



**2022 Regional
Matchplay Series
North West**



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1. Regional Matchplay Series

The North West Regional Matchplay Series events are designed to give players competitive matches against people of a similar ability by implementing the Universal Tennis Rating (UTR) system. The series is designed to give young players an enjoyable but competitive match play experience in their local region.

These series consist of one day round robin events culminating in multiple opportunities to progress through to the Region, Conference and State Champion of Champions event in the region.

The 2022 North West Regional Matchplay Series will be run throughout the North West 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 events in the North West region in 2022.

2. Age Groups and Calendar

2.1 2022 Calendar

| DATE | J.D.S VENUE | OPEN TO |
|--------------------|---|-----------------|
| 13 Feb 22 | Armidale | All players |
| 27-Feb-22 | Gunnedah | All players |
| 13-Mar-22 | Tamworth | All players |
| 03-Apr-22 | Narrabri | All players |
| 01-May-22 | West Tamworth | All players |
| 15-May-22 | Gunnedah | All players |
| 29-May-22 | Inverell | All players |
| 5-June-22 | Tamworth | All players |
| 19-Jun-22 | Narrabri | All players |
| 24-Jul-22 | Moree | All players |
| 21-Aug-22 | 2022 Gunnedah North West RMS Champion Of Champions (Invite Only) | Qualifiers only |
| 15 & 16 Oct-22 | 2022 Inverell Northern Foundation Champion Of Champions (Invite Only) - North East v North West | Qualifiers only |
| 26-Nov & 27-Nov-22 | NSW Champion of Champions | Qualifiers Only |



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2.2– Age Groups

8 & under – Orange ball. Modified court – non UTR verified event – Birth year – 2014 – 2016
10 & under – Green ball – non UTR verified event – Birth year - 2012 – 2013
12 & under – Yellow full compression ball – Birth year - 2010 - 2011
der - Yellow full compression ball – birth year - 2008 -2009
Opens - Yellow full compression ball

Common birthdate applies. Your age group is determined by the age you are as of the 31/12/2022.

3.0 - Player Eligibility

All players who play in the Regional Matchplay Series events **MUST** be a registered member of Tennis Australia

3.1 Tennis Australia Member ID

All players need a Tennis registration (ID) number to enter the Regional Matchplay Series events. A player's registration number is an 11-digit number starting with 61. If players do not have an ID number contact Tennis Australia Customer Service on 1800 PLAY TENNIS (1800 752 983) to receive your number.

3.2 Universal Tennis Rating (UTR)

- Information about UTR including how your rating is calculated can be found [here](#).
- All players who play in Regional Matchplay Series events **MUST** have a UTR profile.
- If you do not already have a profile, that is okay. Use the below information and link to join and you can start your journey as a player.
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Here's How To Get Started!

Step 1: Go to [MyUTR.com](https://www.myutr.com).

Step 2: **Click Join** at the top-right corner of the page.

Step 3: Enter your email address and a password and **click Sign Up With Email**.

Step 4: Enter your profile info! Note that if you're signing up for your child, this information and e-mail address should be uniquely their own as each child needs their own account at [MyUTR.com](https://www.myutr.com).

Step 5: **Click Continue as a player**.

Further information can be found [here](#).



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3.3 Up to Date Player Information

As per any other Tennis NSW Tournaments and Competitions, the primary method of communication with players and parents will be via email. The onus is on the players and parents to ensure that their contact information is up to date. Emails will need to be regularly checked leading up to and during the event to ensure relevant information is being received. Player information from UTR is also used to send information regarding Champion of Champions and State Teams events.

3.4 Regional Eligibility (OOR)

Players will be accepted into the North West Regional Matchplay Series Events. However, OOR players WILL NOT be eligible for progression into any playoff matches at each event, as these matches determine qualification to the North West Champion of Champion event.

If Out of Region players would like to sign over to another region, the regional sign over form must be emailed to the Regional Administrator asap. Please contact your Regional Administrator for a copy.

4.0 - ENTRY PROCEDURE

In 2022, all entries will be taken online through a software program the region will be using. Details below.

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

4.1 – Cost

- \$25 per player per event which will be payable with online entry.
- In 2022 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.

4.2 Open events

- Open event winners and R/Up will receive prize money.
Winner - \$75.00 and R/Up - \$25.00. If men's and women's open events are combined then prize money will be \$100.00 winner, \$50.00 R/Up, \$25.00 each semi finalist (Minimum of 3 players for prizemoney to be collected).
- Women may register in the Men's Open event should they wish, but will therefore play in the men's prizemoney pool.



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5 – Refunds and Withdrawals

5.1 Withdrawal deadline

Players will be provided with a full refund should they withdraw before the withdrawal deadline. Players that withdraw after the withdrawal deadline will not be entitled to a refund.

