

Sydney Junior Team Tennis Competition Rules



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1 Objectives

- 1.1 These rules govern all Sydney Junior Team Tennis Competition programs. Any matter which is not specifically covered in the rules shall be resolved by Tennis NSW. Tennis NSW administers the Sydney Junior Team Tennis (SJTT) Competition and has the power to make final decisions in respect of the conduct of the Sydney Junior Team Tennis (SJTT).
- 1.2 Players, teams, coaches, officials (participants) must at all times act in the best interests of the SJTT and Tennis NSW and not at any time engage in conduct which brings or has the potential to bring a participant, the Competition or Tennis NSW into disrepute, or which is or would have the tendency to be contrary to or prejudicial to the best interest, image or values of Sydney Tennis or Tennis NSW or not in the "Spirit of Tennis".

2. Team Requirements

- 2.1 In order to participate, teams must provide the following:
 - Staff member / supervisor during competition hours.
 - Player details for teams (minimum 2 players per team)
 - 2 courts per match played at their home venue.
 - 2 cans of balls (6 Balls total) per match played at their home venue.
 - Complete payment of competition fee. (\$120 per team entered)

3. Registration of Teams

- 3.1 Clubs participating in SJTT must be affiliated members of Tennis NSW. Teams entered in SJTT will represent the club as the primary affiliate, and cannot represent a coach/operator based at the site, unless the coach/operator is the primary affiliate.
- 3.2 Teams shall be registered to the competition for a particular season upon receipt of a team registration form and competition fee by the due date. Tennis NSW has the right to refuse the registration of any team or player.

4 Match Format and League Schedules

- 4.1 Each Sydney Junior Team Tennis team will consist of a minimum of two (2) players of any gender.
- 4.2 Match Format will be two (2) singles rubbers (1 v 1 and 2 v 2) followed by 1 doubles rubber (1&2 v 1&2).
- 4.3 Singles matches to be played over two (2) courts and Doubles matches to be played over one (1) court
- 4.4 Matches commence as advised on the draw, which is published on Match Centre <http://leagues.tennis.com.au/>.
- 4.5 a) Singles matches will be best of two (2) tie-break sets (tie-break played at six (6) games all). Should the score be one (1) set all, a match tie-break (first to ten (10) points with a two (2) point advantage) will be played.

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b) Doubles will be the same format, but with no advantage scoring (short deuce). If the game is tied at deuce, the players who win the next point win the game. The receivers will have the choice of the receiving side.

5 Grading

- 5.1 Tennis NSW is responsible for grading all competitions and determination of the number of teams in each division.
- 5.2 Players will be graded using their Universal Tennis Rating (UTR) Should a player not have a UTR, Tennis NSW may consider other information to assist with the Grading process.
- 5.3 Any team that withdraws from the Sydney Junior Team Tennis Competition following the release of preliminary grading will be required to pay 100% of the Sydney Junior Team Tennis entry fee. Teams may also be denied entry into future competitions.

6 Match Scoring

- 6.1 There is a maximum of three (3) points available for each match. A team scores one (1) point for each rubber won.
- 6.2 If at the completion of the match not all rubbers have been finished or played, each team will be awarded 0.5 points for each unfinished or un-played rubber. For example: if score is 4-3 in the last rubber and time has run out, each team will be awarded 0.5 points.
- 6.3 Teams are awarded zero (0) points for a bye.
- 6.4 The ladder for each section will be ordered based on the highest total points won. If two or more teams are equal in points on the ladder, their ranking will be decided by the following:
 - a) The team with a higher percentage of sets won (that is, sets won/sets played x 100%) (Percentage of Sets Won) will be ranked higher on the ladder.
 - b) If the Percentage of Sets Won is equal, the team with a higher percentage of games won (that is, games won/games played x 100%) (Percentage of Games Won), will be ranked higher on the ladder.

7 Extreme Weather and Cancellations (inclement weather)

- 7.1 The Tennis Australia Extreme Weather Policy (<https://www.tennis.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/Extreme-Weather-Policy-Effective-25-November-2019-1.pdf>) applies to all matches, and shall determine whether play should be suspended or abandoned in accordance with these Competition Rules.
- 7.2 If the match is cancelled due to inclement weather (Wash Out), each team shall receive one and a half (1.5) points.

