# 2020 Junior Development Series Rules and Regulations

Central West Junior Development Series



#### Introduction

Central West HEAD Junior Development Series (JDS) events are designed to be a player's first tournament experience. The JDS events are held for 10/U, 12/U, 14/U and 18/U age divisions and act as an introduction to tournament play. These JDS events are participation based and will be the initial step in tournament play before the Junior Tour (JT) events that offer Australian Ranking (AR) points. The JDS operate under the principles of healthy attitude, fair play and on opportunity to compete to the best of your ability.

# Categories of Age Groups

- 10/U Green 75% Compression Ball
- 12/U Yellow Balls Full Compression
- 14/U Yellow Balls Full Compression
- 16/U Yellow Balls Full Compression
- 18/U Yellow Balls Full Compression

<u>2020 NSW Junior Closed Championships will be held from 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> October 2020</u>. Players must play in their regional JDS events to be eligible to qualify for the 2020 NSW Junior Closed Championships. 8/U & 18/U events are run at the discretion of each region, these age groups are not part of the 2020 NSW Junior Closed Championships.

#### **Balls**

10/U events must use the green modified ball.

12/U – 18/U events will use a full compression yellow ball.

Central West uses Head Championship balls

#### Playing Fee

An entry fee will be charged to each player, per JDS event that they play. Entry fees for 2019 will be \$27.50per player/event and must be paid at the time of entry.

#### **Entering JDS**

All JDS tournaments in NSW are required to take online entries with the preference for payment to be made, online via the Stripe payment gateway.

All JDS event must publish their results to the Tournaments Website.

Entries and results can be found via <a href="http://tournaments.tennis.com.au/">http://tournaments.tennis.com.au/</a>.



# **Player Registration**

All players who participate in JDS events MUST be registered members of Tennis. All players must provide their Tennis registration number upon entry into all JDS events. A player's registration number is an eleven (11)-digit number starting with 61. If a player cannot provide their registration number, they will need to become a member of their club and contact Tennis Australia Customer Service on 1800 PLAY TENNIS to receive their number.

If a tournament allows a player to play without being registered and an incident occurs, the club may compromise their position in regards to insurance.

All registration numbers are checked by the Tennis NSW Membership Department throughout the 2020 Junior Development Series. Players who do not have current registration number will have their points suspended until they have become a registered player through a club.

#### a. Tournament Planner

The Tennis Australia approved software is Tournament Planner (TP). As part of its investment in tournaments, licenses are provided free of charge by Tennis Australia to the host club of the Junior Development Series. To obtain the 2020 version of Tournament Planner and your 2020 license, please contact Tennis NSW on (02) 9024 7600.

## b. Player Information

Upon entry into all JDS events, players must provide the following information

- 1. Name
- 2. Date of Birth
- 3. Membership number
- 4. Address
- 5. Contact Phone Number
- 6. Email
- 7. Age Group

This information is required to establish a regional database for the benefit of all Affiliates/Clubs as well as players. The database will be used to contact players regarding important issues (e.g. JDS Champion of Champions, JDS State Final, and State Teams Carnivals).

#### c. Late Entries

Late entries will only be accepted where draws are not full and at the discretion of the Regional Administrator and the Central West Committee.



# **Eligibility**

# a. Age Eligibility

To be eligible for a certain age group, no matter what age a player currently is, the cut off date is the age a player is as at the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020. DOB cut off is as follows:

- 10 & Under (10/U) Born 31/12/2010and later
- 12 & Under (12/U) Born 31/12/2008 and later
- 14 & Under (14/U) Born 31/12/2006 and later
- 16 & Under (16/U) Born 31/12/2004 and later
- 18 & Under (18/U) Born 31 /12 /2002 and later

\*18/U age group do not qualify for NSW Junior Closed Championships. This age group will be a different format with mixed pools set by the region based on entries received. Points will be allocated in relation to where a player finishes in their respective age group to ensure eligibility for Champion of Champions & NSW Closed Junior Championships.

