



**TENNIS COUNTRY**



2024 REGIONAL MATCH PLAY SERIES  
RULES AND REGULATIONS  
(Junior & Opens Event)

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## 1.0 Regional Matchplay Series

The Regional Matchplay Series (**RMS**) is a NSW Tennis Country based series 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 a combined UTR and regional points ladder dependent on each round's result to determine who advances to different levels of finals. The series is designed to give regional 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 16 weekends of events across the year containing one- or two-day round robin events allowing multiple opportunities to progress through to the Regional and State Champion of Champions event.

The 2024 Regional Matchplay Series will be run throughout 2024 within each player's home region at venues set out by their Regional Matchplay Committee and on dates set by the Regional Matchplay Committee and published in the event/tournament calendar. The following set of rules will be in place and applicable to the administration and operations 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 to be read in conjunction with these Rules.

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.

Each Regional Match Play Committee holds delegated authority to administer RMS events in their own region in accordance with these rules, however NSW Tennis Country maintains ultimate responsibility as the governing body of the Regional Match Play Committees.

### 1.1 - Player Eligibility

To be eligible to enter an RMS event for 2024, 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](mailto: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 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.

Any player denied entry into an RMS event (Including Metro Based Players) may appeal to the Tennis Country Management Committee the decision to deny entry by contacting the relevant point of contact on the contact list contained within this document.

### 1.2 - Age Eligibility








The 2024 RMS Series will be played in the 10U, 12U, 14U, 16U and Opens divisions. The below table illustrates the age eligibility for 2024.

<b>10/U Eligibility</b>	Born in or after the 2014 Calendar Year
<b>12/U Eligibility</b>	Born in or after the 2012 Calendar Year
<b>14/U Eligibility</b>	Born in or after the 2010 Calendar Year
<b>16/U Eligibility</b>	Born in or after the 2008 Calendar Year
<b>Opens Eligibility</b>	Born in or before the 2007 Calendar Year

- ✚ No person born after 2017 may participate in the 10U event without an exemption being granted by NSW Tennis Country
- ✚ Gender combined events are only possible if the provisions of Clause 1.6 apply.
- ✚ Players playing in older age categories are only possible if the provision of Clause 1.5 apply.

### 1.3 – Entry Procedure

In 2024, 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 **MONDAY** prior to the event at 11:59pm.
-  Withdrawal deadline will be the **MONDAY** prior to the event at 11:59pm.
-  Late Entries will not be accepted unless special circumstances exist as determined by the event director or regional pathway coordinator.
-  Start times and locations in the case of multiple venues being used will be published by **5:00pm Thursday** prior to the event. Draws will not be published until arrival at the venue unless expressly determined by the Regional Committee
-  Entry Fees for all RMS events, across all regions for 2024 will be \$30.00.

### 1.4 – 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.

1 <sup>st</sup> Late Withdrawal from a 2024 RMS Event	Regional Warning.
2 <sup>nd</sup> Late Withdrawal from a 2024 RMS Event	Tennis Australia Late Withdrawal Code Violation in accordance with the relevant Tennis Australia Competitive Play Regulations
3 <sup>rd</sup> Late Withdrawal from a 2024 RMS Event	Tennis Australia Late Withdrawal Code Violation + 2 Point Deduction from RMS Point Ladder
4 <sup>th</sup> Late Withdrawal from a 2024 RMS Event	Tennis Australia Late Withdrawal Code Violation + 5 Point Deduction from RMS Point Ladder
5 <sup>th</sup> Late Withdrawal from a 2024 RMS Event	Tennis Australia Late Withdrawal Code Violation + 1 Month Suspension from all RMS events
6 <sup>th</sup> or more Late Withdrawal from a 2024 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 and **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 Clause 1.14).

If in doubt, contact your Regional Pathway Coordinator:

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### 1.5. – Playing out of Age


Players will be permitted if they so wish to play in one (1) age division above their birth year age division if they meet any of the following conditions.

