champion of Champions event will be conducted under the Rules that govern all MJDS tournaments, as stated in this document.
- 13.5.1 Players qualify for the MJDS Final (22 - 24 October 2011) through the Champions of Champions. For the MJDS Final :
- 13.5.2 10 & Under (10/U) - A draw of twenty-four (24) comprises :
- top three (3) finishers from each of the six (6) Country regions
  - top six (6) finishers from the Metropolitan region
- 13.5.3 12, 14 & 16 Under (12/U, 14/U, U16) - A draw of Thirty Two (32) comprises :
- top Three (3) finishers from each of the six (6) Country regions
  - top six (6) finishers from the Metropolitan region
  - Plus One (1) wild card for each region and Two (2) wild cards from the metropolitan region
- 13.6 ***Players shall be selected for the Medibank State Final based on the position in which they finish at the completion of the play off stage of the regional C of C event. Players finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> will be required to play off for the 3<sup>rd</sup> position at the Medibank State Final where applicable.***

### 14 MEDIBANK STATE FINAL PLAYER NOTIFICATIONS

- 14.1 The regional administrator will notify players of their selection in the Medibank State Final tournament at the conclusion of the Champion of Champions event.
- 14.2 Regional administrators along with the regional selection committees will select the relevant wild cards and inform those players of their selection.
- 14.3 ***The allocation of the regional wild cards, where applicable, shall be at the sole discretion of the regional selection committee. Wild Cards for the Medibank State Final may only be granted to players who have competed in the MJDS series in 2011. Players who have not participated in the MJDS series will not be eligible to compete in the Medibank State Final.***
- 14.4 The regional administrators will coordinate the regions players and replace any player who withdraws or is not available for the event and forward to Tennis NSW a completed spread sheet of all regional acceptances.
- 14.5 A \$40.00 entry fee will be applicable for all entrants playing in the Medibank State Final. This fee is correct at time of printing and may be altered prior to entries being accepted for this event.