# b. Player Eligibility

All players must be registered members of Tennis Australia. Players are to be aware that Tennis player registrations are due in July of each year and they will be required to renew their membership during the course of the JDS events.

# c. Regional Eligibility

Players who come from outside the Regional boundaries are allowed to take part in the JDS round robins. Out of region players are not eligible to progress to play - offs. All 'out of region' players **MUST BE INFORMED** of this when they enter. All 'out of region' players **must** have 'OUT OF REGION' marked on the actual round robin draw sheet and on your player list that will be sent to the JDS Coordinator. These players should be spread throughout the cards. For this reason, we recommend that these players be offered to play 'up' an age group, particularly if they a reasonable standard of player. The Tournament Director should also inform them of this when they enter.

# Seeding

Regional JDS events will send their tournament files through to the relative Regional Administrator who will complete members prior to sending the file to the venue. The seeding's and draws in consultation with the Country Delegate and any other relevant regional committee.

A list of Regional Administrators can be found at the end of this document.

# Event Day

Play is scheduled to start no later than 8.30am. Players should be at the venue at least15 minutes before the scheduled start time. This will aid in a prompt start time and therefore, a reasonable finish time.

If players do not turn up on the day, the Regional Administrator and Central West executive committee reserve the right re-arrange the cards.



#### **Wet Weather**

Do not assume because it is raining in your area that the event will automatically be called off. No decision will be made before 7.30am on the day of the event. If there is a long delay before play can begin, the Tournament Referee can agree to shorten each match on the card.

All information regarding delays and cancellations will be posted on both the event website and the Central West Facebook page.

In cases where a tournament director cannot answer phone calls, they must have a telephone message at 7am on the day of play to notify players who have to travel about the decision

#### **Format**

All JDS events are to be Singles Round Robin events (There are no doubles events in JDS).

#### 10/U Format

# Events with no Play Offs

No. Player per pool	No. of Pools	No. Of Courts	No. Matches Played	No. Games played each match	No. Games played per event
8	2	2	7	4	28
7	1	1 + share	6	5	30
6	1	1 + share	5	6	30
5	1	1	4	7	28
4	1	1	3	10	30

<sup>\*\*</sup>Result is tallied by, Matches; head to head; sets; games

#### **Events with Play Offs**

Pools	Seeds/Seeded Pools	Play-offs Qualifying	Play-off Format & Scoring Format
9	No Seeded Pool. 4 Seeds to be split across the 2 pools i.e. 1&4, 2&3	Top 2 from each pool go to play-offs	Winner from each pool plays r/u from other pool in Semi Final. Best of 3 Sets first to 4 games. Tiebreak at 3 games all. Match tiebreak at 1 set all. Winner from each pool plays r/u form other pool
8	No Seeded Pool. 4 Seeds to be split across the 2 pools i.e. 1&4, 2&3	Top 2 from each pool go to play-offs	Winner from each pool plays r/u from other pool in Semi Final. Best of 3 Sets first to 4 games. Tiebreak at 3 games all. Match tiebreak at 1 set all. Winner from each pool plays r/u form other pool
7	N/A	N/A 1 <sup>st</sup> past post	Matches; head to head; sets; games
6	N/A	N/A 1 <sup>st</sup> past post	Matches; head to head; sets; games
5	N/A	N/A 1 <sup>st</sup> past post	Matches; head to head; sets; games
4	N/A	N/A 1 <sup>st</sup> past post.	Matches; head to head; sets; games

<sup>\*</sup>If playoffs start later then 2pm, matches revert to 1 set to 6, Tiebreak at 5 all



# 12/U & 14/U Format

Events with no Play Offs

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No. Player per pool	No. of Pools	No. Of Courts	No. Matches Played	No. Games played each match	No. Games played per event		
8	2	2	7	4	28		
7	1	1 + share	6	5	30		
6	1	1 + share	5	6	30		
5	1	1	4	7	28		
4	1	1	3	10	30		