- 1.5.1. The player previously won or was Runner Up in the NSW State Champions of Champions the year prior, **or**
- 1.5.2. The player finished 1<sup>st</sup> in their respective Regional Champions of Champions the year prior **or**
- 1.5.3. The player is the current and reigning Closed Country Champion. (10's, 12s, 14s or 16s) as of the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2024 **or**
- 1.5.4. The player has won their last two (2) consecutive RMS events prior to playing in an older age division without losing a match **or**
- 1.5.5. A player has won a NSW Tennis Country Series event in the 2024 Calendar **or**
- 1.5.6. A player has met the participation requirements to qualify for the Regional Champions of Champions in their ordinary birth age division relevant to their respective region and the player has won one (1) RMS event.
- 1.5.7. in the case of a player, when all other entries in their age division consistent with their ordinary birth year have a verified Universal Tennis Rating (UTR) of 1.5 points or more below theirs at the time of seeding and provided the lowest verified UTR rated player in the older event does not have a verified UTR greater than 1.5 points above their UTR, they may for that event only be permitted to play in an older age division.

-  Clauses 1.5.1 & 1.5.2 are only applicable If the player is of an odd age at the time of winning and will have to go back into the same aged RMS event the next year if not for the provisions of Clauses 1.5.1 & 1.5.2

If a player meets the above criteria and is eligible to play in an older age division and elects to enter into the older age division, the player may do so, however the player will be required to return to their ordinary birth year if any of the following occurs and not be permitted to play in the older age division for the remainder of that year.


- 1.5.8. The player fails to attend the NSW Closed Country Championships in the year prior (**NSW Tennis Country may waive this requirement, in limited circumstances upon application by the player if the circumstances so require**)
- 1.5.9. The player has declined invitations to or failed to attend 2 or more NSW State Teams or NSW Regional State League in any 12-month rotating period (**NSW Tennis Country may waive this requirement, in limited circumstances upon application by the player if the circumstances so require**)

-  For the avoidance of doubt, a player eligible to play age up as outlined in Clause 1.5 may choose to return to their correct age and may accumulate points subject to the provision of Clause 1.7.

### 1.6. – Playing Inconsistent Gender



A player in the U10, 12U, 14U & 16U events will only be permitted to play inconsistent with their gender as displayed on their birth certificate if the following criteria or conditions have been met.

- 1.6.1. in the case of a female player, when all other entries in the age division consistent with their ordinary birth year have a verified Universal Tennis Rating (UTR) of 1.5 points or more below theirs at the time of seeding and provided the lowest verified UTR rated player in the boy's event does not have a verified UTR greater than 1.5 points above their UTR. **OR**
- 1.6.2. in the case of a female player, the player has won their last two (2) consecutive RMS events in their correct gender prior to playing in an older age division without losing a match.
- 1.6.3. Male players will not be permitted to enter female events, under any circumstances.

-  In the event the player relies on Clause 1.4.1. to enter a male event, this is done on an event-by-event basis and is only applicable to the most immediate RMS event being entered.

If a female meets the above criteria and is eligible to play in a male event and elects to enter the male event, the player may do so, however the player will be required to return to female events, if any of the following occurs and not be permitted to play in male events for the remainder of that year.

- 1.6.6. The player fails to attend the NSW Closed Country Championships in the year prior (**NSW Tennis Country may waive this requirement, in limited circumstances upon application by the player if the circumstances so require**)
- 1.6.7. The player has declined invitations to or failed to attend 2 or more NSW State Teams or NSW Regional State League in any 12-month rotating period (**NSW Tennis Country may waive this requirement, in limited circumstances upon application by the player if the circumstances so require**)

-  Clause 1.6 does not apply to the Open events, as all open events will be mixed gendered allowing both men and women to play against each other and will be entirely based on a players Universal Tennis Rating (UTR)
-  For the avoidance of doubt, a player eligible to play in another gender as outlined in Clause 1.6 may choose to return to their true gender and may accumulate points subject to the provision of Clause 1.7.

### 1.7. – Point Scores and Points Ladder.

The RMS Points Ladder will be administered by the Regional Pathways Coordinator with oversight from the relevant Regional Match Play Committee. The points ladder will be consistent across all regions.

The following table outlines how the points score/ladder will operate for the 2024 RMS series of events.