8 Finals

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- 8.1 At the end of the regular season of Sydney Junior Team Tennis Competition, the following teams (after any deductions for a breach of rules) will qualify for the finals.

A) 6 Team Competitions = All Teams to participate in Finals Round

Finals Week		
Grand Final 1st v 2 nd	3rd/4th Playoff 3 rd v 4 th	5th/6th Playoff 5 th v 6 th
Home Team: 1st	Home Team: 3rd	Home Team: 5th

9 Match Balls

- 9.1 All teams must provide a minimum of 3 brand new balls per match. ITF approved tennis balls must be used for all matches (<https://www.itftennis.com/technical/balls/approved-balls.aspx>).

10 Entering Results

- 10.1 The winning team/club shall be responsible for online lodgment of results in Tennis Australia's online competition system (Match Centre) within 24 hours of scheduled commencement time of Match. For all matches whether they are Won, Lost, Drawn, Incomplete or Forfeited. (must include reason for incomplete matches). If a match is washed out, the home team must enter that result.
- 10.2 Once the winning team has entered match results, the losing team must confirm or dispute the results within 48 hours of the results being lodged by the winning team. Failure by the Winning team to lodge results within 24 hours may result in the team being penalized.
- 10.3 All results will be deemed official 72 hours after the scheduled commencement time of the match.
- 10.4 Tennis NSW reserves the right to amend any scorecards/errors that may impact the overall result of any fixture outside of these deadlines.
- 10.5 Any issues arising from the weekend's matches must be lodged within 48 hours following, so they may be dealt with before the commencement of the next round. This may include incorrect results, player names, and behavioral concerns.

11 Prizes

- 11.1 Prizes for Sydney Junior Team Tennis (if any) will be determined by TNSW in its absolute discretion.

12 Dispute Resolution

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- 12.1 Subject to these rules any dispute between a team and/or participants must be referred to Tennis NSW in writing within 48 hours of the date of the alleged incident/breach and the complaint must contain a precise statement of the issue(s) in the dispute, and include all relevant facts such as correct name of person/s involved, date, time, location.

Complaint to be emailed to nkeys@tennis.com.au and jtucker@tennis.com.au

- 12.2 Tennis NSW will acknowledge receipt of complaint and will aim to provide a response within three (3) days if practical.
- 12.3 Tennis NSW may call on an independent committee to review the complaint/dispute who may provide a recommendation to Tennis NSW.
- 12.4 Tennis NSW has the power to adjudicate any dispute referred to it for determination in any way in its absolute discretion but subject to the principles of natural justice, these rules and regulations and any Policy (if relevant).

13 Policies and Regulations

- 13.1 All competitions and matches must be conducted in accordance with their relevant policies, procedures and regulations and all Tennis Australia National Policies.
- a) Tennis Australia Code of Behavior, which includes disciplinary action for inappropriate spectator behavior;
 - b) Tennis Australia Member Protection Policy
 - c) Tennis Australia Anti-Doping Policy
 - d) Tennis Australia Disciplinary Policy
 - e) Tennis Australia Anti-Corruption program
 - f) Tennis Australia Social Media Policy
 - g) And any other policy, rule, procedure or regulation of which Tennis Australia may publish from time to time.
 - h) Tennis Australia Rules for non-umpired matches
([http://www.tennis.com.au/doc/tennis-etiquetteand-rules-for-non-umpired matches](http://www.tennis.com.au/doc/tennis-etiquetteand-rules-for-non-umpired-matches))
 - i) Tennis Australia Dress & equipment Regulations
 - j) AR Tournaments Rules & Regulations – Publicity, promotion and use of Image

In the event, that these regulations do not cover a rule/procedure – Players, Referees and Match Supervisors should refer to - The ITF Rules of Tennis (available via <http://itftennis.com/officiating/rulebooks/rules-of-tennis.aspx>)