



**2022 Regional
Matchplay Series
Northumberland**



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1. Regional Matchplay Series

The Regional Matchplay Series consists of both round robin and compass draw formats to provide players competitive, level-based playing opportunities. The series has been designed to provide players competitive match play in their local region and conference.

Northern Conference

North East
North West
Northumberland

Southern Conference

South East
South West
Central West

The series will consist of round robin and compass draws events played throughout the year. Each region will run a minimum of 7 Regional Matchplay Series Events. At the end of the Series players in the 8/U, 10/U, 12/U, 14/U and Opens age groups will be selected for a Regional Champion of Champions. Players in the 10/U, 12/U, 14/U will progress to the NSW Champion of Champions. Players will also be selected to compete in the 16 under Teams Event and the Jack Crawford Shield.

2. Age Groups and Eligibility

Players in the Regional Matchplay Series will be split into categories, based on their age.

- 8/U Orange, modified ball – non-verified event
- 10/U Green, modified ball – non-verified event
- 12/U, 14/U, & Opens - Yellow, full compression ball

2.1 Age Eligibility

Players must fit the age eligibility of the event as at the 31st December 2022.

8/U - players must be 8 or under as of the 31st December ie born 2014 -2015

10/U – players must be 10 or under at the 31st December ie born in 2012 - 2013

12/U – players must be 12 or under at the 31st December ie born 2010 - 2011

14/U – players must be 14 or under at the 31st December ie born 2008 - 2009

2.2 Regional Eligibility - Out of Region Players

Out of Region players will be accepted into the Regional Matchplay Series events. OOR players can progress to playoffs of individual events. OOR players WILL NOT be eligible for progression into the Regional Champion of Champion event for a region other than their own.

If OOR players would like to sign over to a particular region, the regional sign over form must be emailed to the Regional Pathway Coordinator by 30th April 2022. Please complete the form at the end of this document and email it to your Regional Pathway Coordinator –

Southern Conference – Karen Muller kmuller@tennis.com.au

Northern Conference – Megan McDonagh megan.mcdonagh@tennis.com.au



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3. Entry Fees

10/U, 12/U, 14/U & Opens \$30 per player per event

8/U - \$15 per player per event

A family discount will be given. Players must pay the full amount and a discount will be refunded after the event - maximum entry fee of \$70 per family

4. Entering Regional Matchplay Series

All events will be online entry and payment. Entries and results can be found via <https://tournaments.tennis.com.au/>

Entries will close at 11:59pm on the Wednesday prior to the tournament date. It is the player's responsibility to confirm their entry/playing time prior to the event they have entered.

4.1 Player Eligibility

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

4.2 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.

4.3 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.

4.4 Late Entries and Reserve Lists

Players and parents are required to be accountable and organised in their commitment to playing these events. All events will be on a 'First-in, Gets in' basis. Once a draw is full or venue reaches capacity due to court availability, players will be placed on the reserve list, no matter what their rating is.

Emailed late entries will only be accepted if a vacancy exists, at the discretion of the Regional Pathway Coordinator, whose decision shall be final



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5. Withdrawals and Refunds

Once a player has entered a Regional Matchplay Series event, they are expected to play unless prevented by illness or injury.

For all Regional Matchplay Series events, the withdrawal deadline is 11.59pm Thursday prior to the tournament date.

5.1 Withdrawal Deadline and Procedure

To withdraw from an event, players must withdraw online prior to the withdrawal deadline. Players need to email the Regional Pathway Coordinator if withdrawing after the withdrawal deadline.

Players are no longer required to provide a medical certificate to support their withdrawal, however, players are entitled to four late withdrawals per calendar year, across the tournaments system, before penalties are imposed.

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.

6. Refunds

6.1 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.

6.2 Wet weather

If play is cancelled within 1hr of the scheduled start time of the event a full refund will be provided

Players should check the tournament website and regions Facebook pages regularly for all wet weather updates.



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6.3 COVID

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

7. Format

The Regional Matchplay Series events will be run over one day – Sunday. Start time 8.30am The Regional Matchplay Series are a mixed event. Players are drawn against each other based on their TA Rating. Draws sizes will be dependent on the number of players and courts available. Player numbers may be limited due to court availability. If there is a lack of numbers in an event it is possible to combine 2 or more events.