#### **Events with seeded card**

##### **Playoff Points**

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

##### **Card Points**

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

##### **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

- 🏆 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.
- 🏆 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.
- 🏆 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 counted towards their average point score.

#### **Events with no seeded card**

##### **Playoff points**

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

##### **Card points**

First on Pool Card	4 Points
Second on Pool Card	3 Points
Third on Pool Card	2 Points
Fourth or Lower on Pool Card	1 Point

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- ✚ 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.
- ✚ 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 counted towards their average point score.

- 1.7.1. In the 2024 RMS events, each regions points score will be updated on the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month and published on the Tennis NSW website, along with each regions Facebook page and the NSW Tennis Country Facebook page.
- 1.7.2. RMS points may be transferred in certain circumstances and subject to the following:
- i Points earned in an event, where ages are combined due to low entries, will be awarded in the players relevant birth year age division.
  - ii Points earned in an event, where genders are combined due to low entries, will be awarded in the players relevant gender and birth year.
  - iii A player who plays up in age, pursuant to Clause 1.5 of these rules and regulations will not be eligible to transfer their points back down into their ordinary birth year except for a player who relied on Clause 1.5.7 may have their points transferred to their correct age.
  - iv A female player who plays in a male gendered event, pursuant to Clause 1.6 will be permitted to transfer their points back into their correct gender division.
- 1.7.3. Players may hold points in 2 or more age categories, and may quality for Regional Champions of Champions in multiple age categories, however the player will be required to nominate in writing to the Regional Pathway Coordinator before the start of the last RMS event, which age category they wish to play Regional Champions of Champions In.

### 1.8. – Out of Region Players

In the 2024 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 1.18 or 1.19 of these rules as outlined below.

- ✚ The result of this Clause means out of region players may be placed on the seeded card and may participate in play offs if their UTR so determines.

### 1.9. – Formats of Play

For all RMS Round events various formats of play may be necessary depending on the total number of entries in each event, the number of pools for each event and the number of courts available at each host venue.

The following formats may be utilised for the 2024 RMS Events

- ✚ First to 6 Tiebreak 6 all Long Deuce (10U,12U,14U,16U & opens)
- ✚ First to 6 Tiebreak 5 all Long Deuce (10U,12U,14U,16U & opens)
- ✚ First to 4 Tiebreak 3 all Long Deuce (10U only Green Ball Only)




- 1.9.1. First to 4 tiebreak 3 all (Short sets) are not a permitted format for anything other than 10U, unless special circumstances exist.
- 1.9.2. Short Deuces are not permitted in any RMS Singles events except 10U events unless special circumstances exist.



### 1.10. – Draws and Cards



For all 2024 RMS round events, the following Draw and Card formats will be used.

10&U Boys & Girls	No Seeded Cards: players randomly spread through each card, subject to any regional specific regulations.
12&U Boys & Girls	Seeded Cards based on UTR with the balance of players spread evenly on pool cards
14&U Boys & Girls	Seeded Cards based on UTR with the balance of players spread evenly on pool cards
16&U Boys & Girls	Seeded Cards based on UTR with the balance of players spread evenly on pool cards
Opens Mens and Ladies	No Seeded Cards: players randomly spread through each card based on UTR

-  Seed cards can be either 4 or 5 players, with pool cards being either 4, 5 or 6 players in size.
-  If an event has 7 players or less, it will be run as a single card of 7 players, first past the post.
-  If an event has 8 or more players, it will be run as 2 or more cards as outlined above.

### 1.11. – Wildcards

An Event Director with permission from the NSW Tennis Country Chair may issue a wildcard to any player for any sole event if in their opinion it is necessary to do so, for any reason, if doing so is in the best interests of the event or the players. The wildcard can be used in any of the following ways:

-  To place a player in an older age category
-  To place a player on a seeded card

This Clause cannot be used for a female player to enter a male event unless the provisions of Clause 1.6 apply.

### 1.12. – RMS Round Play Offs

1.12.1. If an event has 7 players or less, it will be run as a single card of 7 players and as such will not require playoffs and will be first past the post, with points awarded consistent with Clause 1.7.

