



**FAR NORTH QUEENSLAND**

# **MACCA'S JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT SERIES QLD**

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# Guidance for Tennis Players and Families

Our mission is to help our local players and parents understand the JDS circuit, the goal of the circuit, and why it's an integral part of a young players tennis journey in Queensland.

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# Overview of JDS Far North QLD

The philosophy of the circuit is to focus on player development.

## What is the Junior Development Series?

The Macca's Junior Development Series Queensland (JDS) is a series of tournaments for beginner to intermediate players. These tournaments are conducted all around Australia. The Far North Region has 7 JDS tournaments spread out across the region, giving players plenty of opportunity to play in JDS tournaments throughout the year.

## Who are these tournaments for?

For ages up to 17 years, the JDS is designed to give players their first experience in playing a series of tournaments. Each tournament allows players to experience crucial competitive play and skill development opportunities. The JDS has a development focus allowing players to fine tune their skills in a friendly match play environment.

For more experienced players, the Far North JDS Circuit is the perfect opportunity to enhance match play skills preparing players for JT 125 and 250 Tournaments as well as Open Events.

## Can I get ranking points for these tournaments?

The JDS does not offer Australian Ranking Points as it maintains a development focus. The JDS Circuit will continue to use the UTR System for all tournaments, this means that all events will be ability based play, rather than age group based play.

For more information on the UTR please visit the Tennis Australia website ([www.tennis.com.au/competitiveplay/utr-rating](http://www.tennis.com.au/competitiveplay/utr-rating)).

By playing in the JDS, players have the opportunity to represent the region at the JDS State Finals in Rockhampton.



# Entry Requirements & Formats

## Entry Requirements

- Must be 17 years or younger as at 31/12/2026
- Must have a Tennis ID Number
- Must be registered through UTR
- When entering into a JDS players must commit to playing on both days

## JDS Tournament Fees

- Payable online when entering the event
- JDS - 2 day event \$40.00
- JDS - 1 day event \$35.00
- JDS - Doubles \$15
- Green Ball event \$35.00
- Orange Ball 1 day event \$25.00

## Formats

### 2 Day Events

- Best of two (2) sets FIRST TO 6, tiebreak at 6-6 (7 points), with a third set match-tiebreaker (10 points)
- Normal deuce

### 1 Day Events/Doubles Event

- One (1) set FIRST TO 6, tiebreak at 6-6 (7 points)
- Normal deuce

### Green Ball

- One (1) set FIRST TO 6, tiebreak at 6-6 (7 points)
- Normal deuce

### Orange Ball

- One (1) set FIRST TO 4
- No tiebreak

\*Subject to change

# Calendar & Important Changes

## More Officials present

In 2026 there will be a higher officiating presence at JDS events. The goal is to educate the players and parents around the rules of tennis preparing them for the next level.

## First Event Free!

For those that are playing their first ever JDS event it will be free! Come along and experience our Junior Development Series, make new friends while playing new faces from other clubs!

## Doubles Event

The Doubles event will be held out at the Beaches JDS, giving players the chance to learn doubles and hone the skills needed to play doubles. Playing with a partner instead of being out there alone. It will be a fast paced day of fun and a different side of tennis.

## Regional Finals

The Regional Finals will take place at Cairns International Tennis Centre on the 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> September 2026. Players who have qualified will be able to compete in this event and have the opportunity to be selected in the JDS State Finals Team. Players need to have played in 4 events prior to qualify for the Regional Finals event.



# Far North Region 2026 JDS Circuit

<b>Date</b>	<b>Venue</b>
<b>28 Feb - 1 Mar</b>	<i>Cairns international Tennis Center (2 Day)</i>
<b>22 Mar</b>	<i>Mareeba Tennis Club (1 Day)</i>
<b>2 - 3 May</b>	<i>Earlville Sports Club (2 Day)</i>
<b>24 May</b>	<i>Innisfail Tennis Club (1 Day)</i>
<b>13-14 June</b>	<i>Cairns international Tennis Center (2 Day)</i>
<b>26 July</b>	<i>Beaches Doubles Event (1 Day)</i>
<b>12 - 13 Sept</b>	<i>Far North JDS Finals (2 Day)</i>
<b>16 - 18 Oct</b>	<i>Rockhampton JDS State Finals</i>



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# Far North Region 2026 Orange Ball JDS Circuit

<b>Date</b>	<b>Venue</b>
<b>1 Mar</b>	<i>Cairns international Tennis Center</i>
<b>3 May</b>	<i>Earlville Sports Club</i>
<b>14 June</b>	<i>Cairns international Tennis Center</i>
<b>26 July</b>	<i>Beaches Doubles Event</i>
<b>13 Sept</b>	<i>Far North JDS Finals</i>



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# Representative Opportunities from the Far North QLD JDS

## Far North QLD JDS State Finals - Rockhampton

The JDS State Finals is an event following the conclusion of each Queensland region's respective JDS Circuits. The State Final is held in Rockhampton and will run 16-18 October 2026.

