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1. Regional Matchplay Series

The Regional Matchplay Series (**RMS**) events are an NSW Tennis Country circuit of events broken down across the 6 regions of NSW (North East, North West, Northumberland, Central West, South West & South East) designed to give players diverse and targeted competition in a competitive match play environment by utilising regional points ladders dependant on each round's result to determine who advances to different levels of finals. The series is designed to give young players an enjoyable and competitive match play experience across their local region while also providing players with the opportunity to improve their Universal Tennis Rating (**UTR**).

These series consist of up to 12 one day round robin events throughout the year allowing multiple opportunities to progress through to the Regional and State Champion of Champions event.

The 2023 Regional Matchplay Series will be run throughout 2023 within each player's home region at venues set out by their Regional Matchplay Committee on dates set by the Regional Matchplay Committee and Published in the event/tournament calendar. The following set of rules (Rules) will be in place and applicable to the running of all events associated with the Regional Matchplay Series. These Rules will be supported by Regulations (each regions Regulations) which are specific to each region's RMS and are be read in conjunction with these Rules. In the event of an inconsistency between the Rules and the Regulations the Rules will prevail to the extent of the inconsistency.

These Rules and Regulations are also to be read in conjunction with the Tennis Australia Competitive Play Regulations for both Junior and Opens competitions. In the event of an inconsistency between these Rules and Regulations and the Tennis Australia Competitive Play Regulations, these Rules and Regulations will prevail to the extent of the inconsistency.

1.1 - Player Eligibility

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 66. If players do not have an ID number, they should visit <https://www.tennis.com.au/competitiveplay/competitive-player-profile> if a player has trouble after visiting the website you can contact Tennis Australia Customer Service or via email customersupport@tennis.com.au or on 1800 PLAY TENNIS (1800 752 983)

All entries are subject to review and approval by the relevant Regional Matchplay Committee and each committee holds the authority, in their absolute discretion, to deny entry to any player who has been in the opinion of the Regional Matchplay Committee been found to have offended any provisions of a Tennis Australia or Tennis NSW policy or procedure, any rules and regulations relating to the RMS events or any other endorsed NSW Tennis Country, Tennis NSW or Tennis Australia event/s or competitions.

1.2 - Age Eligibility

The 2023 RMS Series will be played in the 10U, 12U, 14U, 16U and Opens divisions. Unlike in 2022, unless otherwise specified the 2023 RMS Series will be gender separated (dependent upon entry numbers) with all reasonable steps being taken to ensure the gendered events are run consistent with the player's best interest at heart. The below table illustrates the age eligibility for the 2023 Series of events.



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10/U Eligibility	Born in or after the 2013 Calendar Year
12/U Eligibility	Born in or after the 2011 Calendar Year
14/U Eligibility	Born in or after the 2009 Calendar Year
16/U Eligibility	Born in or after the Year 2007 Calendar Year
Opens Eligibility	Born in or before the 2006 Calendar Year

1.3 – Playing out of Age

Players will not be permitted to play above their age group, unless an exception has been granted by the relevant Regional Match Play Committee until they have met the eligibility requirements to qualify for the Regional Champion of Champions (per Rule 1.11 and any relevant Regulations). Players should consult the Regulations relevant for your region for the Regional Champion of Champions eligibility criteria.

In addition to qualifying for their Regional Champion of Champions, a player **MUST** win an event in 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 and win one of those events if they wanted to play up and can only do so after qualifying in their respective age category.

Open Women may request to participate in the Opens Men's division and such an exception can only be granted by the Regional Matchplay Committee in their absolute discretion. The request to enter in the Open Men's must be made by email to the Regional Pathway Coordinator prior to the entry deadline of the relevant RMS event and will be forwarded onto the Regional Matchplay Committee for consideration.

If a player having qualified for the Regional Champion of Champions in their respective age category and having won any of the events then wishes to play up into the next age category, they may not rely on the points from the lower age category to gain placement onto the seeded card in the higher age category. The player playing up in age after meeting the criteria will for the purposes of placement onto the cards, be considered a new player and must comply with the provisions of Rule 1.7 to earn placement onto any higher age category seeded card.

1.4 – Entry Procedure

In 2023, entries will only be accepted online through each individual RMS Tournament page

- All junior and open players must enter online to be eligible to play in an RMS event.
- Each event must be entered individually.
- Entry deadline will be the **TUESDAY** prior to the event at 11:59pm.
- Withdrawal deadline will be the **TUESDAY** prior to the event at 11:59pm.
- LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED UNLESS SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES EXIST AS DETERMINED BY THE RELEVANT REGIONAL PATHWAYS COORDINATOR OR EVENT DIRECTOR.

1.5 – Refunds, Withdrawals and Appeals

Players will be provided with a full refund of any entry fee paid should they withdraw before the withdrawal deadline. **Players that withdraw after the withdrawal deadline will not be entitled to any refund of any monies paid.** In addition to no refund being issued, late withdrawals will be dealt with according to the below table at the absolute discretion of the relevant Regional Pathways Coordinator.



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1 st Late Withdrawal from a 2023 RMS Event	Regional Warning Letter issued.
2 nd Late Withdrawal from a 2023 RMS Event	Tennis Australia Late Withdrawal Code Violation in accordance with the relevant Tennis Australia Competitive Play Regulations
3 rd Late Withdrawal from a 2023 RMS Event	Tennis Australia Late Withdrawal Code Violation + 2 Point Deduction from RMS Point Ladder
4 th Late Withdrawal from a 2023 RMS Event	Tennis Australia Late Withdrawal Code Violation + 5 Point Deduction from RMS Point Ladder
5 th Late Withdrawal from a 2023 RMS Event	Tennis Australia Late Withdrawal Code Violation + 1 Month Suspension from all RMS events
6 th or more Late Withdrawal from a 2023 RMS Event	Tennis Australia Late Withdrawal Code Violation + 3 Month Suspension from all RMS events

RMS Late Withdrawal sanctions will be administered and tracked by the Regional Pathways Coordinators consistent with these Rules.

A player may appeal the imposition of an RMS Late Withdrawal sanction in writing to the Regional Pathway Coordinator addressed to the Regional Matchplay Committee and must do so within 7 days after the notice of the sanction has been given.

A decision of the Regional Matchplay Committee relating to an RMS Late Withdrawal sanction may be appealed to the Tennis Country Management Committee in writing and must be done within 7 days after the date of notice of the decision of the Regional Matchplay Committee.

It is the responsibility of the player or parent to be aware of the correct withdrawal procedures and appeal procedures. Withdrawal notification must be completed online prior to the withdrawal deadline **any late withdrawals need to be submitted in writing by email not via SMS or social media channels to the event contact listed on the RMS event page prior to the event commencement date**. Failure to follow the proper withdrawal process may result in a no show (per Rule 1.6).

