

2020 AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLS TENNIS CHALLENGE

The Australian Schools Tennis Challenge has been the premier secondary school team tennis event in the country since 1996. This event provides an opportunity for the best secondary school teams to come together to play each other and celebrate their achievements on a national stage.

Due to the cancellation of many school sport association competitions and state qualifying events as a result of COVID-19, this year entries are invited from all schools interested in participating.

Please complete the entry form and return via email by **Friday 25 September 2020**.

Dates:

Sunday 29 November – Thursday 3 December 2020

Venue:

Albury Tennis Association (Townsend Street, Albury, NSW)

The complex has 25 natural grass courts, a pro-shop and a canteen. The City of Albury has daily air and rail services from both Melbourne and Sydney.

Accommodation:

Several motels are located within a short walk of the courts;

Australia Park Motel – Ph: (02) 6021 6000

Hume Inn Motel – Ph: (02) 6021 2733

Hovell Tree Best Western – Ph: (02) 6042 3900

Format:

- Separate boys and girls team divisions, a maximum of 12 teams in each event will be accepted.
- Teams consist of 4 – 6 players and must be accompanied by a teacher/coach from the school.
- Each tie will consist of 4 singles and 2 doubles matches.
- Singles matches will be the best of 2 sets. The first 2 sets will be a tie breaker at 6 games all and the deciding set will be a match tie breaker (if required). Doubles matches will be the best of 2 short sets (first to 4 games) and the deciding set will be a match tie breaker (if required).

Eligibility:

- All secondary schools (due to the cancellation of many school sport competitions in 2020).
- Successful entries will be based on team results and player rankings/ratings in each state/territory.
- All players must be born in 2003 or later. This is to comply with the International School Sports Federation (ISF) rule for entry into their events (held bi-yearly).
- Players must be enrolled as students at their school.

John Newcombe Sportsmanship Award:

The John Newcombe Tennis Academy, Texas, USA will again offer the sportsmanship award to one boys and one girls team who display outstanding sportsmanship throughout the event.

2021 ISF World Schools Tennis Championships:

Unfortunately due to COVID-19 restrictions, the Board of School Sport Australia (SSA) have made the decision not to send representatives to any ISF events in 2020/21. The current uncertainty regarding international travel will not allow appropriate time for the preparation of these tours. The safety and well being of all students is paramount in the decisions made by SSA.



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ENTRY FORM

Name of School:

School Sport Association:

Wishes to enter:

1 x Senior Team

Boys

Girls

Did you win your association?

Yes

No

- We confirm that our school wishes to participate in the 2020 Australian Schools Tennis Challenge and accept the rules and conditions of entry (as set out above).
- We accept to pay the entry fee of \$600 per team entered prior to the event.

Name of Team Manager:

Position at School:

Ph:

E-Mail:

Signature:

Date:

Name of Principal:

Position at School:

Ph:

E-Mail:

Signature:

Date:

To be returned by Friday 25 September 2020

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