



# **REGIONAL MATCHPLAY SERIES REGULATIONS 2026**

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# 1.0 GENERAL RMS REGULATIONS

## 1.1 OVERVIEW

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 to determine who advances to different levels of finals. The series is designed to give young regional 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 consisting of multiple single day round robin events allowing multiple opportunities to progress through to the Regional and State Champion of Champions event.

The 2026 Regional Matchplay Series will be run throughout 2026 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 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 Regulations and the Tennis Australia Competitive Play Regulations, these Regulations will prevail to the extent of the inconsistency.

Each Regional Matchplay Committee holds delegated authority to administer and oversee RMS events in their own region in accordance with these regulations, however as NSW Tennis Country holds oversight authority of Regional Committees and as such NSW Tennis Country also holds final authority regarding RMS events.

## 1.2 - PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to enter an RMS event for 2026, 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 or competition.

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

### 1.3 - AGE ELIGIBILITY

The 2026 RMS Series will be delivered as gender separated UTR Rating bands except for 10U green ball which will remain as a gender separated age category event. The below table illustrates the eligibility for 2026.

Boys		Girls	
Boys Tier 4	UTR 0.00-1.99	Girls Tier 4	UTR 0.00 - 1.99
Boys Tier 3	UTR 2.00-3.99	Girl Tier 3	UTR 2.00-3.49
Boys Tier 2	UTR 4.00-5.99	Girls Tier 2	UTR 3.50-4.49
Boys Tier 1	UTR 6.00-7.99+	Girls Tier 1	UTR 4.50-6.49+
10U Boys Green Ball		10U Girls Green Ball	

- ❖ A player's age is determined as of the last day of December of the relevant year
- ❖ The Regional Pathway Coordinator or the Regional Match Play Committee reserves the right to amend a player's entry and move the player to another Tier that is most appropriate for the player if because of the player's age or physical strength comparable to other entries within the same banding, the player would be better suited in another UTR band.
- ❖ No player born after 2019 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 1.7 of these regulations apply.
- ❖ Players playing in older age categories are only possible if the provision of Clause 1.6 these regulations apply.
- ❖ Should there be 3 or less players in any UTR band division then the band may merge with another band or gender at the discretion of the Regional Pathway Coordinator

### 1.4 - ENTRY PROCEDURE

In 2026, entries will only be accepted online through each individual RMS Tournament page unless due to a technical issue the Regional Pathway Coordinator determined to accept entries manually

- ❖ All players must enter online to be eligible to play in an RMS event.
- ❖ Players should enter the age category they wish their points to be awarded to.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ Start times and locations will be published by 5:00pm **WEDNESDAY** prior to the event.
- ❖ Entry Fees for all RMS events, across all regions for 2026 will be \$40.00.

### 1.5 - WITHDRAWAL AND REFUNDS

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 must be dealt with according to the below table.

1 <sup>st</sup> Late Withdrawal from a 2026 RMS Event	Regional Warning.
2 <sup>nd</sup> Late Withdrawal from a 2026 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 2026 RMS Event	Tennis Australia Late Withdrawal Code Violation + 2 Point Deduction from RMS Point Ladder
4 <sup>th</sup> Late Withdrawal from a 2026 RMS Event	Tennis Australia Late Withdrawal Code Violation + 5 Point Deduction from RMS Point Ladder
5 <sup>th</sup> Late Withdrawal from a 2026 RMS Event	Tennis Australia Late Withdrawal Code Violation + 1 Month Suspension from all RMS events

RMS Late Withdrawal sanctions will be administered and tracked by the Regional Pathway Coordinators consistent with these Rules. A player may appeal the imposition of an RMS Late Withdrawal sanction in writing addressed to the Regional Committee and sent to the Regional Pathway Coordinator and must do so within 5 days after the notice of the sanction has been given.

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.

If in doubt, contact your Regional Pathway Coordinator:

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## 1.6 – PLAYING OUT OF AGE

As the 2026 RMS event will be delivered by way of UTR rating band, there is no restriction as it relates to age.

For the avoidance of doubt, a player who is eligible to play in the 10U is also eligible to enter the banded UTR event however points earned will not be transferrable from UTR banded events into the 10U event unless permission has been requested and granted by the respective regional committee no later than the 1st of April of each RMS year.

## 1.7 – PLAYING INCONSISTENT GENDER

A player who enters either the UTR banded event or the 10U event will only be permitted to play inconsistent with their gender as displayed on their birth certificate if there is an insufficient number of entries in the appropriate event or tier to allow the event to run.