If in doubt, contact your Regional Pathway Coordinator:

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Northern Regional Pathways Coordinator (**North East, North West & Northumberland**)

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Karen Muller

Southern Regional Pathways Coordinator (**Central West, South West & South East**)

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1.6 – No Show/Failure to attend

If a player does not turn up on the day (and has not previously withdrawn consistent with Rule 1.5) that player may be declared a “No Show” at the absolute discretion of the relevant Regional Pathways Coordinator or Event Director. If a player is deemed a No Show, the player will be dealt with in the following way



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1 st No Show occurrence.	Tennis Australia No Show code violation in accordance with the relevant Tennis Australia Competitive Play Regulations (1 Demerit point)
2 nd No Show occurrence.	Tennis Australia No Show code violation (1 Demerit point) + 2 Points deducted from the players RMS Points Ladder
3 rd No Show occurrence.	Tennis Australia No Show code violation (1 Demerit point) + 5 Points deducted from the players RMS Points Ladder
4 th No Show occurrence	Tennis Australia No Show code violation (1 Demerit point) + 10 Points deducted from the players RMS Points Ladder + 3 Months Suspension.

RMS Late Withdrawal sanctions will be administered and tracked by the Regional Pathways Coordinators consistent with these Rules.

A player may appeal the imposition of a 'No Show' sanction in writing to the Regional Pathway Coordinator addressed to the Regional Matchplay Committee. This must be completed within 7 days after the notice of the sanction has been given.

A decision of the Regional Matchplay Committee may be appealed to the Tennis Country Management Committee in writing and must be done within 7 days of the date of notice of the decision of the Regional Matchplay Committee.

1.7 – Start and Report Time

All events will commence play at **8.30am** unless prior notification is given of an alternative start time. All parents and players are asked to be at the nominated and assigned venue at least 30 minutes before the published start time and to check in with the Event Director at least 15 minutes before the published start time so play can commence on time. The Event Director may, in their absolute discretion may excuse late attendance however the decision of the Event Director in this respect is final.

1.8 – Seeded Card and Pool Cards

Up to 6 players in each age group and gender within each RMS event will be placed on a seeded card and will be guaranteed advancement to the playoff stage. The remaining players not qualifying for placement on the seeded card will be randomly assigned to a pool card. The winner and runner up if applicable off each pool card will then advance to the play-off stage. The winner of each pool card shall be determined by the following:

- Greatest number of matches won.
- Head-to-head results if two players are tied.
- If three or more players are tied, the percentage of games won will be used to determine the winner.

All RMS events for 2023 will be in round robin formats, no compass or elimination draws will be played for the RMS events meaning all players will play each other player listed on the relevant card one time.

For the first 3 RMS events for a particular region within a calendar year, a player's UTR will be used to determine their placement on the Seeded card. After the first 3 events, the players average points across 2 or more events, based on the published points ladder for their region will be used to determine a player's eligibility to be placed on the seeded card.

The Event Director or Regional Pathways Coordinator may exercise their discretion to grant a wildcard to a player, so they are placed on the seeded card, if in their opinion doing so is appropriate to maintain the integrity of the event and the draw.



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1.9 – Playing Behaviour

All 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 players, parents, coaches, and spectators off the court as well as players on the court. Any interference from any parties off the court will not be tolerated.

Code Violations and other sanctions may be issued under the Tennis Australia Code of Behaviour. Additionally, the Regional Matchplay Committee and/or NSW Tennis Country may impose regional based sanctions upon any player consistent with the following table.

For clarity, the below applies in totality and cumulatively during the entire year of RMS events and not per individual event.

Code Violation - Audible Obscenity Visible Obscenity Verbal Abuse Racquet Abuse Ball Abuse Unsportsmanlike Conduct Best Effort Coaching	1 st Offence – Regional Warning Letter 2 nd Offence – Tennis Australia Code Violation entered in accordance with the relevant Tennis Australia Competitive Play Regulations 3 rd Offence – Tennis Australia Code Violation Issued + 2 Point deduction from regional points ladder. 4 th Offence - Tennis Australia Code Violation Issued + 5 Point deduction from regional points ladder. 5 th Offence - Tennis Australia Code Violation Issued + 10 Point deduction from regional points ladder + 1 Month Suspension 6 th Offence - Tennis Australia Code Violation Issued + Disqualification from remaining 2023 RMS events
Code Violation - Spectator Misconduct Note: Sanction will be applied to the player of the spectator	1 st Offence – Regional Warning Letter 2 nd Offence - Tennis Australia Code Violation Issued + 2 Point deduction from regional points ladder 3 rd Offence - Tennis Australia Code Violation Issued + 10 Point Deduction 4 th Offence - Tennis Australia Code Violation Issued + Disqualification from RMS events
Code Violation - Physical Abuse (i.e. physical contact with another player, official, coach or spectator)	1 st Offence - Tennis Australia Code Violation Issued + Disqualification from remaining 2023 RMS events

All breaches of the code of conduct witnessed by an official should be dealt with on site consistent with the Tennis Australia Code of Behaviour

Behaviour based regional sanctions will be imposed by the relevant Regional Matchplay Committee and will be administered and tracked by the Regional Pathways Coordinators consistent with these Rules. A player may



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appeal the imposition of a sanction to the Regional Matchplay Committee and must do so within 7 days' notice of the sanction.

A decision of the Regional Matchplay Committee may be appealed to the Tennis Country Management Committee in writing and must be done within 7 days of the date of notice of the decision of the Regional Matchplay Committee.

Players or parents wishing to complain about an alleged breach of the TA Code of Behaviour or the RMS Rules and Regulations, not witnessed by an onsite official should do so via their Regional Pathways Coordinator. Any such complaint must be lodged within 7 days of the alleged incident. Details for the Regional Pathway Coordinator can be found on the last page of this document, titled 'Important Contacts'.

1.10 – Publicity, Promotion, and use of Images

In consideration of accepting your entry into a Regional Matchplay Series event, 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 or capture, 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 your participation in the Regional Matchplay Series event.

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 RMS, providing written or audio-visual coverage, distribution, and broadcast of the RMS, for archival purposes, and/or 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 and/or your heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns.

Tennis Australia, NSW Tennis Country, Tennis NSW, or the Event Host may appoint third parties to attend selected Regional Matchplay Series events and capture or make images or 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.

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 are strictly prohibited in restricted areas of a Regional Matchplay Series including change rooms. All filming and photography must adhere to the Tennis Australia Safeguarding Children Code of Conduct and the Tennis Australia Member Protection Policy (or any policy with a similar intent but a different name as may apply from time to time).



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At all times, the Referee or Event Director 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.

1.11 – Regional Champion of Champions

Each respective regional area will host their own Regional Matchplay Series of events, which will consist of up to 12 RMS events per year. Players in good standing with Tennis Country and the Regional Matchplay Committees will enter and compete in each event and dependent upon their finishing position and results in each event will accumulate points which will be used to determine who is invited to each Regional Champion of Champions' event.