1.12.2. If an event has between 8 and 14 players in it, then it will be subject to the following:



- All seeded card players will advance to the play offs.
- The Winner and Runner Up on each pool card will also advance.

1.12.3. If an event has 15 or more players, then it will be subject to the following:

- All seeded card players will advance.
- The winner on each pool card will advance to play offs

The below tables illustrate the break down and court configurations for Rounds and Playoffs based on the total players in an event.

#### Seeded Card Events

Total players	Seeded Card Size	Pool Card Size	Players in playoffs with seeded card and top 2 through on unseeded cards	Players in playoffs with seeded card and top 1 from unseeded cards	Total # of Courts Required for Round Matches	Total # of Courts Required for Play off Matches
8	4	4	6	Not Applicable	2	2
9	4	5	6	Not Applicable	2	2
10	5	5	7	Not Applicable	2 or 3	3
11	5	6	7	Not Applicable	3	3
12	4	4,4	8	Not Applicable	3 or 4	4
13	4	4,5	8	Not Applicable	3 or 4	4
14	4	5,5	8	Not Applicable	3 or 4	4
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> <div>through.</div> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <b>Threshold for only winners on each card going</b> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> </div>						
15	5	5,5	Not Applicable	7	3	3
16	4	4,4,4	Not Applicable	7	4	3
17	4	4,4,5	Not Applicable	7	4	3
18	4	4,5,5	Not Applicable	7	4	3
19	4	5,5,5	Not Applicable	7	4	3
20	5	5,5,5	Not Applicable	8	4	4
21	4	4,4,4,5	Not Applicable	8	5	4
22	4	4,4,5,5	Not Applicable	8	5	4
23	4	4,5,5,5	Not Applicable	8	5	4


24	4	5,5,5,5	Not Applicable	8	5	4
25	5	5,5,5,5	Not Applicable	9	5	4
26	4	4,4,4,5,5	Not Applicable	9	6	4
27	4	4,4,5,5,5	Not Applicable	9	6	4
28	4	4,5,5,5,5	Not Applicable	9	6	4
29	4	5,5,5,5,5	Not Applicable	9	6	4
30	5	5,5,5,5,5	Not Applicable	10	6	4

In the scenario for RMS events hosted in the LGA's of Tweed Head, Central Coast, Penrith, Blue Mountains, Wollongong, Kiama, Camden, and Wollondilly may, if there is a high percentage of out of region players, divert to non-seeded pools to ensure fairness and integrity to their event.

- 1.12.4. If an event is an unseeded card event and has 8 or more players in it, then the top 2 players from each card will advance to the playoffs consistent with the below table.

#### Unseeded Card Events

Total players	Card Size	Total Players in playoffs (Top 2 from each card)	Total # of Courts Required for Round Matches	Total # of Courts Required for Play off Matches
8	4,4	4	2	2
9	4,5	4	2	2
10	5,5	4	2	2
11	5,6	4	2	2
12	4,4,4	6	3	3
13	4,4,5	6	3	3
14	4,5,5	6	3	3
15	5,5,5	6	3	3
16	4,4,4,4	8	4	4
17	4,4,4,5	8	4	4
18	4,4,5,5	8	4	4
19	4,5,5,5	8	4	4
20	5,5,5,5	8	4	4
21	4,4,4,4,5	10	5	4
22	4,4,4,5,5	10	5	4
23	4,4,5,5,5	10	5	4
24	4,5,5,5,5	10	5	4
25	5,5,5,5,5	10	5	4
26	4,4,4,4,5,5	12	6	4
27	4,4,4,5,5,5	12	6	4
28	4,4,5,5,5,5	12	6	4
29	4,5,5,5,5,5	12	6	4
30	5,5,5,5,5,5	12	6	4

 Permission to depart from the above table can only be granted by either the Regional Match Play Committee Chair or their delegate or the NSW Tennis Country Chair or their delegate.

- 1.12.5. In the situation whereby 2 or more events are merged due to low entries, the Regional Committee may determine that the players will be separated back into their correct age category for playoffs to determine the winner and runner up for each defined age category at their discretion.

