Information Guide







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2020 North East Junior Development Series Calendar

Date	Area	JDS Event Name	Entry Deadline	Tournament Contact
09-Feb-20	North East -Upper	2020 Ballina JDS	5/02/2020	Kim Taylor & Amber Molloy
09-Feb-20	North East- Lower	Port Macquarie (East) JDS	5/02/2020	Kim Taylor & Eli Baylis
23-Feb-20	North East- Lower	2020 Coffs Harbour JDS	19/02/2020	Kim Taylor & Eli Baylis
23-Feb-20	North East -Upper	2020 Grafton JDS	19/02/2020	Kim Taylor & Amber Molloy
08-Mar-20	North East-Upper	2020 Tweed Heads JDS	4/03/2020	Kim Taylor & Amber Molloy
08-Mar-20	North East- Lower	2020 Taree JDS	4/03/2020	Kim Taylor & Eli Baylis
22-Mar-20	North East- Upper & Lower	2020 Grafton JOINT JDS	18/03/2020	Kim Taylor & Amber Molloy
03-May-20	North East	2020 Ballina JDS 2	29/04/2020	Kim Taylor & Amber Molloy
03-May-20	North East- Lower	2020 Coffs Harbour JDS 2	29/04/2020	Kim Taylor & Eli Baylis
17-May-20	North East- Lower	2020 Forster JDS	13/05/2020	Kim Taylor & Eli Baylis
17-May-20	North East- Upper	2020 Tweed Heads JDS 2	13/05/2020	Kim Taylor & Amber Molloy
14-Jun-20	North East-Upper	2020 Lismore JDS	10/06/2020	Kim Taylor & Amber Molloy
14-Jun-20	North East- Lower	2020 Port Macquarie (West) JDS	10/06/2020	Kim Taylor & Eli Baylis
21-Jun-20	North East- Upper & Lower	2020 Coffs Harbour JOINT JDS	17/06/2020	Kim Taylor & Eli Bayliss
26-Jul-20	North East-Upper	2020 Lismore JDS 2	22/07/2020	Kim Taylor & Amber Molloy
26-Jul-20	North East- Lower	2020 Port Macquarie (Kendall) JDS	22/07/2020	Kim Taylor & Eli Baylis
8-Aug & 9-Aug-20	North East	2020 North West Grafton JDS Champion Of Champions	Invite Only	Kim Taylor
22-Aug-20-23-Aug-20	North East	2020 Northern NSW Inverell JDS Champion Of Champions	Invite Only	Kim Taylor

What is the Junior Development Series?

The Junior Development Series events are round robin singles events for junior players.

The series is designed to give young players an enjoyable, development focused competitive tennis opportunity in their local region.

The North East Region runs the Junior Development Series in two areas, one in the Upper North East Region and one in the Lower North East Region.

Age Groups

The North East region in 2020 will run their JDS events as division events. This will allow for level based play for all players involved.

There will still be an 8/Under (orange ball) and 10/Under event (Green Ball). All other age groups will be run as divisions.



Age group eligibility is determined by the age the player is as at: 31st December 2020.

Event eligibility by age group

- 8 & under (8/U) born on or after 2012
- 10 & under (10/U) born on or after 2010

Eligibility to play

All players must have a Tennis Australia ID number to be eligible to enter the North East Junior Development Series

To obtain a Tennis Australia ID number please contact Tennis Australia Customer Service: 1800 PLAYTENNIS (1800 752 983) or email play@tennis.com.au

Entry Procedure

Entries will close strictly at 11.59pm on the Wednesday prior to the each North East JDS event.

Entry to all JDS tournaments is via online entry through the Tennis Australia Tournaments Website tournaments.tennis.com.au. Direct links to events can be found at https://www.tennis.com.au/nsw/news-and-events/news/regions/north-west

If you experience issues with online entry please email the Regional Administrator on <u>Kim.Taylor@Tennis.com.au</u>, prior to the entry deadline.

Late entries will not be accepted.

Entry Fee

Entry fee: \$25.00 per player in all age groups other than 8/U events where the entry fee is \$15.00. All entry fees are to be paid online at time of entry

Withdrawals & Refunds

Withdrawals that occur prior to the entry close date will receive a full refund of entry fees paid. Withdrawals that occur after entries close will not receive a refund of entry fees. For information on cancelled events please see "Extreme Weather" and "Wet Weather" headings below.