Players & Parents should read the relevant sections of your specific region's Regulations as outlined below for more information on the specific progress and criteria for your Region's Champion of Champions.

1.12 – NSW State Champion of Champions

Upon participation in your region's RMS Series of events and upon qualifying and competing in your Regional Champion of Champions, the Top 3 Boys and Top 3 Girls in the U10, U12, U14 & U16 in Northumberland, Central West, South East and South West Regions based on results obtained at your Regional Champion of Champions will be guaranteed an invite to the NSW State Champion of Champions, the 4th place player will also be invited provided the provision of clause 1.12.1 do not apply.

Players in the North West and North East will however not automatically qualify for acceptance into the NSW State Champions. Players will advance from their Regional Champion of Champions event into their unique Foundation Cup event whereby the top 8 boys and top 8 girls per age category from the combined 2 regions will advance to the NSW State Champion of Champions event.

1.12.1 – State Champions Wildcard

The Committee may in their discretion issue a wildcard to a player outside the top 4 therefore promoting them into the State Champion of Champions event, if in the committee's opinion through injury or other circumstances beyond the control the player, they have been unable to compete in the Regional Champion of Champions.

NSW State Champion of Champions bring together the best players from across the state to compete for the NSW State Champion of Champions Title, which will be a 2- or 3-day event depending on the venue hosting the event.

The below table outlines the format for the NSW State Champion of Champions event.

10/U Boys & Girls (Green Ball)	1 Set First to 6 Tie Break Six All	32 Size Compass Draw
12/U Boys & Girls	2 Sets + 10 Point Tie Break First to 6 Tiebreak Six All	32 Size Compass Draw
14/U Boys & Girls	2 Sets + 10 Point Tie Break First to 6 Tiebreak Six All	32 Size Compass Draw
16/U Boys and Girls	2 Sets + 10 Point Tie Break First to 6 Tiebreak Six All	32 Size Compass Draw

Note: Discretion may be used by the event director should extenuating circumstances occur to ensure the event is completed.



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1.13 – Out of Region Players

In the 2023 Regional Matchplay Series, players can participate in RMS events in regions outside of their ordinary place of residence, however the player will not be allowed to accumulate points at RMS Events unless that player's ordinary residence is within the region hosting the RMS event or unless the player has been approved consistent with the requirements of Clause 1.14 or 1.15 of these rules as outlined below.

1.14 – Out of Region Players – Transfer Between Two Regions

A player who resides in a particular region and who wishes to sign over to another region, may be eligible to do so provided they have completed the form accompanying this policy, titled **“Regional Player Transfer Request”**. This form must be completed and returned to the Regional Pathway Coordinator for your proposed new region no later than the 30th of April that year. Transfer requests received after this time will not be considered.

Once received the form will be forwarded to the proposed Regional Matchplay Committee chair, who will then consider the request and decide, in their discretion, to approve or decline the request to transfer.

Players should note, in the event a player's transfer to another region is approved, that player transferring will forfeit all benefit and entitlements associated with their past regions RMS and instead will be eligible to receive any benefits or selections from the new region.

For the avoidance of doubt, a player cannot transfer any RMS points from one region to another if they are permitted to transfer regions.

Any person dissatisfied with a decision of the Regional Matchplay Committee Chair made pursuant to this Rule, may appeal the decision within 7 days of the decision of the Regional Matchplay Committee Chair being made, in writing, addressed to the NSW Tennis Country Management Committee Chair. The decision of the NSW Tennis Country Management Committee Chair is final.

1.15 – Out of Region Players – Outside Tennis Country Boundaries

Players whose ordinary residence is not from a suburb located within the area of NSW Tennis Country will be permitted to participate in the Regional Matchplay Series, however, will not be allocated points on the points ladder and therefore ineligible to advance to the Regional Champions of Champions unless approval is provided to transfer to NSW Tennis contrary consistent with the process outlined below.

A player wishing to participate in the RMS events and have their points award and therefore be eligible for regional champions of champions under this provision will need to complete the form accompanying this policy, titled **“Regional Player Transfer Request”**. This form must be completed and returned to the NSW Head of Operations and Pathways no later than the 30th of April that year. Transfer requests received after this time will not be considered,

Once received the NSW Head of Operations and Pathways will review the application and make a recommendation to the NSW Tennis Country Management Committee chair or their nominated delegate who will make the final decision and is not bound by the recommendation of the NSW Head of Operations and Pathways.

NSW Tennis Country Management Committee Chair in their authority may put in place any conditions on the applicant that are determined necessary and prudent to preserve the integrity of events and fairness for all players including the applicant.

A person may appeal a decision made pursuant to clause 1.15 to the NSW Tennis Country Management committee excluding the original decision maker and must be done in writing within 7 days' notice of the determination.



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1.16 – Important Contacts

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1.17 – Tennis Australia National Policies

All RMS Participants (whether as a player, coach, official, spectator or otherwise) are subject to the Tennis Australia National Policies including but not limited to the Tennis Australia Member Protection Policy, The Tennis Australia Safeguarding Children Code of Conduct and the Tennis Australia social media Policy, or any other policy of a similar intent but with a different name as may apply from time to time.

1.18 – Count Back Formular

In the event of a countback being necessary to determine which player advances to the playoffs or which player advances to the Regional Champion of Champions because of a tie on the points ladder, the following formular will be applied consistent across all regions.

Play Offs

1. Greatest number of match wins, otherwise
2. Head-to-head results if only two (2) players are tied, or if three (3) players are tied, then
3. Highest percentage of sets won (sets won against sets played); then if still tied:
4. Highest percentage of games won (games won against games played).

If Point 3 or Point 4 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

Regional Champions Advancement

If at the conclusion of all RMS events players are equal on the points ladder and unable to be separated based on the method used for advancement in their region, then the player with the highest number of best results will advance, (See Example Below)

Player A has 2 RMS wins, 3 Runner ups and 3 third places, AND

Player B Has 2 RMS Wins, 2 Runner Up and 4 Third places, AND/OR

Player C has 2 RMS Wins, 1 Runner up and 5 Third places

Player A will advance above Player B and Player C as player A as the highest number of best results across the RMS Series.



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North East Regional
Specific Rules and Regulations



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2.0 – North East Region Unique Rules and Regulations

These Regulations apply only to players participating in the North East Region's RMS events or are only applicable to events run in the North East Region. These unique Regulations should be read and interpreted in conjunction with the above Rules.

Players or parents from other regions should refer to their own region's specific Regulations.

The North East region is divided into 2 areas, titled Upper and Lower due to the large geographic area that the region covers.

2.0.1 – North East Regional Points Ladder

The North East Regional Points Ladder will be administered by the Northern Regional Pathway Coordinator and overseen by the North East Regional Committee.

The following table outlines how the points score/ladder will operate within the North East Region.