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

Note:

It is the responsibility of the player to be aware of the correct withdrawal procedures

Withdrawal notification must be in writing (by email – not via SMS or social media channels) and submitted to the Regional Pathway Coordinator prior to the start of the tournament

If anyone in your family is unwell, we respectfully request that you stay at home and do not attend the event.

5.2 No Show

If a player does not turn up on the day (and has not previously withdrawn) they may be issued one (1) disciplinary point under the Tennis Australia Code of Conduct and will have 4 points deducted from their Regional Matchplay Series Point score.

5.3 Wet weather

- 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 RMS series)**
- Players should check the tournament website and regions Facebook pages regularly for all wet weather updates.

5.4 Withdrawals, Wet Weather and Match Results

All match scores will be recorded and entered for player withdrawals or wet weather cancellations during an event.

5.5 COVID

If withdrawal after the withdrawal deadline is due to COVID symptoms a full refund will be provided upon the Regional Pathway Coordinator receiving a copy of the positive COVID test results from the relevant Health Authority.



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6 - FORMAT OF PLAY

6.1 -STARTING TIME

- All age groups will commence play at 8.30am. (Please note if numbers are larger at an event we will notified all players early to let them know if an 8am start time is required.)
- 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.

6.2 -Draw Formats

- All age groups will play round robin format.
- In 2022, this event will be run under the UTR system. Where possible players will play one tiebreak set (for 12/Under age group and above) – this score will then go to a players VERIFIED UTR rating.
- All play off matches will be one tiebreak set to allow a verified rating to go into the UTR system.
- 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.

6.3 – Pools and 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 two 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 two 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 North West selection committee will select the seeded pool players for the first two Regional Matchplay Series 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 accumulative average (total points divided by Regional Matchplay Series 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,



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the North West selection committee will determine which player goes into the seeded pool.

- **THE NORTH WEST SELECTION RESERVES THE RIGHT TO PLACE A HIGHER UTR RATING, PLAYER IN THE SEEDED POOL WHO DOES NOT HAVE ENOUGH POINTS DUE TO:**
 - That player being injured and unable to play previous Regional Matchplay Series Events.
 - That player being away playing higher-level events on the same dates as previous Regional Matchplay Series events therefore not obtaining an average score.

6.4 – Point Score

| 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

| MULTIPLE POOLS | POINT ALLOCATION |
|------------------|------------------|
| Winner | 10 points |
| Runner Up | 8 points |
| Semi Finalist | 6 points |
| Quarter Finalist | 5 points |
| Round of 16 | 3 points |
| Participation | 1 point |

In the event of a wash out pool points will only be allocated for completed age groups and age groups with completed semi-finals. Where the final is not played, the points will be shared equally between the finalists. All players will receive 1 point for the points race, however this will not count towards averages.

Where a player withdraws prior to completion of their pool matches they will not receive any points.

Where a player withdraws after completion of all their pool matches they will received points based on their last completed round, this may be their pool result or their completed play-off match result.



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6.5 - Playing out of the 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.
- In 2022, a player **MUST** win their respective age group before they are able to play up in the above age group. It is compulsory that a player can only play up one age division. Example – you cannot win the 12/Under and then go straight to playing in the Opens. This player would have to play in the 14/Under event if they wanted to play up.
- Open Women players must win their respective age group before they are eligible to play in the Open Mens. The request to enter in the Open Mens must be made by email to the Regional Pathway Coordinator prior to the closing deadline of the event.
- The age group you play your first RMS event in will be your nominated Champion of Champions age group.
- The first time a player enters in a higher age group the Selection Committee will determine, at their discretion, whether the player is seeded or unseeded. 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 does not apply when entering in a higher age group.

7. Officiating

The Competitive Play Review indicates for a Regional/Zone level event the officiating requirement is one Referee and one (1) community official per 4 courts

8. Champion of Champions

The Regional Matchplay Series will culminate in an invitation only Regional Champion of Champions. Qualification into Regional Champion of Champions will be based on the following guidelines:

- Participation in a minimum of 3 of your regions Matchplay Series events
- Players will be selected from the Regional Point score
- Participation in Zone Squads, 1 per term (if selected)
- Representation in Regional State League, 2 per year (if selected)
- The players Rating (UTR etc.)
- The Players on court behaviour
- The Players Previous Disciplinary record including previous Code Violations or Sanctions from Their Region, Tennis NSW, or Tennis Australia.
- Feedback from Zone or High-Performance Squads



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8.1 North West Champion of Champions (Gunnedah) – 21st August 2022