Out of Region/State Entries

'Out of Region' players (i.e. those players residing outside the North East Region boundaries) will be accepted into tournaments. OOR players will be eligible to progress to the playoff rounds of a North East JDS event. They will not however be eligible to accumulate points for the North West JDS Series.

Therefore if an out of region or interstate player wins an event, the North East player who comes second will be rewarded the winning points in the JDS point's race.

If OOR players would like to sign over to the North East Region or to Tennis New South Wales the sign over form must be emailed to the Regional Administrator prior to the player's first event of the 2020 JDS Series. Please contact your Regional Administrator for a copy.

Divisional events

All players above 11 years of age will be placed in divisions not age groups.

There will be a maximum of 20 players in each division. Divisions will be selected by the regional JDS co-coordinators. The JDS co-coordinator will work with individual coaches to finalise player's standards. This will allow for level base play for all players who are competing.

Two players from each pool will qualify for the finals. All players will be playing off for full feed-in to determine positions in each division. Players must stay and complete all matches

Top 3/bottom 3 players potentially may move up or down but this is to the discretion of the JDS Co-ordinator. Depending on numbers each tournament. The Player finishing in the highest place for their age group at each event will be awarded winner of their age group

It is at the discretion of the JDS coordinator on which division each player is placed into.



All players will get their corresponding points back in their age group – for the North East points race – which is what how players will qualify for champion of champions.

Grading's will be done for the first event for each player. After the first event, each players grading will be the place they finish, ie Div 3 12th place. Their grading will remain the same until they play another event. If two players have the same grading, the player who competed at the last event will be given preference to go up a division.

Players who miss an event will come back in the same place as their last grading. This will be under the discretion of the JDS coordinator.

All new players who enter an event during the year will be graded by their coach and the JDS coordinator and placed in the correct grade.

Division one players will compete for prize money:

Winner: \$150 Runner Up - \$50

Note – there is scope to reduce the prizemoney based upon number of entries below 8 players.

All other divisions will play for a winner and runner up trophy.

Combined Age Groups

The JDS Co-Ordinator reserves the right to combine age groups and boys/girls events where it is determined to be in the best interest of the event to do so (This is applicable for 8 and 10/under events ONLY). If events are combined, it is treated as one age group. Players' progress to playoffs as per normal format listed below. Points are allocated as if it is one event. If boys and girls are combined there must be a minimum of 3 players of the one gender for two gender trophies to be awarded. Otherwise it will be the one gender trophy for the winner and runner up of the event.

Scheduling (Start 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.

Format of Play

All age groups will play round robin format.

The Regional Administrator and JDS co-ordinator will determine the format of play for each age group based on number of entries and number of courts for each Junior Development Series Tournament. The decision of the Regional Administrator and JDS coordinator will be final.

The Regional Administrator and JDS coordinator may elect to combine age groups and/or boys and girls where it is determined to be beneficial for the event to do so.

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 8s and 10s ONLY 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 will be decided as follows:

• The North East Regional Administrator and JDS coordinator will determine the seeded pool players for the first JDS events of the series. The determination of the Regional Administrator and JDS coordinator will be final.



- Places in the seeded pool for the second, third, fourth, fifth and sixth events will be determined by the Australian Ranking and the results from the 2019/2020 JDS events.
- The North East Region reserves the right at their discretion to seed a player who would not be seeded based on the rules above if their Australian Ranking (AR) indicates that they should be seeded in an event. This may happen in instances where:
 - o A player was injured and unable to complete previous JDS events.
 - o That player being away playing higher level events on the same dates as previous JDS events therefore not obtaining an average score.

Series Point Allocations

Points will be allocated according to the following table for all age groups:

Position	Point Allocation		
Winner	12 points		
Runner Up -Finalist	10 points		
Third	9 points		
Fourth – Semi Finalist	8 points		
Fifth	7 points		
Sixth	6 points		
Seventh	5 point		
Eighth –Quarter finalist	4 points		
Ninth	3 points		
Tenth	2 points		
Participation	1 point		

In the case of a JDS only being partially completed, points will be awarded to players on the basis of the last fully completed round of play off matches (e.g. if the final is unable to be completed due to rain, both players receive runner-up points).

Extreme Weather

In instances of extreme weather including but not limited to extreme heat, please refer to the Tennis Australia Extreme Weather Policy. A copy of the policy can be found at: https://www.tennis.com.au/tournaments/regulations

Refunds will be provided in the event of unplayable weather conditions only if play is cancelled prior to 10:30am. If play is cancelled after 10.30am, no refunds will be issued.