Once entries close the Regional Pathway Coordinator will split players into their respective Round Robin or Compass Draw events, with the Top 8 players based on their TA Rating playing the Compass Draw event. Note: the RPC has the discretion to change seeding of a player if their TA rating is not reflective of their ability ie player out of the game for an extended period of time due to injury/illness

7.1 Regional Matchplay Series – Compass Draw

The top 8 players based on their TA Rating in the 14/U and Opens will compete in a compass draw. Players will be drawn based on their TA Rating and compete in 3 singles matches. 2 seeded players will be placed in the draw and the remainder will be randomly drawn.

Format: Best of two sets and a super tiebreaker.

7.2 Regional Matchplay Series – Round Robin

This is a round robin event with the top player from each pool to progress to playoffs.

Depending on number and size of each pool, 1 or 2 seeded players will be placed in each pool and the remainder will be randomly placed in the pools.

8/U – Best of 6 games, tie break at 3 all, no ad deuce (Aim for 4 players per pool)

10/U, 12/U, 14/U – Best of one set, tie break at 6 all, no ad deuce. (Aim for 5-6 players per pool)

Opens - Best of one set, tie break at 6 all, no ad deuce. (Aim for 5-6 players per pool)

Playoffs – Elimination - Top player from each pool goes through to playoffs. Playoffs will be best of one set, tie break 6 all no ad deuce. If odd number of pools the next best player is added. Please note formats may be altered by the Regional Pathway Coordinator dependent on numbers and courts available.

Greatest number of match wins; Head-to-Head results if only two (2) players are tied, or if three (3) players are tied, then:

1. Highest percentage of sets won (sets won against sets played); then if still tied:
2. Highest percentage of games won (games won against games played).

If 1 or 2 produce one winning player (first place), or one player for third place, and the two remaining players are tied, the tie between those two players shall be broken by head-to-head record.



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7.3 Pointscore Allocation

Winner – compass and round robin playoffs	15 points
Runner up - compass and round robin playoffs	12 points
3 rd place or losing semi finalist RR playoffs	8 points
4 th place or losing qtr finalist RR playoffs	6 points
5/6 place	5 points
7/8 place	4 points
Card winner – round robin	8 points
Card runner up – round robin	6 points
3 rd place card – round robin	4 points
4 th place card – round robin	3 points
Participation	1 point

Players are allocated points in the age group they enter. Points are not transferable to another age group.

In the case of a Regional Matchplay Series event only being partially completed, points will be awarded to players based on the last fully completed round of play. If an event is washed out before pool matches are completed, players will receive participation points only

8. 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

9. 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 50% of your regions Matchplay Series events
- In the event of insufficient number of players qualifying, then 25% 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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9.1 Regional Champion of Champions – 13th November 2022

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

Top 7 boys and top 7 girls based on point score who meet the eligibility criteria will contest the Regional Champion of Champions event in each age group. The determination of the top 8-point scorers will be based on competing in 50% (ie 6 RMS events in Northumberland) and the cumulative total of a players best 6 results in the Regional Matchplay Series. There will be 1 wildcard at the discretion of the Regional Matchplay Committee, should that not be awarded, the 8th rated player will be invited.

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

9.2.1 10 under, 12 under and 14 under

10 under, 12 under and 14 under

Top 3 boys and top 3 girls from each age group from the Regional Champion of Champions will be invited to compete with 1 wild card to be distributed by Regional Matchplay Committee. Should the wild card not be utilised it will go directly to the number 4th player in the Regional Champion of Championships. 32 player compass Draw.

- Each 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

9.2.2 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

9.2.3 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.



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10. 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 Pathways 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

10.1 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 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.

10.2 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.



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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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REGIONAL PLAYER REPRESENTATIVE ELIGIBILITY FORM

PLAYERS BORDERING ON REGIONAL BOUNDARIES:

This form is to be filled out by players who have the following circumstance:

Players who reside in a different Region to the affiliate that they are registered with.

Having read and understood the attached letter of policy, I _____ confirm that I wish to be considered to represent _____ (Name of Region) for all Tennis NSW fixtures and associated events.

Commencing: _____ January 2022 _____ and Ending: _____ December 2022 _____

I also recognise that my decision places no responsibility on the State / National selectors to select me for any event in which I may be eligible.

Players Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Mobile _____

Email _____

DOB _____

Tennis NSW Registration Number _____

Player Signature _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

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