#### 1.13. – Regional Champion of Champions

Each respective regional area will host their own Regional Matchplay Series of events, which will consist of up to 16 RMS weekends 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.

#### 1.14. – State Champions 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 4<sup>th</sup> placed player will also be invited provided the provision of Clause 1.12.1 does 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.

#### 1.15. – NSW State Champions Wildcards

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.

#### 1.16. – NSW State Champions Format

**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.

#### 1.17. – Start and Report Time

All events will commence play at **8.30am** unless prior notification is given of an alternative start time. Some events may have split start times due to the size of the host venue or use multi located venues, we will strive to advise parents of this no later than Thursday 12:00pm before the RMS event. 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 excuse late attendance however the decision of the Event Director in this respect is final.

#### 1.18. – No Show/Failure to attend

If a player does not turn up on the day (and has not previously withdrawn consistent with Clause 1.4) that player will be declared a "No Show". If a player is deemed a No Show, the player will be dealt with in the following way.:

1 <sup>st</sup> No Show occurrence.	Tennis Australia No Show code violation in accordance with the relevant Tennis Australia Competitive Play Regulations (1 Demerit point)
2 <sup>nd</sup> No Show occurrence.	Tennis Australia No Show code violation (1 Demerit point) + 2 Points deducted from the players RMS Points Ladder
3 <sup>rd</sup> No Show occurrence.	Tennis Australia No Show code violation (1 Demerit point) + 5 Points deducted from the players RMS Points Ladder
4 <sup>th</sup> 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 14 days of the date of notice of the determination of appeal by the Regional Matchplay Committee.



### 1.19. – Out of Region – Inter Regional Transfer

A player who resides in a particular NSW Country region and who wishes to sign over to another NSW Country 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 30<sup>th</sup> of April that year. Transfer requests received after this will only be considered if specific circumstances exist.

If a player misses this deadline to transfer, they may still play in another regions RMS event but will be considered an out of region player.

Once received the form seeking approval will be forwarded to the nominated regions Regional Matchplay Committee Chair, who will then consider the request and decide, in their sole discretion if to approve or decline the request to transfer.

Players should note, in the event a player’s transfer is approved, that player transferring will forfeit all benefit and entitlements associated with their past region 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.
-  If a player is approved for transfer, that transfer will remain in force until withdrawn or revoked and may roll across multiple years. There is no need to reapply each year.

Any person dissatisfied with a decision of the Regional Matchplay Committee Chair made pursuant to this rule, may appeal the decision within 14 days of the decision in writing, addressed to the NSW Tennis Country Management Committee Chair. The decision of the NSW Tennis Country Management Committee Chair is final.

### 1.20. – Out of Region – Metro or Interstate Regional Transfer

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 Country consistent with the process outlined below.

A player wishing to participate in the RMS events and have their points awarded and therefore be eligible for Regional Champions of Champions or NSW State 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 30<sup>th</sup> of April that year. Transfer requests received after this time will not be considered unless specific circumstances exist.

-  If a player misses this deadline, they may still play in other RMS events but will be considered an out of region player and not eligible for the awarding of points or advanced to Regional or State Champions of Champions.

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 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.

### 1.21. – Publicity, Promotion, and use of Images

In consideration of accepting your entry into a Regional Matchplay Series event, you grant and assign to TNSW, NSW Tennis Country 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.

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).

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 or Event Director 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.

#### 1.22. – 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>

- ✚ Players, coaches, spectators, and parents should note that Tennis NSW & NSW Tennis Country takes a zero-tolerance approach to abuse of officials, players, administrators, and staff.
- ✚ Tennis NSW or NSW Tennis Country will bring to the attention of a player's coach or sporting school the conduct of a player or parent which breaches these rules and regulations including any sanction which may be handed down.
- ✚ Tennis NSW & NSW Tennis Country will also enforce any sanction imposed upon a player or parents by Tennis Australia.
- ✚ Any Event Director or match official reserves the right to direct any spectator to leave a venue and remain in the carpark during the course of an event, if in the opinion of the Event Director or Match Official doing so is in the best interest of the event.