Wet Weather

In the case of a JDS only being partially completed and players make the play off stages, points will be awarded to players on the basis of the last fully completed round of play (e.g. if the final is unable to be completed due to rain, both players receive runner-up points).

All players will still receive a participation point in the circumstance of a partially completed event.

Refunds will be provided in the event of unplayable weather conditions only if play is cancelled prior to 10:30am. If play is cancelled after 10.30am, no refunds will be issued.

No Shows

Once a player has entered a JDS, you are expected to play; UNLESS prevented by illness or injury.

If a player cannot play, they must notify the Regional Administrator or Tournament Director as soon as possible as a withdrawal affects the draw. Players who no show may face disciplinary action.



Code of Behaviour

The 'Tennis Australia Code of Behaviour' including the dress code applies to all sanctioned tournaments in the North West Region. Correct tennis etiquette and behaviour should be followed.

A copy of the code of behaviour can be found at:

Code of Behaviour (Tournaments & weekly competitions): https://www.tennis.com.au/tournaments/regulations

Parents/Guardians, coaches and spectators are encouraged to view the Code of conduct for Parents & Guardians.

A copy of the code of the Code of Conduct can be found at:

Code of Conduct (Parents & Guardians): https://www.tennis.com.au/nsw/players/junior-11-17/junior-development-series

Series Final Events

Champion of Champions

The top 8 players in the 8' 10's, 12's, 14's & 16's age groups will qualify to play in the North East Champion of Champions and the Northern N.S.W Champion of Champions.

The North East Champion of Champions will determine seeding's for the Northern NSW Champions of Champions event.

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.

If players are tied for the last position then head to head results from 2020 North West Junior Development Series events will decide the player who goes through to the Champion of Champions.

If players are equal on head to head wins then averages will apply. Averages will be worked out based on a players total accumulated JDS series points accumulated divided by the number of events played.

Any player who is not available for The North East Champion of Champions due to injury or illness must have a doctor's certificate, or a written letter sent to the North West regional administrator with their reason for not being available at least seven days prior to the event. If the North East Region determines the reason is important enough to miss the event then the player will be permitted to play in the Inverell Champion of Champions.

To qualify for Champion of Champions events a player must compete in a minimum of 3 North East Junior Development Series events.

2020 NSW Closed Junior Championships

Players qualify for the Closed Championships through the Northern NSW Champion of Champions event.

Players who have not participated in the 2020 JDS series will not be eligible to compete in the NSW Closed Junior Championships.

Publicity, Promotions and Use of Image

i. In consideration of accepting your entry into the tournament, you grant and assign to TA and the Event Host and any applicable third party (at the reasonable discretion of TA) the right in perpetuity throughout the world to make, use, show and reproduce moving pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television, sound recordings and any other reproductions of any description of you during or in connection with the tournament. You agree that your name, voice, likeness, image and biographical material may also be used and reproduced in any way for the purpose of providing information and news in relation to the tournament, audio visual coverage, distribution and broadcast of the tournament, archival purposes, and publicising, promoting and advertising TA and the tournament. You acknowledge and agree that this usage, including for commercial purposes, is without compensation or notice to you, heirs, executors, administrators or assigns.



ii. TA or the Event Host may appoint third parties to attend selected tournaments and produce recordings of on-court action (Authorised Filming). Third parties appointed to conduct Authorised Filming may make and reproduce still and motion pictures of participants for the purposes of selling footage back to TA, broadcasters or participants. You must give verbal or written notice to any person conducting Authorised Filming prior to the match starting if you do not wish to be filmed. It is your responsibility to seek out the person conducting Authorised Filming if you do not wish to be filmed. TA and the Event Host will take reasonable steps to comply with your wishes regarding filming, subject to any agreements regarding broadcast of tournament matches.

Working with Children Checks

Tournament Directors and Officials involved in Junior Development Series events are required to have a valid NSW Working with Children Check.

Disputes, Complaints & Feedback

Disputes and concerns on the day of a JDS event may be directed to an onsite official or the Tournament Director. All other matters may be directed to the Regional Administrator in writing at Kim.Taylor@Tennis.com.au

Amendments

The Junior Development Series and Regulations may only be amended, repealed or otherwise modified, in whole or in part, by the region with approval by Tennis NSW at any time including with retrospective effect. North West Region and Tennis NSW reserve the right to review and amend Junior Development Series Rules and Information during the year, including with retrospective effect, if it determines that the amendments are in the best interest of the players and the Junior Development Series. These amendments will be published on the North West Regional Webpage.