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No. Player	No. of Pools	Seeds/Seeded Pools	Play-offs Qualifying	Play-off Format & Scoring Format
10+	2/3	1 Seeded pool of 5 players	Top 4 from each pool go to play-offs. Seeding for play-off draw based on where seeded pool players finish. Non seeded pool players placed in play-off draw at random.	Quarterfinals first to 5 games with a tiebreak at 4 games all. Semi Final & final, best of 3 Sets, first to 4 games. Tiebreak at 3 games all. Match tiebreak at 1 set all.
9	2	No Seeded Pool. 4 Seeds to be split across the 2 pools i.e. 1&4, 2&3	Top 2 from each pool go to play-offs	Winner from each pool plays r/u from other pool in Semi Final. Best of 3 Sets first to 4 games. Tiebreak at 3 games all. Match tiebreak at 1 set all. Winner from each pool plays r/u form other pool
8	1/2	No Seeded Pool. 4 Seeds to be split across the 2 pools i.e. 1&4, 2&3	Top 2 from each pool go to play-offs	Winner from each pool plays r/u from other pool in Semi Final. Best of 3 Sets first to 4 games. Tiebreak at 3 games all. Match tiebreak at 1 set all. Winner from each pool plays r/u form other pool
7	1	N/A	N/A 1 <sup>st</sup> past post	Matches; head to head; sets; games
6	1	N/A	N/A 1 <sup>st</sup> past post	Matches; head to head; sets; games
5	1	N/A	N/A 1 <sup>st</sup> past post	Matches; head to head; sets; games
4	1	N/A	N/A 1 <sup>st</sup> past post.	Matches; head to head; sets; games

<sup>\*</sup>If playoffs start later then 2pm, matches revert to 1 set to 6, Tiebreak at 5 all



# 16/U & 18/U

Events with no Play Offs

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No. Player per pool	No. of Pools	No. Of Courts	No. Matches Played	No. Games played each match	No. Games played per event		
8	2	2	7	4	28		
7	1	1 + share	6	5	30		
6	1	1 + share	5	6	30		
5	1	1	4	7	28		
4	1	1	3	10	30		

**Events With Play Offs** 

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No. Player	No. of	Seeds/Seeded Pools	Play-offs Qualifying	Play-off Format &			
	Pools			Scoring Format			
10+	2/3	Players to be placed in pools as allocated by Regional Administrator /Executive Committee	If more than one player from the same age group and gender are in separate pools, the top player from each pool play-off for first place	Best of 3 Sets first to 4 games. Tiebreak at 3 games all. Match tiebreak at 1 set all			
9	2	Players to be placed in pools as allocated by Regional Administrator /Executive Committee	If more than one player from the same age group and gender are in separate pools, the top player from each pool play-off for first place.	Best of 3 Sets first to 4 games. Tiebreak at 3 games all. Match tiebreak at 1 set all			
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7	1	N/A	N/A	Best of 3 Sets first to 4 games. Tiebreak at 3 games all. Match tiebreak at 1 set all.			
6	1	N/A	N/A	Best of 3 Sets first to 4 games. Tiebreak at 3 games all. Match tiebreak at 1 set all.			
5	1	N/A	N/A	Best of 3 Sets first to 4 games. Tiebreak at 3 games all. Match tiebreak at 1 set all.			
4	1	N/A	N/A	Best of 3 Sets first to 4 games. Tiebreak at 3 games all. Match tiebreak at 1 set all.			

<sup>\*</sup>If playoffs start later then 2pm, matches revert to 1 set to 6, Tiebreak at 5 all



#### Variations to the Number of Games

The Central West Executive committee may choose to shorten or lengthen the format to include short deuce if they have large numbers, however, short deuce should only be used in the case of wet weather and large numbers (short deuce – when the score reaches 40-40 the receiving player chooses which side they wish to receive (deuce or ad court). The player that wins this point is the winner of the current game).

