



GOLD COAST

**MACCA'S JUNIOR
DEVELOPMENT
SERIES QLD**

Guide





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 the Gold Coast Region.

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Overview of JDS Gold Coast

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 tournament circuit specifically designed for players of a beginner to intermediate level. Each tournament allows players to experience crucial competitive match play and skill development opportunities.

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 Gold Coast JDS Circuit is the perfect opportunity to enhance match play skills preparing players for JT 125 & 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 players enter under the 17/U division and the draws are based on ability in tiers.

For more information on the UTR please visit the Tennis Australia website (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.

What is new in 2026?

- Continuation of the UTR system for JDS events to allow for level-based competition
- All players must play four (4) JDS Singles events to qualify for JDS State Finals and Battle of the Sands.

Entry Requirements & Formats

Entry Requirements

- Must be 17 years or younger as at 31/12/2026
- Must have Tennis ID Number
- Must be registered through UTR
- When entering two-day event, players must commit to both days' competition
- Doubles Compulsory on two-day events

JDS Tournament Fees

- Payable online when entering the event
- JDS - 1 day event \$45.00

Formats

ONE-DAY EVENTS

Singles:

- Best of Two (2) sets FIRST TO 4, first to 7 tiebreak at 3-3, with a 3rd set match-tiebreaker (10 points).
- First Deuce – Normal, Second Deuce – Short (receivers' choice) *

TWO-DAY EVENTS

Singles:

- Best of Two (2) sets FIRST TO 6, first to 7 tiebreak at 6-6, with a 3rd set match-tiebreaker (10 points)
- Normal Deuce
- Players will be grouped into 8 with a match guarantee of three singles.

Doubles:

- Best of Two (2) sets FIRST TO 6, first to 7 tiebreak at 6-6, with a 3rd set match-tiebreaker (10 points)
- Normal Deuce

*Subject to change



Gold Coast Region 2026 JDS Circuit

DATE	VENUE
22 FEB	KDV Sport
08 MAR	Pimpama Sports Hub
26 APR	Queens Park
17 MAY	Gold Coast Seniors
21 JUN	Pure Tennis Runaway Bay
19 JUL	Miami Tennis Club
16 AUG	Beenleigh Tennis Centre
6 SEP	JDS Regional Playoffs
15 NOV	Hope Island Tennis



SCAN TO ENTER



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PLAY

Representative Opportunities from the Gold Coast JDS

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 Regional Finals will be selected to represent the Gold Coast Region (8 boys / 8 girls) at the JDS State Finals in Rockhampton.

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 WILL BE INVITED TO REPRESENT THE GOLD COAST REGION IN ROCKHAMPTON

QLD JDS Battle of the Sands

The Battle of the Sands provides an opportunity for players from Metropolitan, Gold Coast, Sunshine Coast & South Region who finished 3rd & 4th in their respective age groups to represent their region at the Battle of the Sands 30 October - 01 November 2026.

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

3RD & 4TH PLACE FROM EACH AGE GROUP WILL BE INVITED TO REPRESENT THE GOLD COAST REGION IN THE BATTLE OF THE SANDS

**Fun
with
friends!**





Rules & Regulations

Qualification

To qualify into the Regional Finals players must have played a minimum of four (4) JDS tournaments throughout the year. If a player has not met this criteria they will not be granted entry into the regional playoffs tournament and therefore cannot be selected to represent the region at the JDS State Finals in Rockhampton.

If invited to the Regional Finals, players must play in the age group which represents their age as of 31/12/2026.

Withdrawals

The withdrawal deadline is Monday 11:59 pm before the tournament. Withdrawals before this deadline will be granted a \$40.00 refund for one-day events and \$50.00 for two-day events.

Ability Based Tournaments

All Macca's Junior Development Series Queensland Events in the Gold Coast are ability based events. This means that ALL players will enter U17 in the singles or doubles events; after entries close players will be split into multiple draws based on the players current UTR. Players must be 17 or under as of 31/12/2026.

Good Sport Award

At the end of the 2026 circuit, the Good Sport Award will be presented to a girl and boy player who have showcased all four (4) of the Gold Coast Regions core values through the year. This award is open to all JDS and Coloured Ball Circuit players, and is determined by the players with the most 'Good Sport Nominations' throughout the year.



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.



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Road to Regional Finals

TRACK YOUR JOURNEY

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

Refer to page 8 for further details.

22 Feb	KDV Sport	<input type="checkbox"/>
08 Mar	Pimpama Sports Hub	<input type="checkbox"/>
26 Apr	Queens Park	<input type="checkbox"/>
17 May	Gold Coast Seniors	<input type="checkbox"/>
21 Jun	Regional Super Camp KDV Sport	<input type="checkbox"/>
19 Jul	Miami Tennis Club	<input type="checkbox"/>
16 Aug	Beenleigh Tennis Centre	<input type="checkbox"/>
06 Sep	JDS Regional Playoffs	<input type="checkbox"/>
16 - 18 Oct	JDS State Finals	<input type="checkbox"/>
30 Oct - 01 Nov	Battle of the Sands	<input type="checkbox"/>
15 Nov	Hope Island Tennis	<input type="checkbox"/>