#### 1.23. – Miscellaneous

NSW Tennis Country and the Regional Committee reserve the right to depart from these rules and regulations from time to time to ensure events are run with commonsense and integrity and may do so without notice.

**The Code of Conduct applies to players, parents, coaches, and spectators off the court as well as players on the court.**

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 or Tennis NSW may impose additional sanctions upon any player or parents consistent with the following table.

Serious- forms of misconduct may be referred directly to the Tennis Australia Integrity unit.

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

<p><b>Code Violation -</b></p> <p>Audible Obscenity</p> <p>Visible Obscenity</p> <p>Verbal Abuse</p> <p>Racquet Abuse</p> <p>Ball Abuse</p> <p>Unsportsmanlike Conduct</p> <p>Best Effort</p> <p>Coaching</p> <p><b>Definition</b></p> <p>As defined within the Tennis Australia 'Code of Behaviour'</p>	<p>1<sup>st</sup> Offence – Regional Warning Letter</p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> Offence – Tennis Australia Code Violation entered in accordance with the relevant Tennis Australia Competitive Play Regulations</p> <p>3<sup>rd</sup> Offence – Tennis Australia Code Violation Issued + 5 Point deduction from regional points ladder.</p> <p>4<sup>th</sup> or More Offences - Tennis Australia Code Violation Issued + 5 Point deduction from regional points ladder.</p> <p>5<sup>th</sup> Offence – Disqualification from RMS events</p>
<p><b>Code Violation -</b></p> <p>Spectator Misconduct</p> <p><b>Definition</b></p> <p>As defined within the Tennis Australia 'Code of Behaviour'</p>	<p>1<sup>st</sup> Offence – Regional Warning Letter</p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> Offence - Tennis Australia Code Violation Issued + 2 Point deduction from regional points ladder.</p> <p>3<sup>rd</sup> Offence - Tennis Australia Code Violation Issued + 10 Point Deduction</p> <p>4<sup>th</sup> Offence - Tennis Australia Code Violation Issued + Disqualification from RMS events</p>
<p><b>Code Violation -</b></p> <p>Associated Persons Misconduct</p> <p><b>Definition</b></p> <p>An Associated Person is an Adult or Child irrespective of age who has a domestic, personal and or professional relationship with a player who participates in 1 or more events administered by a regional committee or NSW Tennis Country.</p> <p>Associated Persons Misconduct is defined as any intentional action either in person, via Text Message, Phone Call, Email or social media or other means that can reasonably be considered bullying, harassment or causes intimidation to another person either at an event location or outside of the day of an event.</p>	<p>1<sup>st</sup> Offence – Regional Warning Letter</p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> Offence - Tennis Australia Code Violation Issued + 5 Point deduction from regional points ladder + offending parent suspended from attending for 3 Months.</p> <p>3<sup>rd</sup> Offence – Disqualification</p>
<p><b>Code Violation -</b></p> <p>Physical Abuse (i.e., physical contact with another player, official, coach or spectator)</p> <p><b>Definition</b></p> <p>As defined within the Tennis Australia 'Code of Behaviour'</p>	<p>1<sup>st</sup> Offence - Tennis Australia Code Violation Issued + Disqualification.</p>

- ✦ 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 Chair of the relevant Regional Committee or match official and will be administered and tracked by the Regional Pathways Coordinators consistent with these Rules. A player may appeal the imposition of a sanction to the Regional Matchplay Committee and must do so within 7 days' notice of the sanction.
- ✦ NSW Tennis Country or Tennis NSW holds the authority to impose any sanction under these Rules and Regulations irrespective of any inaction taken by a Regional C
- ✦ committee, if in the view of NSW Tennis Country or Tennis NSW such action is necessary considering the circumstances present.
- ✦ A decision of the Regional Matchplay Committee may be appealed to the Tennis Country Management Committee in writing and must be done within 14 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 addressed to the relevant Regional Committee. Any such complaint must be lodged within 14 days of the alleged incident.

#### 1.24. – 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.

#### 1.25. – Count Back Formula

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 formula 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.