# **Combined Age Groups**

If there is a lack of numbers in an event it is Central West reserve the right to combine 2 or more events. If events are combined, only the matches played against players in the same original age group will count towards the players overall position. (e.g. If there are three (3) 14/U girls, and three (3) 16/U girls, the matches will only count when it is 14/U vs 14/U, and 16/U vs 16/U. Matches between 14/U and 16/U, will not count to the overall positions).

# Central West - Points Allocation

Events with Play Offs

Position	Points	Guidlines
Winner	10	Players must win at least one match to gain
Runner Up	8	points. I.e. if seeded pool only has 4 players and
Losing Semi Finalist	6	a player does not win a match they only receive
Losing Quarter Finalist	5	the 1 participation point. Players allocated the highest points earned from either the pools or the
Winner of Pool (incl. Seeded Pool)	4	play-offs. Points are not added together. E.g., A
Runner Up of Pool (incl. Seeded	3	player that wins their pool and then is runner-up
Pool)		in the playoffs receives 8 points. Players must
3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> in Pool (incl. Seeded Pool)	2	win at least 1 match in the relevant stage of a
Participation	1	draw to receive points. If a player does not win a match, they will be allocated 1 participation point.

Events without Playoffs (7 Players or less)

Position	Points	Guidlines
Winner	10	Players must win at least one match to gain
2 <sup>nd</sup>	8	points. I.e. if seeded pool only has 4 players and
3 <sup>rd</sup>	6	a player does not win a match they only receive
4 <sup>th</sup>	6	the 1 participation point. Players allocated the
5 <sup>th</sup>	4	highest points earned from either the pools or the play-offs. Points are not added together. E.g., A
6th	4	player that wins their pool and then is runner-up
7th	1	in the playoffs receives 8 points. Players must
		win at least 1 match in the relevant stage of a draw to receive points. If a player does not win a match, they will be allocated 1 participation point.



Events without Playoffs (8 Players)

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Position	Points	Guidlines
Winner	10	Players must win at least one match to gain
2 <sup>nd</sup>	8	points. I.e. if seeded pool only has 4 players and
3 <sup>rd</sup>	6	a player does not win a match they only receive
4 <sup>th</sup>	6	the 1 participation point. Players allocated the
5 <sup>th</sup>	4	highest points earned from either the pools or the play-offs. Points are not added together. E.g., A
6th	3	player that wins their pool and then is runner-up
7th	2	in the playoffs receives 8 points. Players must
8th	1	win at least 1 match in the relevant stage of a
		draw to receive points. If a player does not win a match, they will be allocated 1 participation point.

#### Once the Round Robin has finished

There is plenty for the Tournament Director to do at the completion of a JDS event. You will need to complete and submit the **FULL Tournament Report** ASAP to the Regional Administrator. You will also need to **EMAIL full results of the event to the Regional Administrator the next day** so an accurate point score is available as soon as possible for the Regional Selectors and for players. Please ensure that:

- The results are ALL complete.
- The players who failed to notify of their withdrawal are noted.
- You have forwarded all result sheets and play-off sheets ASAP to the Regional Administrator (you may wish to keep a copy for yourself).
- The Regional Administrator will Supply a Player Levy breakdown for you to invoice the Region. <u>centralwest@tennis.com.au</u>
- You have sent the COMPLETED Tournament Director and Tournament Referee reports to the Regional Administrator
- Ensure the completed Tournament Planner file is published on the tournaments website.



### Withdrawal Deadline and Procedure

Once a player has entered a round robin, they are expected to play UNLESS prevented by illness or injury. For all JDS events, the withdrawal deadline is 5.00pm the Wednesday before the event is due to be held. Players are no longer required to provide a medical certificate to support their withdrawal; however, players are entitled to three late withdrawals per calendar year, across the tournaments system, before penalties are imposed.