Seed Card/Multi Pool Scoring Format

RMS Event Winner	20 Points
RMS Event Runner Up	16 Points
RMS Semi Finalists	12 Points
RMS Quarter Finalists	10 Points
RMS Round 16 Playoff (if Applicable)	8 Points
Position 2nd on Pool Card (If Applicable)	7 Points
Position 3rd on Pool Card	6 Points
Position 4th on Pool Card	4 Points
Position 5th on Pool Card	2 Points
Position 6th on the Pool Card	1 Point

Note: Players must win at least 1 match to earn more than 1 point, irrespective of the size of the card, if a player participates and does not win a match, the player will only receive the 1 participation point.

Single Card Scoring Format

First	20 Points
Second	16 Points
Third	12 Points
Fourth	8 Points
Fifth	4 Points
Sixth	2 Points
Seventh	1 Point

Note: Players must win at least 1 match to earn more than 1 point, irrespective of the size of the card, if a player participates and does not win a match, the player will only receive the 1 participation point.

If 2 or more event ages or genders are merged, due to low entries, points will be awarded consistent with the above formats and tables. However, points awarded will be allocated into the player's relevant age/gender category. No points are transferable between ages or genders under any circumstances.

In the situation whereby an event is washed out and unable to be replayed, all entered players will be issued 1 participation point, which will be counted towards a player's participation eligibility for Regional Champion of Champions but not the best average for seeding purposes.



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2.0.2 – North East Regional Champion of Champions

Up to 16 Players (8 upper & 8 Lower) from each age and gender category of event will advance through to the North East Regional Champion of Champions.

The following outlines the qualification criteria for the North East Regional Champion of Champions.

1. Participate in a minimum of **40%** of the RMS events in the region, for 2023 this amounts to **4 RMS events**.
2. Players in the top 8 positions in each age and gender category using the player's **total points** will be guaranteed a spot into the Regional Champion of Champions.

2.0.3 – Northeast Regional Foundation Cup

The Northern Foundation Cup is a unique 2 Day event for players in the North West and North East Regions. The Foundation Cup Committee will administer this event. The 8 players who qualify and participate in the Regional Champion of Champions will be invited to attend a Seeding event, players who are eligible to attend the seeding event will participate and based on their results will be seeded 1 through 8 and then from there will be able to attend and play in the Foundation Cup Event. The top 8 players out of the 16 available players in the 10U, 12U, 14U and 16U based on results from the Northern Foundation Cup between the 2 regions will advance to the NSW State Champion of Champions. There is no guarantee of equal representation (4 and 4) from each region of who will make the NSW State Champion of Champions events.

2.0.4 – Entry Fees and Prize Money

The 2023 Regional Match Play Series events in the North East Region will cost **\$30.00** per event and payable upon entry via each Regional Matchplay Series event's page (**Entry Fee**).

2.0.5 – Prize Money & Trophies

Players and Parents can find a table below indicating what they will receive for winning or being a finalist in each RMS event in addition to these points.

10U Boys & Girls	Winner Trophy	Runner Up Trophy
12U Boys & Girls	Winner Trophy	Runner Up Trophy
14U Boys & Girls	Winner Trophy	Runner Up Trophy
16U Boys & Girls	Winner Trophy	Runner Up Trophy
Opens Men's and Ladies *Minimum of 8 Players required for 100% prize money to be paid, the committee reserve to right to reduce prize money if player numbers is under 8	Winner \$150.00	Runner Up \$75.00

2.0.6 – Northeast Divisions.

The Northeast Regional Match Play Committee will reserve the right to make amendments to each RMS event or certain age categories within an RMS event as far as it will allow certain events to be run and administered in divisions instead of age categories. In the event an RMS event is run and administered by Divisions, for any RMS event the players point scores earned in the respective RMS event will be awarded consistent with Clause 2.01 and points will be awarded in the players true age category.

Players will still enter the event in the true age category and the committee will place each player in the correct division prior to the commencement of the relevant RMS event.



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2.0.7 – Temporary out of the age

Any player wishing to play out of age, due to an inconsistent level of player in any 1 or more RMS event will need approval from the Regional Match Play Committee and any points earned will be given to the player in both the true age category and the older age category.

For the avoidance of doubt, a player playing in an older age category will need to earn sufficient points and play enough events to qualify for the relevant age category.

2.0.8 – Points Across 2 Age Categories.

Any player who has earned points across 2 different age categories will be required to notify the Regional Match Play Committee of which age category they wish to be eligible to qualify for prior to the 5th RMS series events. In the event the player has not notified the committee of which age they wish to qualify for, the committee will make the decision in the best interest of the player.



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3.0 – Northwest Region Unique Rules and Regulations

These Regulations apply only to players participating in the North West Region's RMS events or are only applicable to events run in the North West Region. These unique rules should be read and interpreted in conjunction with the Rules above.

Players or parents from other regions should refer to their own region's specific Regulations.

In North West, the top two finishers on each Pool Card will advance to the play offs. The order of placings on the Seeded Card and the Pool Cards will be determined by:

3.0.1 – North West Regional Points Ladder

The North West Regional Points Ladder will be administered by the Northern Regional Pathway Coordinator and overseen by the North West Regional Committee.

The following table outlines how the points score/ladder will operate within the North West Region.

Seed Card/Multi Pool Scoring Format

RMS Event Winner	20 Points
RMS Event Runner Up	16 Points
RMS Semi Finalists	12 Points
RMS Quarter Finalists	10 Points
RMS Round 16 Playoff (if Applicable)	8 Points
Position 2nd on Pool Card (If Applicable)	7 Points
Position 3rd on Pool Card	6 Points
Position 4th on Pool Card	4 Points
Position 5th on Pool Card	2 Points
Position 6th on the Pool Card	1 Point

Note: Pool Players must win at least 1 match to earn more than 1 point, irrespective of the size of the card, if a player participates and does not win a match, the player will only receive the 1 participation point.

Note: Seeded Card Players who fail to win a match in their seeded card and also fail to win a match in the playoffs will receive points equal to 2nd on the pool card (7 Points).

Single Card Scoring Format

First	20 Points
Second	16 Points
Third	12 Points
Fourth	8 Points
Fifth	4 Points
Sixth	2 Points
Seventh	1 Point

Note: Players must win at least 1 match to earn more than 1 point, irrespective of the size of the card, if a player participates and does not win a match, the player will only receive the 1 participation point.

If 2 or more event ages or genders are merged, due to low entries, points will be awarded consistent with the above formats and tables. However, those points will be allocated into the player's relevant age/gender category. No points are transferable between ages or genders under any circumstances.

In the situation whereby an event is washed out and unable to be replayed, all entered players will be issued 1 participation point, which will be counted towards a player's participation eligibility for Regional Champion of Champions but not the best average for seeding purposes.



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3.0.2– North West Regional Champion of Champions

8 Players from each age and gender category of event will advance through to the North West Regional Champion of Champions.

