**2019 NORTHEAST REGIONAL JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT SERIES (JDS) RULES**

The 2019 Northeast JDS series will be run throughout the Northeast region at the venues and dates shown in the calendar below. The following set of rules will be in place and applicable to the running of all JDS events in the Northeast region in 2019.

**J.D.S CALENDAR**

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| **DATE** | **J.D.S VENUE** | **OPEN TO** |
| 17/2/2019 | Ballina and Port Macquarie | All players |
| 3/3/2019 | Grafton and Coffs Harbour | All players |
| 17/3/2019 | Tweed Heads and Taree | All players |
| 5/5/2019 | Ballina and Coffs Harbour | All players |
| 19/5/2019 | Tweed Heads and Forster | All players |
| 2/6/2019 | Lismore and Port Macquarie | All players |
| 16/6/2019 | Coffs Harbour (Joint) | All players |
| 21/7/2019  | Lismore and Port Macquarie | All players |
| 10& 11/8/2019 | North East Champion of Champions – GRAFTON  | Qualifiers only |
| 24/8/19 – 25/819 | Northern NSW Champion of Champions INVERELL | Qualifiers only |

**AGE GROUPS**

8 & under – Orange ball. Modified court.

10& under – Green ball.

12 & under

14 & under

16 & under

Opens

Common birthdate applies. Your age group is determined by the age you are at the 31/12/19.

**ENTRY PROCEDURE**

In 2019 all entries will now be taken online via the tournaments link.

Details below.

* All junior players must enter online to be eligible to play in a JDS event.
* Each event must be entered individually.
* Entry deadline will be the Wednesday prior to the JDS event at 11:59pm.
* **NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES**

**STARTING TIME**

* All age groups will commence play at 8.30am.
* All parents are asked to be at the venues between 8am – 8.15am to sign in so play can commence on time. At most venues away courts will be used so signing in early will greatly help the smooth running of the day.
* The tournament director has the right to forfeit any player who does not show up and sign in by 8.45am.

**COST**

* $25 per player per event which will be payable with online entry.
* $15 for 8/Under participants
* All payments will be made online with entry registration.

**FORMAT OF PLAY**

* All age groups will play round robin format.
* The tournament director reserves the right to choose the format of play for each age group on the day based on number of entries and number of courts.
* The tournament director reserves the right to combine age groups and/or boys and girls if necessary.

**POOLS & SEEDED POOLS**

* All pool results will be decided on matches won. If tied head to head result will apply. In the case of more than 2 players being tied on matches and swapping head to head wins then games won will apply. If still tied games scored against each player will apply.
* In age groups where there are 2 pool or more pools a seeded top pool any number will apply with all other players being placed into unseeded pools. All players in the top pool will then be joined by the winner and runner up of the unseeded pools for playoffs when the pool matches are completed.
* Seeded pools decided as follows:
* The JDS coordinator will select the seeded pool players for the first event. Their decision will be final.
* Places in the seeded pool for the second, third, fourth, fifth and sixth events will be filled by the AR Ranking and the 2018/2019 respective JDS events.
* From the seventh JDS event onwards the seeded pool will be filled by the 6 players with the highest accumulative points based on their top 6 results. If players are tied for the last spot in the seeded pool then head to head results from previous 2018 JDS events will apply. If players are equal on head to head wins or have not played each other then averages will apply. Averages will be worked out based on total accumulated points divided by tournaments played. If still tied the JDS Co-ordinator will determine the player who goes into the seeded pool.
* THE JDS CO-ORDINATOR SELECTION RESERVES THE RIGHT TO PLACE A HIGHER AR RANKED PLAYER IN THE SEEDED POOL WHO DOES NOT HAVE ENOUGH POINTS DUE TO:
* That player being injured and unable to play previous JDS events.
* That player being away playing higher level events on the same dates as previous JDS events therefore not accumulating JDS points.

**POINT SCORE**

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| **ONE POOL** | **POINT ALLOCATION** |
| Winner | 12 points |
| Runner Up | 10 points |
| Third | 9 points |
| Fourth | 8 points |
| Fifth | 7 points |
| Sixth | 6 points |
| Seventh | 5 point |
| Eighth | 4 points |
| Ninth | 3points |
| Tenth | 2 points |
| Participation | 1 point |

**All players will play off for a position**

**PLAYING OUT OF AGE GROUP**

* It is the JDS co-coordinator call if a player plays out of age group. Players who play out of age group points will go back to the player’s birth year.
* North East Tennis will strongly encourage these juniors that feel good enough to play in the Open division to bring their JDS points back into their respective age group. Discussion will be taken place between NE, the parents and the coach.

**CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS – GRAFTON & INVERELL**

* The top 8 players in the 8’s, 10’s, 12’s, 14’s, 16’s & Opens age will qualify to play in the Northeast Champion of Champions in Grafton on 10&11/8/19 and the Northern N.S.W Champion of Champions in Inverell on 24 & 25/8/2019.
* There is an excemption of a wildcard if a player is in direct contact with the JDS co-ordinated and states reason while player could not compete etc (for example, death, injury etc)
* The Northeast Champion of Champions in Grafton will determine seeding’s for the Inverell Champions of Champions.
* The top 8 players in the under 10’s, 12’s, 14’s & 16’s age groups will be chosen based on their total results from the JDS events. If players are tied for the last position then head to head results from 2019 JDS events will decide the player who goes through to the Champion of Champions events. If players are equal on head to head wins then averages will apply. Averages will be worked out based on total accumulated points divided by tournaments played.
* Any player who is not available for Grafton must have a doctor’s certificate due to injury or illness, or, a written letter sent to the NE regional administrator with their reason for not being available at least seven days prior to the event. If the NE selection deems the reason is important enough to miss the event then the player will be permitted to play in the Inverell C.O.C.
* To qualify for Champion of Champions events a player must compete in a minimum of 3 JDS events. (The more events you play the higher chance you are for qualifying for champion of champions)

**PLAYER AND PARENT CONDUCT**

* All JDS events will be run under the rules and regulations set down by the Tennis Australia code of conduct. Players and parents who break these rules will be subject to suspensions and disciplinary action in accordance with Tennis Australia rules.

**INTERSTATE PLAYERS**

* Interstate players are able to compete in the JDS events but they will not be able to accumulate points in our North East JDS point’s race. Therefore if an interstate player wins an event the North East player who comes second will be rewarded the winning points in the JDS point’s race.

**DISPUTES AND COMPLAINTS**

* If any player or parent has a complaint on the day of a JDS then they can take the matter up in person with the referee or the tournament director.
* If you have issues outside something simply fixed on the day then you can submit a letter outlining your concerns to the regional administrator at eryan@tennis.com.au