The Winner and Runner Up from each age group at the Far North Regional Finals (CITC 12-13 Sept) will be selected to represent the Far North Region (8 boys / 8 girls) at the JDS State Finals.

**PLAYERS MUST HAVE PLAYED A MINIMUM OF 4 JDS EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR TO QUALIFY FOR REGIONAL FINALS**

**1ST & 2ND PLACE FROM EACH AGE GROUP (as of 31/12/2026) WILL BE INVITED TO REPRESENT THE FAR NORTH REGION AT THE STATE FINALS IN ROCKHAMPTON**





# Rules & Regulations

## Qualification

To qualify into the Regional Finals players must have played a minimum of four (4) JDS tournaments throughout the year (not including finals). Players must enter the age group as per their Age on 31/12/2026. Players that meet these requirements will be granted entry into the regional playoff tournament to be selected to represent the region at the JDS State Finals in Rockhampton, 16,17 & 18th October 2026.

## Withdrawals

The withdrawal deadline for all Australian Competitive Play Junior Tournaments: 11:59pm (local time), Tuesday prior to the first day of the tournament.

All withdrawals must be submitted through the players account in which they entered or in writing (via email).

## Ability Based Tournaments

All Macca's Junior Development Series Queensland Events in Far North Queensland are ability based events. Players can enter 13 U or 17 U, after entries close players will be split into multiple draws based on the players current UTR.



# Code of Behaviour



## What is the Code of Behaviour and when does it apply?

Tennis Australia and all its clubs want to make sure everyone in tennis feels safe, welcome and included, while having fun. The Code of Behaviour helps to achieve this and is a guide to how everyone should behave at tennis tournaments and competitions in Australia. The Code applies whether you're playing, coaching, watching, officiating or helping out during any competitive tennis event in Australia, both on and off the court, during, before and after any match.

## Expected behaviour during competitive play

To keep tennis fun and fair, everyone should uphold the spirit of tennis, which requires you to:

- Treat everyone with respect and kindness.
- Be honest, humble and play fairly.
- Always try your best and value good sportsmanship over winning.
- Take responsibility for your own actions. Respect your opposition players, spectators, officials, and volunteers.
- Follow the rules and ask if you're unsure about anything.
- Help create a safe, inclusive and welcoming environment for everyone.
- Listen to tournament staff – they're there to make sure everything runs smoothly.

**If you can do all of these things, it will guarantee that both you and those around you will have fun!**



# SIDELINE BEHAVIOUR

**A big way that parents can help make tennis a safe and fun environment for kids is to set an example of what a good sport is.**

We know that kids most enjoy playing tennis when you do not have spectators on the sideline behaving poorly, putting too much pressure on you or are being discouraging. Parents/guardians and spectators are expected to support players in a positive way.

Below are some easy tips to ensure your behaviour doesn't become an issue for your child.

## ENCOURAGE FAIR PLAY

- Cheer and acknowledge good shots on both sides of the net
- Refrain from behaving in ways that make the game less fun, safe or comfortable for others
- Avoid coaching players during a match.

## SHOW RESPECT

- Avoid making rude or disrespectful comments or gestures.
- If you have an issue with a decision, deal with it in a controlled manner after the match.

## UPHOLD THE RULES AND SPIRIT OF THE GAME

- If your club has a code of conduct, make sure you understand and abide by it
- If you're helping out, it's important to know the rules and treat everyone with respect and fairness
- Remember it's not a Grand Slam

## ENCOURAGE FUN

- Emphasise the importance of trying your best and having fun
- Never yell at or ridicule a kid for making a mistake

## KEEP YOUR EMOTIONS IN CHECK

- Screaming, using bad language or arguing with others is just not on
- Avoid threatening, intimidating, or disrupting anyone at the venue.



**Scan the QR Code for further resources to help create a safer environment for children.**



# Stay up to Date



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## Tennis Queensland Competitive Play Instagram

[instagram.com/tqcompetitiveplay](https://www.instagram.com/tqcompetitiveplay)



# Road to Regional Finals

## TRACK YOUR JOURNEY

Players must play a minimum of four (4) JDS Tournaments to qualify for Regional Finals

28 Feb - 1 Mar	CITC (Orange)	<input type="checkbox"/>
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12 - 13 Sept	FNQ JDS Regional Finals (Orange)	<input type="checkbox"/>
16 - 18 Oct	Rockhampton State Finals	<input type="checkbox"/>