The following outlines the qualification criteria for the North West Regional Champion of Champions.

1. Participate in a minimum of **40%** of the RMS events in the region, for 2023 this amounts to **4 RMS events**.
2. Players in the top 6 positions in each age and gender category using the player's **best 6 results** will be guaranteed a spot into the Regional Champion of Champions.
3. Positions 7 and 8 based on best 6 results will also advance to the Regional Champion of Champions subject to the following.

3.1 – **Wildcard:** The Regional Committee may exercise their absolute discretion to issue a maximum of one (1) wildcard to a player outside the top 8 therefore promoting them into the North West Regional Champion of Champions, if in the committee's opinion through injury or other circumstances beyond the control of the player, they have been unable to meet the participation eligibility of 40% and in the opinion of the committee the player would have otherwise qualified.

3.2 – **Age Exemption:** The Regional Committee may exercise their absolute discretion to grant 1 player per gender and age category the ability for that player to play the entire RMS event in an age category above their nominated age, however this exemption must be issued and approved prior to the commencement of the Second RMS event and once issued that player will not be permitted to play back down in their true age category for the remainder of that years RMS events, this exemption will only be issued in exceptional circumstances where requiring a player to play in their true age would be disadvantageous to the players development

3.3 - **Champions Exemption:** The Regional Committee may exercise their absolute discretion to grant one (1) exemption to a player per age category and gender based solely on the players advanced standard or ability. The Committee may exempt that player from playing in their relevant age category and guarantee that player a place in the Regional Champion of Champions event for their relevant age category. Such an exemption will only be granted where, in the Regional Committee's opinion, that player would be disadvantaged from being required to play in their relevant age category. The exercise of this discretion must be used rarely, and only upon application by the player. If exercised, the player receiving the exception must meet the participation requirements in an older age category RMS event and successfully attend the NSW Closed Country Championships and one (1) Tennis Country Series event held in their region to qualify.

4. For the avoidance of doubt, if Clause 3.1 – Wildcard is applied but clause 3.2 exception was not to be applied, then the top 7 positions based on the best average results across 6 RMS events will advance and the wildcard will take position #8. Equally if clauses 3.1 and 3.2 were to be applied then the top 6 positions based on the best average results across 6 RMS events will advance and the wildcard and exception would take positions #7 & #8.
5. In the event neither clause 3.1 – Wildcard or clause 3.2 Exception were to apply, then the top 8 positions based on the best average results across 6 RMS events will advance to the Regional Champion of Champions.

3.0.3– North West Regional Foundation Cup

The Northern Foundation Cup is a unique 2 Day event for players in the North West and North East Regions, this event will be administered by the Foundation Cup Committee. The 8 players who qualify and participate in



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the Regional Champion of Champions will be invited to attend a Seeding event. Players who are eligible attend the seeding event will participate and based on their results will be then seeded 1 through 8 and then from there will be able to attend and play in the Foundation Cup Event. The Top 8 Players out of the 16 available players in the 10U, 12U, 14U and 16U based on results from the Northern Foundation Cup between the 2 regions will advance to the NSW State Champion of Champions. There is no guarantee of equal representation (4 and 4) from each region of who will make the NSW State Champion of Champions events.

3.0.4– Entry Fees and Prize Money

The 2023 Regional Match Play Series events in the North West Region will cost **\$25.00** per event and payable upon entry via each Regional Matchplay Series event's page (**Entry Fee**).

3.0.5– Prize Money & Trophies

Players and Parents can find a table below indicating what they will receive for winning or being a finalist in each RMS event in addition to these points.

10U Boys & Girls	Winner Trophy	Runner Up Trophy
12U Boys & Girls	Winner Trophy	Runner Up Trophy
14U Boys & Girls	Winner Trophy	Runner Up Trophy
16U Boys & Girls	Winner Trophy	Runner Up Trophy
Opens Men's and Ladies *Minimum of 3 Players required for 100% prize money to be paid and may combine genders at their discretion.	Winner \$75.00	Runner Up \$25.00



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4.0 – Northumberland Region Unique Rules and Regulations

These Regulations apply only to players participating in the Northumberland Region's RMS events or are only applicable to events run in the Northumberland Region. These unique rules should be read and interpreted in conjunction with the Rules above.

In Northumberland, the top two finishers on each Pool Card will advance to the play offs. The order of placings on the Seeded Card and the Pool Cards will be determined by:

- Greatest number of matches won.
- Head-to-head results if two players are tied on the number of matches won.
- If three or more players are tied on matches won, the percentage of games won will be used to determine the placing order.

Players or parents from other regions should refer to their own region's specific Regulations.

4.0.1– Northumberland Regional Points Ladder

The Northumberland Regional Points Ladder will be administered by the Northern Regional Pathway Coordinator and overseen by the Northumberland Regional Committee.

The following table outlines how the points score/ladder will operate within the Northumberland Region. Players who win one match or more in the playoff stage, will be awarded Playoff Points or Card Points, whichever is higher. Players who do not win a match in the playoff stage, will be awarded Card Points.

Seed Card/Multi Pool Scoring Format

Playoff Points

RMS Event Winner	10 Points
RMS Event Runner Up	8 Points
RMS Semi Finalists	6 Points
RMS Quarter Finalists	4 Points

Card Points

First on Seeded Card	6 Points
Second on Seeded Card	5 Points
Third on Seeded Card	4 Points
Fourth on Seeded Card	3 Points
Fifth on Seeded Card	2 Points
Sixth on Seeded Card	1 Point
First on Pool Card	3 Points
Second on Pool Card	2 Point
Third or lower on Pool Card	1 Point

Note: Players must win at least 1 match to earn more than 1 point, irrespective of the size of the card, if a player participates and does not win a match, the player will only receive the 1 participation point.



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Single Card Scoring Format

First	10 Points
Second	8 Points
Third	6 Points
Fourth	5 Points
Fifth	4 Points
Sixth	2 Points
Seventh	1 Point

Note: Players must win at least 1 match to earn more than 1 point, irrespective of the size of the card, if a player participates and does not win a match, the player will only receive the 1 participation point.

If 2 or more event ages or genders are merged, due to low entries, points will be awarded consistent with the above formats and tables. However, these points will be allocated into the players relevant age/gender category. No points are transferable between ages or genders under any circumstances.

In the situation whereby an event is washed out and unable to be replayed, all entered players will be issued 1 participation point, which will be counted towards a player's participation eligibility for Regional Champion of Champions.

4.0.2– Northumberland Regional Champion of Champions

8 Players from each age and gender category of event will advance through to the Northumberland Regional Champion of Champions.

The following outlines the qualification criteria for the Northumberland Regional Champion of Champions.

