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North West Support & Selection Policies

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NORTH WEST TENNIS FINANCIAL SUPPORT PROGRAM 2023 AND BEYOND

The North West Regional Match Play Committee (**NWRMC**), believes strongly in supporting its committed athletes, and helping families to understand the importance of tournament pathways in a player's developmental progression.

The North West Region has very strong participation numbers at RMS level, and many of those junior athletes have great potential. However, we would like to see a higher number of the Regions juniors playing at tournament level both within, and outside the North West Region. Consistent tournament play is vital for junior players who aspire of reaching their potential, competing at higher levels, or developing their standard of play through experience.

The (**NWRMC**) has a Development Pathway in place for Squad training in 2023 and beyond. This pathway consists of the following:

- Open Squad Training Days – Open to all junior players in the Region.
- Regional Development Squad Training Days – Invite only for 24 athletes.
- Blue Wall High Performance Squad Camps – Invite only for 12 athletes.

Selections in the Regional Development Squad will be based on several factors inclusive of, but not limited to:

- Attitude and effort.
- Performance and results.
- Private coach reports and evaluations.
- Commitment to developing through tournament play.

The (**NWRMC**) appreciate the barriers for junior players and families regarding travelling to tournaments throughout the year. It is a big commitment for athletes and families to venture beyond the Regional RMS pathways to experience tournament level tennis which is needed to improve to higher levels. These barriers include, but not limited to:

- Travel & accommodation costs.
- Length of tournaments – Example: 3-day event.
- Entry fees.
- Time off work.



- Commitment to other children in the family and their needs.
- Time off school.
- Time away from home.
- Understanding of the tournament system.
- Understanding of future opportunities.

The (**NWRMC**) is always looking at ways to counter the constraints and barriers that families encounter when it comes to increasing the volume of tournament play for athletes. Strategic planning and development of support models are always at the forefront of the (**NWRMC**) thinking, as tournament play, and experience is the key ingredient for long term development and success of a tennis athlete.

Through better education, the (**NWRMC**) aims to assist players and parents with these opportunities. The aim is also to assist and support athletes chase their dreams and aspirations. The vision of the (**NWRMC**) is to increase the depth of high-level talent in the Region through this education and support structure. The (**NWRMC**) will look to achieve these outcomes through the Squad training program, parent education, tournament scheduling assistance, and financial support for committed players and families.

WHY ARE TOURNAMENTS IMPORTANT

A large percent of tennis families and junior players will follow the RMS pathways throughout their junior tennis journey. The RMS is designed for players of all ages and standards to access match play opportunities at a regional level. They are one day events that often have modified scoring structures (first to 4 games, short deuce's etc), and are entry points for new players who have reached a development stage at their Academy where they can now compete. Players from this system are eligible for selection in Squads and regional representative teams. However, for a player to excel to the next level they need to increase both practice and tournament volumes. It's not for everyone, and if the RMS pathway is the limit of a players and families desires regarding tennis, then that is fantastic. However, for players and families who are looking for a higher level of achievement, development, and competition, the tournament pathway is key. Tournaments provide the following, but not limited to:

- Full set match play – first to 6 games with long deuces.
- Knockout draws.
- Doubles opportunities.
- Experience that fast tracks development. The more you play the quicker you learn and improve.

- Building of key traits – resilience, mental strength, problem solving skills.
- Self-management – mind and body.
- Networking and relationship building with other tennis families.

There is no secret formula to becoming a great tennis player. **PRACTICE + MATCH PLAY = STANDARD LEVEL.**
The higher the volume of practice and match play over a period of years, the higher the level of standard will be.

2023 FINANCIAL SUPPORT CRITERIA

EVENT TYPE	MINIMUM ENGAGEMENTS	MANDATORY FOR SUPPORT	DOCTORS CERTIFICATE REQUIRED
RMS	4 or 40%	Yes	Yes
State Teams Event	1	Yes – Must have been selected in a minimum 1 event	Yes
State League	Possible 3	Yes – Must have been selected in a minimum 1 event	Yes
Champion of Champions Tamworth	1	Yes – Must qualify	Yes
Champions of Champions Inverell	1	Yes – Must qualify	Yes
RMS State Finals	1	Yes – If qualified	Yes
Queensland Teams Event	1	Yes – Must have been selected	Yes
North West Championships	1	Yes – Singles and doubles compulsory	Yes
Country Championships	1	Yes – Singles and doubles compulsory	Yes
Regional Development Days	3	Yes – Must have been selected	Yes
Blue Wall High Performance Days	2	Yes – If selected	Yes
Open or Junior Tournaments	5 per year	Yes	N/A Must compete in minimum 5 per year

MINIMUM SELECTION CRITERIA FOR SUPPORT

- Must qualify for Tamworth & Inverell Champion of Champion events.
- Must gain selection in either State Teams event, AND/OR State League event, AND/OR Queensland Teams event.
- Must gain selection in Regional Development Squad AND/OR Blue Wall High Performance Squad.
- If a player misses one criteria requirement and provides a doctor certificate, they will still be eligible for the financial support.
- If a player misses two criteria requirements, even with doctor's certificates for both, they will not be entitled to the financial support.
- RMS, State Teams, State League, Champion of Champions, RMS State Finals, Qld Teams, NW Championships, Country Championships, Regional Development & Blue Wall days, are separate events to the mandatory 5 Open or Junior tournaments required per year. These mentioned events DO NOT contribute to a player 5 compulsory Open or Junior tournaments required for funding support.
- Financial support is a maximum of \$3800 for 2023 and in perpetuity until amended by the **(NWRMC)**. \$3800 is divided by the players evenly who qualify for the support from North West tennis from the criteria. The maximum per player cannot exceed \$900 dollars for one calendar year.