Should a female player be required to play in a male event due to insufficient entries the Regional Pathway Coordinator will place that player in the most appropriate male tiered event at the discretion of the Regional Pathway Coordinator and points will be awarded consistent with results in that event

## 1.8 – POINT SCORES AND LADDERS.

The RMS Points Ladder will be administered by the Regional Pathway 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 2026 RMS series of events.

- While the 2026 RMS events will be delivered by UTR banding (excluding 10U), the points ladder will be displayed by way of Age Categories
- Points will be allocated to a player based on the age category for which they enter each event. Players can hold points in multiple categories across the series
- Players can qualify for regional Championships or State championships in more than 1 category but must choose which category they intend to play in before the final RMS of a series.

### **2026 RMS Points Ladder**

#### **Play Off Points**

RMS Tier 1 Band Event Winner	30 Points
RMS Tier 1 Band Event Runner Up	28 Points
RMS Tier 1 Band Semi Finalists	26 Points
RMS Tier 1 Band Quarter Finalist	25 Points
RMS Tier 2 Band Event Winner	21 Points
RMS Tier 2 Band Event Runner Up	20 Points
RMS Tier 2 Band Semi Finalists	18 Points
RMS Tier 2 Band Quarter Finalist	17 Points
RMS Tier 3 Event Winner	13 Points
RMS Tier 3 Band Event Runner Up	12 Points
RMS Tier 3 Semi Finalists	11 Points
RMS Tier 3 Quarter Finalist	10 Points
RMS Tier 4 Event Winner	6 Points
RMS Tier 4 Band Event Runner Up	5 Points
RMS Tier 4 Semi Finalists	4 Points
RMS Tier 4 Quarter Finalist	3 Points

#### **Card Points**

First on Tier 1 Pool Card	25 Points
Second on Tier 1 Pool Card	24 Points
Third on Tier 1 Card	23 Points
Fourth on Tier 1 Card	22 Points
Fifth on Tier 1 Card	21 Points
Sixth on Tier 1 Card or Player fails to win a match	19 Points
First on Tier 2 Pool Card	17 Points
Second on Tier 2 Pool Card	16 Points
Third on Tier 2 Card	15 Points
Fourth on Tier 2 Card	14 Points
Fifth on Tier 2 Card	13 Points
Sixth on Tier 2 Card or Player fails to win a match	12 Points
First on Tier 3 Pool Card	10 Points
Second on Tier 3 Pool Card	9 Points
Third on Tier 3 Card	8 Points
Fourth on Tier 3 Card	7 Points
Fifth on Tier 3 Card	6 Points
Sixth on Tier 3 Card or Player fails to win a match	5 Points
First on Tier 4 Pool Card	5 Points
Second on Tier 4 Pool Card	4 Points
Third on Tier 4 Card	3 Points
Fourth on Tier 4 Card	2 Points
Fifth or below Tier 4 Card or Player fails to win match	1 Point

- I. Players must win at least one match in the playoff stage to be awarded Playoff Points. Players who do not win a match in the playoff stage, will be awarded Card Points. (for the purposes of play off draws, a bye is considered a win strictly for this purpose)
- II. 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.
- III. In the situation whereby an event is washout and is replayed on an alternative date, the player who withdraws from the rescheduled event because they are unavailable to play on an alternate weekend will still receive 1 participation

## 1.9 – RMS OFFICIALS.

If possible, a qualified official will attend an RMS event. In the absence of an RMS official, a suitable person may also be appointed by the Regional Committee to fill this role as a court monitor.

The purpose of an official at an RMS event is to act in the role of a Court Supervisor irrespective of their level of accreditation with a focus on player and spectator behavior. An official working at an RMS event should not under any circumstances involve themselves in the administration of an RMS event or the production of an RMS draw, card or playoff unless that person also holds an additional role.

## 1.10 – CORRECTING POINT ERRORS.

In the 2026 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 where possible.

If a player feels an error has occurred with how points have been allocated, then the player has 30 days from when the relevant points ladder was published to raise an objection with the relevant Regional Pathway Coordinator.

A player can raise an objection via email addressed to the relevant Regional Pathway Coordinator. If an objection is not raised within the 30 days period, then the points ladder as published will be considered correct and will not be amended even if an error has been identified.