Players will be issued 1 disciplinary point under the Tennis Australia Code of Behaviour policy when they have incurred their fourth late withdrawal in a calendar year.

If a player needs to withdraw from an event after the event has started due to illness or injury, they must first alert the tournament referee before leaving the court. They should then also advice, where possible, the tournament organiser.

In the event that a player does withdraw during an event, all matches at that stage played against that player will be removed from that stage of the event. All matches from a completed section of the event will remain in the results. I.e. if a player withdraws from the play-off section of an event only matches in the play-offs will not count, however matches in the pool will remain and the player will remain eligible for any points earnt in that completed section of the event.

#### Notes:

- It is the responsibility of the player to be aware of the correct withdrawal procedures
- Players are advised to keep copies of all withdrawal documentation in case of appeal
- Withdrawal notification must be in writing (by email, fax or post not via SMS or Social Media channels) and submitted to the Tournament Director or Referee prior to the start of the tournament.
- Central West reserve the right to request a Medical Certificate at any time to support a withdrawal. Failure to provide a Certificate when requested will result in a late withdrawal code violation.

#### Refunds

- Withdrawals that occur prior to the entry close date will receive a full refund of entries paid, minus 3% transaction surcharge.
- Withdrawals that occur after the entry close date and before the withdrawal deadline 5pm Thursday prior to the event will receive 50% refund
- Withdrawals that occur after 5pm on the Thursday prior the event will not receive a refund of entry fees



# Sponsorship / Advertising / Branding

Each JDS tournament shall identify itself clearly to the public as being part of the Junior Development Series and shall cooperate fully with Tennis Australia and Tennis NSW in furthering public awareness of the Junior Development Series. Tennis Australia and Tennis NSW has the right to brand nets, courts and venue surrounds if it so chooses.

Tournaments are able to source local sponsors if they wish. However, Tennis NSW should approve any sponsors that are supporting your regional JDS before any agreements are made and will not conflict with any potential NSW JDS Sponsorship agreement.

## **Advertising**

Tennis NSW can provide each JDS event with advertising material to be displayed at the venues as well as flyers that can be handed out at the tournaments discretion. Please contact your Regional Administrator if you wish to utilise this service. NSW JDS events are encouraged to promote their own events via local media however; all media releases and advertisement should be sent to your Regional Administrator for approval before being sent out.

# **Venue Appearance and Amenities**

All JDS venues must present a venue that is safe, neat and tidy and adhere to the following requirements -

- Entrance
- Gardens and Grounds
- Courts and Surrounds
- Clubhouse and Equipment
- Change rooms, showers and toilets
- Noticeboards
- Tournament Office (which is to be staffed at all times during the day's play)
- Venues must provide an appropriately stocked first aid kit at each venue
- Club contributes kids to playing in the JDS series
- Host club registers players with Tennis NSW
- Food and/or canteen facilities
- Minimum of 6 courts for a Main venue.



# **Choosing Additional Venues**

Additional venues, if required, can be decided at the entries close. If and additional event is required, the event must advise the relevant Regional Administrator so that the status of Affiliation can be checked.

Venues that are not affiliated cannot be used as additional venues for JDS events unless they fall into and meet the following criteria:

- The venue is attached to a licensed club and can provide a copy of their current Certificate of Currency that shows \$20 million Public Liability cover for the tennis courts:
- The courts are located within a school and the school can provide a copy of their current Certificate of Currency.

When choosing additional venues, you should choose venues that are close by to the main centre and with a substantial amount of courts that will be able to cater for the needs of you event.

# **Using Additional Venues**

Once the courts and venues have been allocated, it is ultimately YOUR responsibility to notify ALL players who are not playing at the original advertised venue. You should also be able to provide directions if necessary. Please contact your Regional Administrator if you need assistance with this.