Submissions for financial support shall be directed to North West Regional Match Play Chair Luke Powell lukepowell84@gmail.com.au with a letter detailing how the above criteria has been met. Submissions shall be made no later than March 30th for the previous calendar year.

North West Tennis - Subsidies for High Achieving Athletes

This policy will apply to all payments made to athletes for selection in representative teams or attendance at selected state and national championships. Coaches and or parents can apply on behalf of the athlete.

Please note that as events evolve the name of the mention event may change which will be considered at the discretion of the Northwest Matchplay Committee.

Criteria

In order for an athlete to receive any subsidies from the North West Committee they must satisfy all of the following:

1. Maintain sportsmanship on and off court at all events
2. Athletes must be an active member of a club within the Northwest region
3. Athletes must be coached within the region
4. Athletes must compete in a minimum of four events held within North West region annually, these events may include the follows:
 1. Junior UTR Series
 2. Senior UTR Series
 3. Northwest Championships (must have played singles & doubles)
 4. Roach Cup;
 5. Country Championships; or
 6. Any other Tennis Australia or State Sanctioned event recognised by the RMC.

Events participation will be calculated from the previous twelve months.

Events

1. Major National Championships for clay, grass court and hardcourt events- \$500 per athlete
2. National Pizzey Cup Champions - \$500 per athlete
3. Bruce Cup Championships - \$500 per athlete
4. Teams Events/state league/Qld teams – subsidy to be decided by regional match play committee
5. Foundation cup- \$300
6. Any other event decided by the North West Regional Match Play committee

If the criteria are not achieved the athlete will not receive any subsidies from the North West Committee.

Event Criteria for Tier 1 athletes is North West Champs and Country Champs within Region.

Submissions for subsidies shall be directed to North West Regional Match Play Chair Luke Powell lukepowell84@gmail.com.au with a letter showing the above criteria being met.

NORTH WEST TENNIS SELECTION POLICY AND CRITERIA

The North West region have clearly indicated the criteria and structure used by the North West Regional Match Play Committee to select teams/squads below.

We take great pride in all our North West teams and this document is for players and parents to understand how teams and squads are selected.

All teams/squads are selected by the current North West Selection Sub-Committee and passed on to the North West Regional Match Play Committee.

STATE TEAMS CARNIVAL, STATE LEAGUE, REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT SQUADS, BLUE WALL & QLD TEAMS CARNIVAL

1. Players rating in line with Australian Rating System used by Tennis Australia
2. Players national ranking.
3. Head-to-head results.
4. Player's attitude, behaviour, sportsmanship on and off court.
5. Discretion of the North West Selector and panel.
6. Regional tennis involvement

NORTHWEST REGIONAL OR PERFORMANCE SQUAD TIER 1

1. Players rating in line with TA Rating System & Players National Ranking
2. Tier 1 squad must be a minimum UTR of 6.5 for girls and 8.5 for boys to be considered or another rating/ ranking system may be used at the discretion of the committee.
3. Tennis Australia and State Sanctioned event results
4. Player's attitude, work ethic, behaviour, sportsmanship on and off court
5. Must be an active member of a North West Club & Must be coached within the region

Athletes in **Tier 1** must compete in a minimum of 12 high level events annually and these events may include the follows:

- a. Tennis Country Series
- b. Tennis Australia open events
- c. Senior UTR Series or Pro series
- d. Northwest Championships Singles Doubles & Mixed, (must play)
- e. Roach Cup
- f. Country Championships, players must play this subject to point 7
- g. Any other Tennis Australia or State Sanctioned event
- h. Junior or senior ITFs
- i. Any other event recognised by the Regional Match play committee.
- j. Jack Crawford teams event

TIER ONE SQUAD ITEMS:

- a) A maximum of \$6,500 will be allocated per calendar year for tier one.
- b) A maximum of 5 players are able to receive funding per year.
- c) The maximum amount a player can receive in a calendar year is \$1,650.
- d) A player may use funding for a higher level training facility (KDV, Redline tennis, Nadal academy etc) equipment, travel for tennis, travel to a tournament/training facility or any other thing associated with tennis that supports the further participation in tennis or progression in tennis.

(*) Events participation will be calculated from the previous Calendar year.

- 6. Out of region bordering school kids or the like to be considered for teams, funding and any other team within this document or as seen fit by the North West Committee must in the previous 12 months undertaken the following;
 - a. Be a member of a North West Tennis Club.
 - b. Played North West Championships singles and Doubles & NSW Country championships unless an exemption is seen fit by North West committee.
 - c. Played a minimum of 9 High level events to be considered into Tier 1 performance squad
 - d. Meet all behavioural and selection items the North West committee sees fit.
 - e. Players rating in line with TA Rating System & Players National Ranking
 - Tier 1 squad must be a minimum UTR of 6.5 for girls and 8.5 for boys to be considered, or another rating/ ranking system may be used at the discretion of the committee and Tennis Australia and State Sanctioned event results
- 7. Athletes who are unable to attend North West Championships or NSW Country Championships may apply to the committee for an exemption. Exemptions may be granted in the following situations, North West Champs or Country champs are mandatory events for tier one funding:
 - a. Medical reasons (Doctors certificate must be supplied)
 - b. Compassionate grounds (Documents must be supplied)
 - c. Attendance at a higher-level tournament where the committee will decide.

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- 1. Players national rating ranking & players rating in line with Australian Rating System
- 2. Selector's knowledge of players who meet the age criteria in the region & head to head results
- 3. Availability of players. Selections are offered to the best players first in line with points 1 & 2 and then worked down the list if players are unavailable

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If you have any further questions or wish to put a letter forward to the North West Match Committee