#### 1.26. - Important Contacts

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# **TENNIS COUNTRY**

## **North East**



**North East Regional**  
**RMS Regulations**



## 2.0 – North East Region Unique 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 RMS Rules and unless specifically outlined otherwise, in the event of inconsistency between these region-specific regulations and the above general RMS Rules, the general RMS rules shall prevail.

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

### 2.0.1 – North East Regional Champion of Champions

Up to 16 Players (8 Upper & 8 Lower) from each age and gender category of events 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 **3 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.

### 2.0.2 – North East 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, known as the Foundation Cup. 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 across North East and North West in the 10U, 12U, 14U and 16U based on results from the Northern Foundation Cup will advance to the NSW State Champion of Champions. There is no guarantee of equal representation across the 2 regions out of this event and into the NSW State Champions of Champions.

### 2.0.3 – 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 points.

10U Boys & Girls	<b>Winner</b> Trophy	<b>Runner Up</b> Trophy
12U Boys & Girls	<b>Winner</b> Trophy	<b>Runner Up</b> Trophy
14U Boys & Girls	<b>Winner</b> Trophy	<b>Runner Up</b> Trophy
16U Boys & Girls	<b>Winner</b> Trophy	<b>Runner Up</b> Trophy
Opens Combined Singles *Minimum of 8 Players required for 100% prize money to be paid, the committee reserves the right to reduce prize money if player numbers are under 8	<b>Winner</b> \$150.00	<b>Runner Up</b> \$75.00

### 2.0.4 – North East Lower Divisions

Notwithstanding Clause 1.5, 1.6 & 1.7 of the RMS Rules, the North East Regional Match Play Committee will reserve the right to amend a North East Lower RMS event or certain age categories within an RMS Lower event as far as it will allow for certain events to be run and administered in UTR divisions instead of age or gender categories. The Regional Committee must obtain permission from NSW Tennis Country before running an event by way of Division. 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 1.7 of the RMS Rules and points will be awarded in the players true age or gender category.

- ✚ If Clause 2.0.6 applies, players will still enter the event in their true age category and the Event Director or Regional Pathways Coordinator will place each player in the correct division prior to the commencement of the relevant RMS event.



# **TENNIS COUNTRY**

## **North West**



**North West Regional**  
**RMS Regulations.**

### 3.0 – North West Region Unique 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 regulations should be read and interpreted in conjunction with the above RMS Rules and unless specifically outlined otherwise, in the event of inconsistency between these region-specific regulations and the above general RMS Rules, the general RMS rules shall prevail.

#### 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.

3.0.2A. Participate in a minimum of **3 RMS events**.

3.0.2B. Players in the top 7 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.

3.0.2C. Position 8 based on the best 6 results will also advance to the Regional Champion of Champions subject to the following.

3.0.2C1. **Wildcard:** The Regional Committee may exercise their absolute discretion to issue a maximum of one (1) wildcard to a player outside the top 8 per event 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 and in the opinion of the committee the player would have otherwise qualified.

#### 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. 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, known as the Foundation Cup. 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 across North East and North West in the 10U, 12U, 14U and 16U based on results from the Northern Foundation Cup will advance to the NSW State Champion of Champions. There is no guarantee of equal representation across the 2 regions out of this event and into the NSW State Champions of Champions.

#### 3.0.4 – 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 points.

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

#### 3.0.5 – 10U Points Ladder.

For the 2024 RMS event in the North West Region, there will be a points ladder used to determine seedings for the 10U event only. This point ladder will be administered, determined, and maintained by the North West Regional Committee and published on Facebook after each event.



# **TENNIS COUNTRY**

## **Northumberland**



**Northumberland Regional**  
**RMS Regulations.**

#### 4.0 – Northumberland Region Unique 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 regulations should be read and interpreted in conjunction with the above RMS Rules and unless specifically outlined otherwise, in the event of inconsistency between these region-specific regulations and the above general RMS Rules, the general RMS rules shall prevail.

##### 4.0.1– 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.

4.0.2A. Participate in a minimum of **7 RMS events**.

4.0.2B. Players in the top 7 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.

4.0.2C. Position 8 based on the best 8 results will also advance to the Regional Champion of Champions subject to the following.

