



Tennis SA Junior State League

REGULATIONS
2026 Season





1. Introduction

- 1.1 The “Junior State League” is the premier weekly junior interclub tennis competition conducted by Tennis SA involving the best junior tennis players in South Australia and will comprise both a Boys’ Junior State League Competition and a Girls’ Junior State League Competition.
- 1.2 The “Junior State League 2” is the second tier of the Junior State League Competition. The aim of this division is to create a pathway for players who have performed well at Association level and are striving to make the Junior State League competition.

2. Junior State League Working Group

- 2.1 The Junior State League Working Group will consist of two representatives from Tennis SA, one representative from Tennis Australia’s High Performance team and two representatives from the Tennis SA Board.
- 2.2 The Junior State League Working Group is empowered to administer the competitions for both Boy’s Junior State League and Girl’s Junior State League.
- 2.3 The Junior State League Working Group may:
- 2.4 Call for nominations from clubs for teams for each Junior State League Competition and accept or decline nominations;
- 2.5 Manage all Home and Away Season and Finals matches including setting match schedules, select and determine venues including specifying standards and audit requirements, and make and administer Junior State League Competition Regulations and Rules;
- 2.6 Administer the Rules of Tennis for the competitions;
- 2.7 Conduct investigations and hearings, impose remedies, suspensions and penalties for breaches of the Code of Behaviour or infringements of any other Rules or Policies and deal generally with disciplinary matters arising from Junior State League matches; and
- 2.8 For the purpose of the Season 2026 the members of the Junior State League Administration are
- 2.9 Jordan O’Donohoe, Tennis SA, Junior State League Coordinator; and Recording Secretary.

3. Nominations of Junior State League Teams by Clubs

- 3.1 A Tennis Club affiliated with Tennis SA may nominate a team to compete in either or both the Boy’s Junior State League Competitions or the Girl’s Junior State League Competitions.
- 3.2 Clubs within an Association will nominate Tennis SA through League Manager. The nominating club must provide all details requested, including details of its home courts which must comply with standards specified by the Junior State League Working Group. Clubs must play within their Association boundaries
- 3.3 All players nominated must have registered and activated their own Competitive Player Profile to compete.
- 3.4 The Nomination fee for each club nominating a Junior State League team will be \$310 for each team nominated, with Tennis SA invoicing each club. This fee will cover purchase of all balls and associated costs of running the competition.
- 3.5 The Nomination process will require a nominating club to name in Order of Merit the players which it proposes to play in its team. A minimum of five players must be listed.
- 3.6 A nominating club whose nomination of a Junior State League team is successful may seek to recruit a Released Player. If it does recruit a Released Player, the club is to provide to the Junior State League Working Group by a date specified by the Junior State League Working Group an amended Order of Merit for its proposed players.
- 3.8 If a player nominated by a club in the top five in the Order of Merit does not play a minimum of five matches, the Junior State League Committee may impose penalties, including (but not limited to) ineligibility to be nominated as a base list player for the following season. Any team with players in the mentioned category who will not meet the minimum requirements must submit justification based on injury or illness, supported by a doctor’s certificate or equivalent documentation.
- 3.9 Any breaches of these nominations’ rules will be taken into consideration by the Junior



State League Working Group when the grading process takes place the following season.

4. Selection of Teams to Compete in Junior State League Competitions

- 4.1 The Junior State League Working Group in its discretion may determine how many teams and select which clubs compete in the Junior State League Competitions (either Boy's or Girl's). The Junior State League Working Group is not bound to accept any nomination
- 4.2 Clubs may appeal the decision of the Junior State League Working Group for review within three days, however the final decision will be made by the Junior State League Working Group.
- 4.3 As a matter of guidance, the Junior State League and Junior State League 2 competitions will consist of a maximum of eight boy's and eight girl's teams. If the nominated team player lists do not provide players at the required level, the Junior State League Working Group may choose six teams in either competition. The division sizes will be dependent on a UTR bandwidth of 3, for example purposes only of a bandwidth a UTR of 6-9.

5. Registered players

- 5.1 Any Club who has teams competing in the Junior State League must have all players registered in in a Tennis Australia approved database management system by the date directed by Tennis SA.
- 5.2 (a) In the case a club has not registered players into a Tennis Australia approved database management system by the date directed by Tennis SA penalties will be applied as per below.
- 5.3 (b) No Premiership Points will be allocated, should players not be registered in a Tennis Australia approved database management system.
- 5.4 (c) Newly added players to a team, must be registered within 7 days of play.
- 5.5 The Junior State League Working Group encourages the best players to play when available.
- 5.6 Any club which proposes to play in its Junior State League team an additional player not included in the nomination of players list finalised prior to the first round of matches must, by 10.00 am on the Thursday immediately prior to the scheduled match in which it is proposed to play the additional player, register the additional player as a Junior State League player with the Junior State League Working Group, and nominate the player's position in the team Order of Merit.
- 5.7 Squads will be locked for the entirety of the season, if you need to update order of merit you will have to request Tennis SA to update it.

6. Age requirements for Junior State League teams

- 6.1 Each player participating in the Junior State League competitions must be 17 or under as of the first round.
- 6.2 Any player who is 10 years old or younger as of 15 May 2026 must be granted prior permission by the Junior State League Working Group to be eligible to play in the Junior State League Competition.

7. Order of Merit

- 7.1 Order of Merit shall be determined by UTR on the Tuesday before each match, meaning, the player with the highest UTR will be highest in the Order of Merit and the Player with the lowest UTR will be lowest in the Order of Merit.
- 7.2 Players must be played in Order of Merit in all teams at all times.
- 7.3 The Junior State League Working Group may at its discretion review the Order of Merit for any team at any time.
- 7.4 Players who are nominated on the base list for Junior State League are not permitted to fill-in for Junior State League 2 teams without approval from Tennis SA.
- 7.5 Players from other clubs can be used as fill-ins for a Junior State League team provided the



original club of the player concerned does not have a Junior State League team. No player may play for more than one Junior State League team in any season.

8. Strike Rate Award

- 8.1 The Player of the Year award will be awarded to one boy and one girl from both competitions with the best singles strike rate. To be eligible to win the Player of the Year award a player must have played in two thirds of matches.
- 8.2 Any player receiving a suspension during the Junior State League Competitions will not be eligible to win the Player of the Year. This includes any suspension received via the Code of Behaviour while participating in any TA/MA endorsed leagues, tournaments, or events.

9. Presentations

- 9.1 Presentations will be made to the Winner and Runner-up teams at the conclusion of the Grand Finals for the 2026 Junior State League Competitions.

10. Competition Rules for 2026

- 10.1 The Competition Rules for “Junior State League” & “Junior State League 2” matches for the Season 2026 are annexed to these Regulations.

11. Circumstances not covered

- 11.1 Where any issue arises which is not addressed in the Regulations or in the Competitions Rules, there is uncertainty about the application of the Regulations or the Competitions Rules or it is necessary to resolve any dispute which has arisen in relation to the Regulations or the Competitions Rules, the Junior State League Working Group has the power to determine the issue, the uncertainty or the dispute after giving the parties involved the opportunity to provide such information or submission as Junior State League Working Group considers appropriate.

12. Amendment of Rules

- 12.1 The Junior State League Working Group can replace or amend the Rules of the Competitions from time to time.