#### **Code of Conduct**

All Clubs/Associations must have a copy of the 'Code of Conduct'. If you do not have one, contact your Regional Administrator or Tennis NSW as soon as possible. Each JDS event must have a Court Supervisor at a minimum and a Tournament Referee for Champion of Champions. Referees and Court Supervisors are there to deal with player behaviour, player dress code, off-court parent/coach interference, player disputes, playing conditions (i.e. inclement weather). The 'Code of Conduct applies to parents, coaches and friends off the court as well as players on the court. Any interference from any parties off the court will not be tolerated. The Tournament Referee/Court Supervisor must submit a report outlining any problems so the Regions Disciplinary System can be used.

Details of the code of conduct can be found at the below link <a href="https://www.tennis.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/TA-Code-of-Behaviour-Tournaments-and-Weekly-Competitions.pdf">https://www.tennis.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/TA-Code-of-Behaviour-Tournaments-and-Weekly-Competitions.pdf</a>

\*Tournaments that do not have a Tournament Referee or Court Supervisor run the risk of losing their event the following year.



# **Champion of Champions**

The Champion of Champions will be conducted in each region and administered by the respective Regional Administrator

# a. Regional Champion of Champions

- The Top eight (8) point scorers who meet the eligibility criteria to participate will contest the Champion of Champions event in each age group in each region. In the event that the 8<sup>th</sup> place is tied, both players will participate in the Champion of Champions.
- The determination of the top eight (8) point scorers will be based on the cumulative total of a player's best five (7) tournament results. Players must have participated in a minimum of 4 JDS events.
- The Champion of Champions event will be conducted under the Rules that govern all JDS tournaments, as stated in the document.
- Players qualify for the NSW Closed Junior Championships (24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> October 2020) through the Champions of Champions.

# **NSW Junior Closed Championships**

- **a.** 10, 12, 14 and 16 & Under (10/U, 12/U, 14/U) A draw Round Robin of thirty-two (32) comprises:
  - Top three (3) finishers from each of the six (6) Country regions
  - Top six (6) finishers from the Metropolitan region
  - Plus one (1) wild card for each region and two (2) wild cards from the metropolitan region
- **b.** 16 & Under (16/U) A Round Robin draw of sixteen (24) comprises:
  - Top three (3) finishers from each of the six (6) Country regions
  - Top six (6) finishers from the Metropolitan region

Players shall be selected for the NSW Junior Closed Championships based on the position in which they finish at the completion of the play-off stage of the regional Champion of Champions event. Players finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> will be required to play off for the 3<sup>rd</sup> position at the Junior Closed Championships where applicable.

\*\*Wild Cards for the NSW Junior Closed Championships may only be granted to players who have competed in the JDS series in 2020. It is at the regions discretion as to how these wildcards are given out as long as the players have participated in the JDS series that particular year. Once the region has distributed their wildcard allocation, there will be no further wildcards given from Tennis NSW to regions once their allocation of two (2) has been used.



Players who have not participated in the JDS series will not be eligible to compete in the Junior Closed Championships.

#### State Team Events

Stated below is the criteria for selection into a Central West representative team:

# a. Commitment to the Region

At least one of the following must be met

- Plays in JDS series
- Coached in Central West region
- Participates in squad training within CW region
- Member of Regional or State squads
- Plays AR events as a member of a club in CW region

#### b. Selection Process

Selection will be based on the following

- To be considered for the team you must attend the selection day
- Any player who attended nationals for the same age group in the prior year will have automatic selection into the team
- Players with medical certificates may still be considered for the team at the discretion of CW Committee
- Players participating in a sanctioned State or National event that clashes with selection day may also be considered at the discretion of the CW Committee

#### c. Selection Days

Central West will hold a selection day for ALL State teams' events. These will be held at Bathurst Tennis Centre from 2pm on the following days;

- 12's 15/02/2020 Saturday prior to JDS
- 14's 21/03/2020 Saturday prior to JDS
- 16's & Jack Crawford Shield TBC
- 10's 08/08/2020 Saturday prior to JDS

Player rankings and reserve player will be determined on selection day.



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