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

The 2019 Northwest JDS series will be run throughout the Northwest 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 Northwest region in 2019.

**J.D.S CALENDAR**

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| **DATE** | **J.D.S VENUE** | **OPEN TO** |
| 10/2/2019 | Armidale JDS | All players |
| 24/2/2019 | Gunnedah JDS | All players |
| 17/3/2019 | Inverell JDS | All players |
| 7/4/2019 | Tamworth JDS | All players |
| 5/5/2019 | West Tamworth JDS | All players |
| 26/5/2019 | Gunnedah JDS | All players |
| 2/6/2019 | Glen Innes JDS | All players |
| 16/6/2019 | Tamworth JDs | All players |
| 30/6/2019 | Narrabri JDS | All players |
| 28/7/2019 | Moree JDS | All players |
| 11/8/2019 | NW Champion of Champions Tamworth | 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 the entry process will change for juniors playing in JDS events. All entries will now be done online though a new software program the region will be using. 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 Thursday 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.
* 2019 there will be a family discount of 3rd child $10 off and 4th child $15 off. This will have to be reimbursed at the end of the year.
* All payments will be made online with entry registration.
* Online payment will only be refunded for a wash out, or, if play was called off **BY 10:30am**. If play is called off after 10.30am due to rain then **NO REFUND** will be given out. **(Refunds will not be paid out until the end of the JDS series)**

**16/OPEN EVENT**

* The 16 age group will be combined with the Open event.
* If numbers exceed divisional numbers, the North West Committee will separate the 16 and open event.
* Open event winners and R/Up will receive prize money.
Winner - $75 and R/Up - $25 (Minimum of 3 players for prizemoney to be collected)

**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 consisting of 6 players 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 Northwest selection committee will select the seeded pool players for the first two JDS events. Their decision will be final.
* Places in the seeded pool for the rest of the series will be filled by the top 6 players with the best average (total points divided by JDS events played). If players are tied on averages for sixth place in the seeded pool head to head matches for that year will determine the 6th player in the seeded pool. If there are inconclusive head to head results between the two players, the North West selection committee will determine which player goes into the seeded pool.
* **THE NORTHWEST SELECTION RESERVES THE RIGHT TO PLACE A HIGHER A.R (Australian Ranking), 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 obtaining an average score.**

**POINT SCORE**

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| **ONE POOL** | **POINT ALLOCATION** |
| Winner | 10 points |
| Runner Up | 8 points |
| Third | 6 points |
| Fourth | 5 points |
| Fifth | 4 points |
| Sixth | 3 points |
| Participation | 1 point |

**MULTIPLE POOLS**

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| **ONE POOL** | **POINT ALLOCATION** |
| Winner | 10 points |
| Runner Up | 8 points |
| Losing Semi Finalist | 6 points |
| Losing Quarter Finalist | 5 points |
| Losing Round of 16 | 3 points |
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**PLAYING OUT OF AGE GROUP**

* If players play outside of their specific age group the points they receive at that event will not be transferred back to their age group. Example – If a player in the 12 & under age group moves up to the 14 & under age group and gets 8 points on the day then those points DO NOT come back to their 12 & under accumulative point scores.
* The age group you play your first JDS event in will be your nominated Champion of Champions age group.
* Any player may enter in whichever age group he or she chooses.
* The first time a player enters in a higher age group they will be placed in the unseeded pool. The average they get on that day will remain in that age group. If they decide to enter in the higher age group again at any stage throughout the series, their average score in that age group will determine if they are in the seeded or unseeded pool. The average they have in their actual age group dose not apply when entering in a higher age group.

**CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS – TAMWORTH & INVERELL**

* The top 8 players in the 10’s, 12’s, 14’s & 16’s age groups, along with the top 4 players in the 8’s & Opens age groups will qualify to play in the Northwest Champion of Champions in Tamworth on 12/8/19 and the Northern N.S.W Champion of Champions in Inverell on 24/8/19 – 25/8/19.
* The Northwest Champion of Champions in Tamworth 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 top 6 results accumulative scores from the JDS events. This also applies to the top 4 players in the 8’s & open age groups. If players are tied for the last position then head to head results from 2018 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.
* **PLAYER AVERAGES DO NOT DETERMINE CHAMPION OF CHAMPION QUALIFIERS.**
* Any player who is not available for Tamworth must have a doctor’s certificate due to injury or illness, or a written letter sent to the NW regional administrator with their reason for not being available at least seven days prior to the event. If the NW selection sub committee 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.**
* If a player is selected to play in the 10’s, 12’s, 14’s or 16’s state teams events and the event falls on the same weekend as a JDS then they will receive 6 points and it counts as one of that players 3 mandatory qualifying JDS events. The same applies for NIAS athletes who are away on a NIAS trip that falls on the same weekend as a JDS event. These 6 point allocations are NOT used when determining player averages for seeded pools in the JDS series. They are only used for accumulative point score results.

**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.

**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