1. Participate in a minimum of **40%** of the RMS events in the region, for 2023 this amounts to **5 RMS events**.
2. Players in the top 6 positions in each age and gender category using the player's **best 8 results** will be guaranteed a spot into the Regional Champion of Champions.
3. Positions 7 and 8 using the player's best 6 results will also advance to the Regional Champion of Champions subject to the following.
 - 3.1 – **Wildcard:** The Regional Committee may exercise their absolute discretion to issue a maximum of one (1) wildcard to a player outside the top 8 therefore promoting them into the North East Regional Champion of Champions, if in the committee's opinion through injury or other circumstances beyond the control of the player, they have been unable to meet the participation eligibility of 40% and in the opinion of the committee the player would have otherwise qualified.
 - 3.2 – **Age Exemption:** The Regional Committee may exercise their absolute discretion to grant 1 player per gender and age category the ability for that player to play the entire RMS event in an age category above their nominated age, however this exemption must be issued and approved prior to the commencement of the Second RMS event and once issued that player will not be permitted to play back down in their true age category for the remainder of that years RMS events, this exemption will only be issued in exceptional circumstances where requiring a player to play in their true age would be disadvantageous to the players development

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3.3 - **Champions Exemption:** The Regional Committee may exercise their absolute discretion to grant one (1) exemption to a player per age category and gender based solely on the players advanced standard or ability. The Committee may exempt that player from playing in their relevant age category and guarantee that player a place in the Regional Champion of Champions event for their relevant age category. Such an exemption will only be granted where, in the Regional Committee's opinion, that player would be disadvantaged from being required to play in their relevant age category. The exercise of this discretion must be used rarely, and only upon application by the player. If exercised, the player receiving the exception must meet the participation requirements in an older age category RMS event and successfully attend the NSW Closed Country Championships and one (1) Tennis Country Series event held in their region to qualify.

4. For the avoidance of doubt, if Clause 3.1 – Wildcard is applied but clause 3.2 exception was not to be applied, then the top 7 positions based on the best results across 6 RMS events will advance and the wildcard will take position #8. Equally If clause 3.1 and 3.2 were to be applied then the top 6 positions based on the best results across 6 RMS events will advance and the wildcard and exception would take positions #7 & #8.
5. In the event neither clause 3.1 – Wildcard or clause 3.2 Exception were to apply, then the top 8 positions based on the best results across 6 RMS events will advance to the Regional Champion of Champions.

4.0.3– Northumberland Total Points Winners

The Northumberland Region will also be acknowledging and rewarding the top point score winners of each age and gender category at the end of the RMS year. While the best 6 results will be used to determine who advances to the Regional Champion of Champions, Northumberland will also present a significant award and/or prize to the top point score winners across all the Northumberland RMS events.

Players are therefore encouraged to play in as many RMS events in Northumberland as possible to increase their chances of being the total point score winners relevant to their age and gender.

4.0.4– Entry Fees and Prize Money

The 2023 Regional Matchplay Series events in the Northumberland Region will cost **\$30.00** per event and payable upon entry via each Regional Matchplay Series event's page (**Entry Fee**).

4.0.5– Prize Money & Trophies

Players and Parents can find a table below indicating what they will receive for winning or being a finalist in each RMS event in addition to these points.

10U Boys & Girls	Winner Trophy	Runner Up Trophy
12U Boys & Girls	Winner Trophy	Runner Up Trophy
14U Boys & Girls	Winner Trophy	Runner Up Trophy
16U Boys & Girls	Winner Trophy	Runner Up Trophy
Opens Men's and Ladies *Minimum of 8 Players required for 100% prize money to be paid, the committee reserve to right to reduce prize money if player numbers are under 8	Winner \$150.00	Runner Up \$75.00



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5.0 – Central West Region Unique Rules and Regulations

These Regulations only apply to players participating in the Central West Region's RMS events or are only applicable to events run in the Central West Region. These unique Regulations should be read and interpreted in conjunction with the Rules above.

Players or parents from other regions should refer to their own region's specific Regulations.

5.0.1 – Central West Regional Points Ladder

The Central West Regional Points Ladder will be administered by the Southern Regional Pathway Coordinator and overseen by the Central West Regional Committee.

The following table outlines how the points score/ladder will operate within the Central West Region.

Seed Card/Multi Pool Scoring Format

RMS Event Winner	20 Points
RMS Event Runner Up	16 Points
RMS Semi Finalists	12 Points
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RMS Round 16 Playoff (if Applicable)	8 Points
Position 2nd on Pool Card (If Applicable)	7 Points
Position 3rd on Pool Card	6 Points
Position 4th on Pool Card	4 Points
Position 5th on Pool Card	2 Points
Position 6th on the Pool Card	1 Point

Note: Players must win at least 1 match to earn more than 1 point, irrespective of the size of the card, if a player participates and does not win a match, the player will only receive the 1 participation point.

Single Card Scoring Format

First	20 Points
Second	16 Points
Third	12 Points
Fourth	8 Points
Fifth	4 Points
Sixth	2 Points
Seventh	1 Point

Note: Players must win at least 1 match to earn more than 1 point, irrespective of the size of the card, if a player participates and does not win a match, the player will only receive the 1 participation point.

If 2 or more event ages or genders are merged, due to low entries, points will be awarded consistent with the above formats and tables. However, these points will be allocated into the player's relevant age/gender category. No points are transferable between ages or genders under any circumstances.

In the situation whereby an event is washed out and unable to be replayed, all entered players will be issued 1 participation point, which will be counted towards a player's participation eligibility for Regional Champion of Champions but not the best average for seeding purposes.

5.0.2– Central West Regional Champions of Champions

8 Players from each age and gender category of event will advance through to the Central West Regional Champion of Champions.

The following outlines the qualification criteria for the Central Regional Champion of Champions.

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1. Participate in a minimum of **40%** of the RMS events in the region, for 2023 this amounts to **4 RMS events**.
2. Players in the top 6 positions in each age and gender category using the player's **best 5 results** will be guaranteed a spot into the Regional Champion of Champions.
3. Positions 7 and 8 using the player's **best 5 results** will also advance to the Regional Champion of Champions subject to the following.
 - 3.1 – **Wildcard:** The Regional Committee may exercise their absolute discretion to issue a maximum of one (1) wildcard to a player outside the top 8 therefore promoting them into the Central West Regional Champion of Champions, if in the committee's opinion through injury or other circumstances beyond the control of the player, they have been unable to meet the participation eligibility of 40% and in the opinion of the committee the player would have otherwise qualified.
 - 3.2 – **Age Exemption:** The Regional Committee may exercise their absolute discretion to grant 1 player per gender and age category the ability for that player to play the entire RMS event in an age category above their nominated age, however this exemption must be issued and approved prior to the commencement of the Second RMS event and once issued that player will not be permitted to play back down in their true age category for the remainder of that years RMS events, this exemption will only be issued in exceptional circumstances where requiring a player to play in their true age would be disadvantageous to the players development
 - 3.3 - **Champions Exemption:** The Regional Committee may exercise their absolute discretion to grant one (1) exemption to a player per age category and gender based solely on the players advanced standard or ability. The Committee may exempt that player from playing in their relevant age category and guarantee that player a place in the Regional Champion of Champions event for their relevant age category. Such an exemption will only be granted where, in the Regional Committee's opinion, that player would be disadvantaged from being required to play in their relevant age category. The exercise of this discretion must be used rarely, and only upon application by the player. If exercised, the player receiving the exception must meet the participation requirements in an older age category RMS event and successfully attend the NSW Closed Country Championships and one (1) Tennis Country Series event held in their region to qualify.
4. For the avoidance of doubt, if Clause 3.1 – Wildcard is applied but clause 3.2 exception was not to be applied, then the top 7 positions based on the best results across 6 RMS events will advance and the wildcard will take position #8. Equally If clause 3.1 and 3.2 were to be applied then the top 6 positions based on the best results across 6 RMS events will advance and the wildcard and exception would take positions #7 & #8.
5. In the event neither clause 3.1 – Wildcard or clause 3.2 Exception were to apply, then the top 8 positions based on the best results across 6 RMS events will advance to the Regional Champion of Champions.