4.0.2C1. **Wildcard:** The Regional Committee may exercise their absolute discretion to issue a maximum of one (1) wildcard to a player outside the top 8 per event therefore promoting them into the Northumberland 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.

##### 4.0.2– Northumberland Total Points Winners

The Northumberland Region will also be acknowledging and reward the top point score winners of each age and gender category at the end of the RMS year. While the best 8 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 each age and gendered division for 2024.

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.

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



# **TENNIS COUNTRY**

## **Central West**



**Central West Regional**  
**RMS Regulations.**

## 5.0 – Central West Region Unique Regulations

These Regulations apply only 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 above RMS Rules and unless specifically outlined otherwise, in the event of inconsistency between these region-specific regulations and the above general RMS Rules, the general RMS rules shall prevail.

### 5.0.1– Central West Regional Champion of Champions

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

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

5.0.2A. Participate in a minimum of **5 RMS events**.

5.0.2B. Players in the top 7 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.

5.0.2C. Position 8 based on the best 8 results will also advance to the Regional Champion of Champions subject to the following.

5.0.2C1. **Wildcard:** The Regional Committee may exercise their absolute discretion to issue a maximum of one (1) wildcard to a player outside the top 8 per event 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.

### 5.0.2– Central West Total Points Winners

The Central West Region will also be acknowledging and reward 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 each age and gendered division for 2024.

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.

### 5.0.3 – Eastern Seeded Card Exception

Notwithstanding Clauses 1.5, 1.6 & 1.7 of the RMS Rules, Regional Matchplay Series events run at the Nepean and Springwood venues will run with unseeded 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 with central west players marked "CW" on the score card.

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

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

### 5.0.5– Modified Formats of play

At the discretion of the Event Director, for events where there a 4 or less total players, the Event Director may amend the format to allow players to play 2 first to 6 sets tie break at 6 all with a 10 Point Match Tiebreak



# **TENNIS COUNTRY**

## **South West**



**South West Regional**  
**RMS Regulations.**



## 5.0 – South West Region Unique Regulations

These Regulations apply only to players participating in the South West Region's RMS events or are only applicable to events run in the South West Region. These unique regulations should be read and interpreted in conjunction with the above RMS Rules and unless specifically outlined otherwise, in the event of inconsistency between these region-specific regulations and the above general RMS Rules, the general RMS rules shall prevail.

### 5.0.1– South West Regional Champion of Champions

8 Players from each age and gender category of events 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.

5.0.2A. Participate in a minimum of **5 RMS events**.

5.0.2B. Players in the top 7 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.

5.0.2C. Position 8 based on the best 8 results will also advance to the Regional Champion of Champions subject to the following.

5.0.2C1. **Wildcard:** The Regional Committee may exercise their absolute discretion to issue a maximum of one (1) wildcard to a player outside the top 8 per event 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.

### 5.0.2– 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 5 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 each age and gendered division for 2024.

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.

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



# **TENNIS COUNTRY**

## **South East**



**South East Regional**  
**RMS Regulations.**

## 6.0 – South East Region Unique Regulations

These Regulations apply only to players participating in the South East Region's RMS events or are only applicable to events run in the South East Region. These unique regulations should be read and interpreted in conjunction with the above RMS Rules and unless specifically outlined otherwise, in the event of inconsistency between these region-specific regulations and the above general RMS Rules, the general RMS rules shall prevail.

### 6.0.1– South East Regional Champion of Champions

8 Players from each age and gender category of events 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.

6.0.2A. Participate in a minimum of **6 RMS events**.

6.0.2B. Players in the top 7 positions in each age and gender category using the player's **best 7 results** will be guaranteed a spot into the Regional Champion of Champions.

6.0.2C. Position 8 based on the best 8 results will also advance to the Regional Champion of Champions subject to the following.

6.0.2C1. **Wildcard:** The Regional Committee may exercise their absolute discretion to issue a maximum of one (1) wildcard to a player outside the top 8 per event 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.

6.0.2D 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.

6.0.2E 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.

### 6.0.2– 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 5 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 each age and gendered division for 2024.

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.

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

**Tennis Country and Regional Player**

**2024 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 Sydney 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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