10 under, 12 under, 14 under

8.2 Northern Foundation Champion of Champions (Inverell) – 15th and 16th October 2022

8 under, 10 under, 12 under, 14 under, 16 under and Open

- The top 8 players in the 10 under, 12 under and 14 under will qualify to play in the North West Champion of Champions in Gunnedah 21st August 2022 and Northern Foundation Champion of Champions Inverell on 15th and 16th October 2022.
- The top 4 players in the 8 under and Opens (8 players in 16 under) will qualify to play in the Northern Foundation Champion of Champions event in Inverell on 15th and 16th October 2022.
- The North West Champion of Champions will determine seeding's for the Northern Foundation Champions of Champions in the 10 under, 12 under and 14 under.
- The top 8 players in the 10 under, 12 under, 14 under and 16 under age groups will be chosen based on their top 6 results accumulative scores from these events. This also applies to the top 4 players in the 8 under and Opens. If players are tied for the last position then head-to-head results from 2022 RMS events will decide the player who goes through to the Champion of Champions event. 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 Champions Qualifiers.
- Any player who is not available for Gunnedah 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 7 days prior to the event. If the North West selection subcommittee deems the reason is important enough to miss the event then the players will be permitted to play in the Northern Foundation Champion of Champions.
- To qualify for North West Champions of Champions events a player must compete in a minimum of 3 RMS events.

8.3 NSW Champion of Champions – 26th and 27th November 2022

8.3.1 10 under, 12 under and 14 under

10 under, 12 under & 14 under

Top 8 boys and top 8 girls from the 10 under, 12 under and 14 under from the Northern NSW Champion of Champions in Inverell will be invited to compete.

NSW Champion of Champions - 32 player compass Draw:

- Each other region will invite 4 players boys and girls in each age group
- Metro Sydney 8 players boys and girls in each age group decided by Sydney Metro Committee



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8.3.2 16 under Teams Event – 26th and 27th November 2022

16 under Teams Event - 6 regional teams and 2 metropolitan teams

Each team will comprise 2 boys and 2 girls and one court manager per team

Format – Each rubber will consist of single, doubles and mixed doubles

Fast 4 format – singles best of 3 t/b sets, doubles/mixed best of 2 t/b set + 5pt MTB

8.3.3 Jack Crawford Shield – 26th and 27th November 2022

Open Teams Event –

Each team will comprise of two men and two women. Regional Matchplay Committee can select an additional player at their discretion.

9. Code of behaviour

All Clubs/Associations and Players must abide by the Tennis Australia 'Code of Behaviour'. This can be found at the following link – <https://www.tennis.com.au/doc/code-of-behaviour>

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.

Code Violations may be issued under the Tennis Australia Code of Behaviour.

The Regional Pathway Coordinator is to be made aware of any issues/incidents that occur at any event. The Regional Pathway Coordinator in consultation with the Regional Matchplay Committee will handle any disciplinary issues in the first instance and if of a more serious nature consult with TA

9.1 Publicity, Promotions and Use of Images

I. In consideration of accepting your entry into the Regional Matchplay Series, you grant and assign to TNSW and the Event Host and any applicable third party (at the reasonable discretion of TNSW) 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 Regional Matchplay Series.

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 super series, audio visual coverage, distribution and broadcast of the super series, archival purposes, and publicising, promoting and advertising Tennis NSW and the Regional Matchplay Series. 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 Regional Matchplay Series events 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



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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 Regional Matchplay Series matches.

9.2 Filming and Photography

You acknowledge that, other than for private domestic purposes only, you and your coach, trainers and other guests are strictly prohibited from taking any photographs, still images, sound recordings, visual footage, audio-visual footage and any other reproductions in connection with the Regional Matchplay Series by any means (Recordings) for commercial purposes. If you do take any Recordings without TAs consent you will, on request from TA: a) assign all copyright and all other intellectual property rights in the Recordings to TA; and b) consent to TAs use, dealing and exploitation of the Recordings for any purpose in any media in perpetuity world-wide and without payment to you.

Filming or photography of players on court for private domestic purposes is only permitted where: a) both players provide their express consent both to the filming/photography and to the purpose for which it is being taken (or, where a player is under 18, their parent or guardian provides express consent); b) the Event Host provides its express consent to the proposed filming/photography on its premises; and c) a flash is not used.

Filming and photography is strictly prohibited in restricted areas of a Regional Matchplay Series including change rooms.

At all times, the referee has discretion in relation to filming and photography. Any person acting inappropriately in the opinion of the referee may be directed to cease taking photographs/film, may have his/her recording device confiscated while onsite at the event or may be asked to leave the venue.

TA may arrange for officials to wear cameras to record matches at the Regional Matchplay Series and their interactions with players and other attendees at the tournament. By participating in the Regional Matchplay Series, you consent to your voice, name, image, and/or likeness being recorded and used for monitoring, training, and education purposes.

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