5.0.3 – Central West Total Points Winners

The Central West Region will also be acknowledging and rewarding the top point score winners of each age and gender category at the end of the RMS year. While the best 6 results will be used to determine who advances to the Regional Champion of Champions, Central West will also present a significant award and/or prize to the top point score winners across all the Central West RMS events.



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Players are therefore encouraged to play in as many RMS events in Central West as possible to increase their chances of being the total point score winners relevant to their age and gender.

5.0.4 – Eastern Seeded Card Exception

Regional Matchplay Series event run at the Nepean and Springwood venues will not run their events with seeded cards in lieu of the high volume of Metropolitan based players who participate. Therefore, Springwood and Nepean based events will instead be run with evenly spread-out pool cards consistent with the number of players entered the event.

In respect to the playoffs for the Nepean and springwood events, 2 separate play offs will be run, one containing Central West eligible players and the other containing Metropolitan eligible players.

For the avoidance of doubt, this only applies to RMS events run at Nepean and Springwood venues with all other RMS venues running seeded and pool cards.

5.0.5– Entry Fees and Prize Money

The 2023 Regional Matchplay Series events in the Central west Region will cost **\$30.00** per event and payable upon entry via each Regional Matchplay Series event's page (**Entry Fee**).

5.0.6– Prize Money & Trophies

Players and Parents can find a table below indicating what they will receive for winning or being a finalist in each RMS event in addition to these points.

10U Boys & Girls	Winner Trophy	Runner Up Trophy
12U Boys & Girls	Winner Trophy	Runner Up Trophy
14U Boys & Girls	Winner Trophy	Runner Up Trophy
16U Boys & Girls	Winner Trophy	Runner Up Trophy
Opens Men's and Ladies *Minimum of 8 Players required for 100% prize money to be paid, the committee reserve to right to reduce prize money if player numbers are under 8	Winner \$150.00	Runner Up \$75.00



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6.0 – South West Region Unique Rules and Regulations

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6.0.1 – South West Regional Points Ladder

The South West Regional Points Ladder will be administered by the Southern Regional Pathway Coordinator and overseen by the South West Regional Committee.

The following table outlines how the points score/ladder will operate within the South West Region.

Seed Card/Multi Pool Scoring Format

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Note: Players must win at least 1 match to earn more than 1 point, irrespective of the size of the card, if a player participates and does not win a match, the player will only receive the 1 participation point.

Single Card Scoring Format

First	20 Points
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Note: Players must win at least 1 match to earn more than 1 point, irrespective of the size of the card, if a player participates and does not win a match, the player will only receive the 1 participation point.

If 2 or more event ages or genders are merged, due to low entries, points will be awarded consistent with the above formats and tables. However, these points will be allocated into the players relevant age/gender category. No points are transferable between ages or genders under any circumstances.

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6.0.2 – South West Regional Champion of Champions

8 Players from each age and gender category of event will advance through to the South West Regional Champion of Champions.

The following outlines the qualification criteria for the South West Regional Champion of Champions.



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1. Participate in a minimum of **40%** of the RMS events in the region, for 2023 this amounts to **4 RMS events**.
2. Players in the top 6 positions in each age and gender category using the player's **best 5 results** will be guaranteed a spot into the Regional Champion of Champions.
3. Positions 7 and 8 using the player's **best 5 results** will also advance to the Regional Champion of Champions subject to the following.
 - 3.1 – **Wildcard:** The Regional Committee may exercise their absolute discretion to issue a maximum of one (1) wildcard to a player outside the top 8 therefore promoting them into the South West Regional Champion of Champions, if in the committee's opinion through injury or other circumstances beyond the control of the player, they have been unable to meet the participation eligibility of 40% and in the opinion of the committee the player would have otherwise qualified.
 - 3.2 – **Age Exemption:** The Regional Committee may exercise their absolute discretion to grant 1 player per gender and age category the ability for that player to play the entire RMS event in an age category above their nominated age, however this exemption must be issued and approved prior to the commencement of the Second RMS event and once issued that player will not be permitted to play back down in their true age category for the remainder of that years RMS events, this exemption will only be issued in exceptional circumstances where requiring a player to play in their true age would be disadvantageous to the players development
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4. For the avoidance of doubt, if Clause 3.1 – Wildcard is applied but clause 3.2 exception was not to be applied, then the top 7 positions based on the best results across 6 RMS events will advance and the wildcard will take position #8. Equally If clause 3.1 and 3.2 were to be applied then the top 6 positions based on the best results across 6 RMS events will advance and the wildcard and exception would take positions #7 & #8.
5. In the event neither clause 3.1 – Wildcard or clause 3.2 Exception were to apply, then the top 8 positions based on the best results across 6 RMS events will advance to the Regional Champion of Champions.

6.0.3 – South West Total Points Winners

The South West Region will also be acknowledging and rewarding the top point score winners of each age and gender category at the end of the RMS year. While the best 6 results will be used to determine who advances to the Regional Champion of Champions, South West will also present a significant award and/or prize to the top point score winners across all the South West RMS events.

Players are therefore encouraged to play in as many RMS events in South West as possible to increase their chances of being the total point score winners relevant to their age and gender.



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6.0.4 – Entry Fees and Prize Money

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6.0.5 – Prize Money & Trophies

Players and Parents can find a table below indicating what they will receive for winning or being a finalist in each RMS events in addition to these points.

10U Boys & Girls	Winner Trophy	Runner Up Trophy
12U Boys & Girls	Winner Trophy	Runner Up Trophy
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Opens Men's and Ladies *Minimum of 8 Players required for 100% prize money to be paid, the committee reserve to right to reduce prize money if player numbers are under 8	Winner \$150.00	Runner Up \$75.00



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7.0 – South East Region Unique Rules and Regulations

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Players or parents from other regions should refer to their own region's specific Regulations.

7.0.1 – South East Regional Points Ladder

The South East Regional Points Ladder will be administered by the Southern Regional Pathway Coordinator and overseen by the South East Regional Committee.

The following table outlines how the points score/ladder will operate within the South East Region.

Seed Card/Multi Pool Scoring Format

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RMS Semi Finalists	12 Points
RMS Quarter Finalists	10 Points
RMS Round 16 Playoff (if Applicable)	8 Points
Position 2nd on Pool Card (If Applicable)	7 Points
Position 3rd on Pool Card	6 Points
Position 4th on Pool Card	4 Points
Position 5th on Pool Card	2 Points
Position 6th on the Pool Card	1 Point

Note: Players must win at least 1 match to earn more than 1 point, irrespective of the size of the card, if a player participates and does not win a match, the player will only receive the 1 participation point.

Single Card Scoring Format

First	20 Points
Second	16 Points
Third	12 Points
Fourth	8 Points
Fifth	4 Points
Sixth	2 Points
Seventh	1 Point

Note: Players must win at least 1 match to earn more than 1 point, irrespective of the size of the card, if a player participates and does not win a match, the player will only receive the 1 participation point.

If 2 or more event ages or genders are merged, due to low entries, points will be awarded consistent with the above formats and tables. However, those points will be allocated into the player's relevant age/gender category. No points are transferable between ages or genders under any circumstances.

In the situation whereby an event is washed out and unable to be replayed, all entered players will be issued 1 participation point, which will be counted towards a player's participation eligibility for Regional Champion of Champions but not the best average for seeding purposes.

7.0.2 – South East Regional Champion of Champions

8 Players from each age and gender category of event will advance through to the South East Regional Champion of Champions.

The following outlines the qualification criteria for the South East Regional Champion of Champions.

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1. Participate in a minimum of **40%** of the RMS events in the region, for 2023 this amounts to **5 RMS events**.
2. Players residing North of Ulladulla who participate in an RMS south of Ulladulla will receive double the points for 1 event, if a player plays in 2 or more events, then the doubling of points will only apply to the best result and standard points will be applied to all other events.
3. Players residing South of Ulladulla who participate in an RMS North of Ulladulla will receive double the points for 1 event, if a player plays in 2 or more events, then the doubling of points will only apply to the best result and standard points will be applied to all other events.
4. Be in one of the top 6 positions in your age and gender category using the player's **best 6 results** will guarantee you a spot into the Regional Champion of Champions.
5. Positions 7 and 8 using the player's **best 6 results** will also be advance to the Regional Champion of Champions subject to the following.
 - 3.1 – **Wildcard:** The Regional Committee may exercise their absolute discretion to issue a maximum of one (1) wildcard to a player outside the top 8 therefore promoting them into the South East Regional Champion of Champions, if in the committee's opinion through injury or other circumstances beyond the control of the player, they have been unable to meet the participation eligibility of 40% and in the opinion of the committee the player would have otherwise qualified.
 - 3.2 – **Age Exemption:** The Regional Committee may exercise their absolute discretion to grant 1 player per gender and age category the ability for that player to play the entire RMS event in an age category above their nominated age, however this exemption must be issued and approved prior to the commencement of the Second RMS event and once issued that player will not be permitted to play back down in their true age category for the remainder of that years RMS events, this exemption will only be issued in exceptional circumstances where requiring a player to play in their true age would be disadvantageous to the players development
 - 3.3 - **Champions Exemption:** The Regional Committee may exercise their absolute discretion to grant one (1) exemption to a player per age category and gender based solely on the players advanced standard or ability. The Committee may exempt that player from playing in their relevant age category and guarantee that player a place in the Regional Champion of Champions event for their relevant age category. Such an exemption will only be granted where, in the Regional Committee's opinion, that player would be disadvantaged from being required to play in their relevant age category. The exercise of this discretion must be used rarely, and only upon application by the player. If exercised, the player receiving the exception must meet the participation requirements in an older age category RMS event and successfully attend the NSW Closed Country Championships and one (1) Tennis Country Series event held in their region to qualify.
6. For the avoidance of doubt, if Clause 3.1 – Wildcard is applied but clause 3.2 exception was not to be applied, then the top 7 positions based on the best results across 6 RMS events will advance and the wildcard will take position #8. Equally If clause 3.1 and 3.2 were to be applied then the top 6 positions based on the best results across 6 RMS events will advance and the wildcard and exception would take positions #7 & #8.
7. In the event neither clause 3.1 – Wildcard or clause 3.2 Exception were to apply, then the top 8 positions based on the best results across 6 RMS events will advance to the Regional Champion of Champions.



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7.0.3 – South East Total Points Winners

The South East Region will also be acknowledging and rewarding the top point score winners of each age and gender category at the end of the RMS year. While the best 6 results will be used to determine who advances to the Regional Champion of Champions, South East will also present a significant award and/or prize to the top point score winners across all the South East RMS events.

Players are therefore encouraged to play in as many RMS events in South East as possible to increase their chances of being the total point score winners relevant to their age and gender.

7.0.4 – Entry Fees and Prize Money

The 2023 Regional Matchplay Series events in the South East Region will cost **\$30.00** per event and payable upon entry via each Regional Matchplay Series event's page (**Entry Fee**).

7.0.5 – Prize Money & Trophies

Players and Parents can find a table below indicating what they will receive for winning or being a finalist in each RMS event in addition to these points.

10U Boys & Girls	Winner Trophy	Runner Up Trophy
12U Boys & Girls	Winner Trophy	Runner Up Trophy
14U Boys & Girls	Winner Trophy	Runner Up Trophy
16U Boys & Girls	Winner Trophy	Runner Up Trophy
Opens Men's and Ladies *Minimum of 8 Players required for 100% prize money to be paid, the committee reserve to right to reduce prize money if player numbers are under 8	Winner \$150.00	Runner Up \$75.00



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Tennis Country and Regional Player

2023 Transfer Form

Players Name: _____ DOB: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Tennis ID # _____ Current Region/State: _____

Please Check most Appropriate Box

- ☐ Transferring from one NSW Country Region to another
- ☐ Transferring from NSW Metro to NSW Country.
- ☐ Transferring from Interstate into NSW Country.

Please Circle Box for the Region you wish to sign over into

North East	North West	Northumberland	Central West	South West	South East
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Briefly outline the players playing history over the last 12 months including any events the player might have played in NSW

- By signing the below, I am acknowledging that it is my express wish and intention to sign over to the above Region of NSW Tennis Country and in doing so agree to be bound by all policies and guidelines that from time to time become active and further agree that the information I disclosed to this form is true and accurate

Players Name: _____

Signature _____ Date: _____

Please Return by Email to the relevant Regional Pathway Coordinator.

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Northern Regional Pathways Coordinator (North East, North West & Northumberland)

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Karen Muller

Southern Regional Pathways Coordinator (Central West, South West & South East)

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