Should an error be identified by the Regional Pathway Coordinator or the Regional Match Play Committee absent an objection by a player being raised then the error may be corrected only with the permission of NSW Tennis Country.

## 1.11 – POINTS TRANSFER

- a. Points earned in a UTR Banded event by a player eligible to play in 10U may not be transferred back down into 10U events unless permission has been applied for a granted by the respective regional committee no later than the 1st April in any RMS Calendar year
- b. Points earned in an event, where genders are combined due to low entries, the player will be awarded points in the players relevant gender and age
- c. Points will be allocated to the players points ladder after each event based on the age category nominated by the player when entering each RMS event.
- d. Players may hold points in 2 or more age categories, and may qualify for Regional Champions of Champions in multiple age categories but 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. If a player fails to notify the Regional Pathways Coordinator, then the player will automatically be included into the age category reflecting their biological age.

## 1.12 – OUT OF REGION PLAYERS

In the 2026 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 and registered as an in-region player

## 1.13 – 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 2026 RMS Events**

- I. 2 Regular Sets to 6, Tiebreak 6 all Long Deuce + 10 Point MTB
- II. 2 Short Sets to 4, tiebreak 4 all long deuce + 10 Point MTB
- III. First to 6 Tiebreak 5 all Long Deuce
- IV. First to 4 Tiebreak 4 all Long Deuce (10U only)

First to 4 tiebreak 4 all (Short set) are not a permitted formats of play for anything other than 10U, unless special circumstances exist and with the permission of NSW Tennis Country.

Short Deuce is not permitted in any RMS Singles events unless special circumstances exist and only with the permission of NSW Tennis Country.

## 1.14 – DRAWS AND CARDS

For all 2026 RMS round events, the following Draw and Card formats will be used.

Tier 1 Rating Events	2 players will be seeded per pool with the balance of players randomly spread through each pool, subject to any specific regional regulations. IE; 3 Pools = 6 Seeded players
Tier 2 Rating Events	2 players will be seeded per pool with the balance of players randomly spread through each pool, subject to any specific regional regulations. IE; 3 Pools = 6 Seeded players
Tier 3 Rating Events	2 players will be seeded per pool with the balance of players randomly spread through each pool, subject to any specific regional regulations. IE; 3 Pools = 6 Seeded players
Tier 4 Rating Events	2 players will be seeded per pool with the balance of players randomly spread through each pool, subject to any specific regional regulations. IE; 3 Pools = 6 Seeded players
10U Green Ball	Players randomly spread through each pool, subject to any specific regional regulations

## 1.15 – SEEDING WILDCARDS

A Regional Pathway Coordinator with approval from the Relevant Regional Committee Chair may issue a seeding wildcard to any player into a seeded position on any pool card if in their opinion it is necessary to do so to maintain the integrity of the draw and pool.

For the avoidance of doubt, a wildcard is only applicable for the immediate proceeding event and



must be applied for and considered for each separate event.

## 1.16 – RMS FORMAT AND PLAYOFFS

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

Total # of players	Pool Card Size	# of Players advancing to playoffs.	Total # of Courts Required for pool Matches	Total # of Courts Required for Play off Matches
4	4	2	1	1
5	5	2	1	1
6	6	N/A (First Past the Post)	2	N/A
7	7	N/A (First Past the Post)	2 or 3	N/A
8	4 & 4	4	2	2
9	4 & 5	4	2	2
10	5 & 5	4	2	2
11	5 & 6	4	2 or 3	2
12	6 & 6	4	3 or 4	2
13	4,4,5	6	3	3
14	4,5,5	6	3	4
15	5,5,5	6	3	4
16	5,5,6	6	3 or 4	4
17	6,6,5	6	5	4
18	6,6,6	6	5 or 6	4
19	4,5,5,5	8	4 or 5	4
20	5,5,5,5	8	4 or 5	4
21	5,5,5,6	8	5 or 6	4
22	5,5,6,6	8	6	4
23	5,6,6,6	8	6 or 7	4
24	6,6,6,6	8	8	4
25	5,5,5,5,5	8	5	4
26	5,5,5,5,6	8	6 or 7	4

- I. The Regional Pathway Coordinator in determining the pools and draws may depart from this table if in their opinion it is necessary due to a limitation of available courts at a certain venue.

## 1.17 – REGIONAL CHAMPIONS OF CHAMPIONS

Upon participation in your region's RMS events throughout the year and subject to playing the minimum number of RMS events as prescribed by the players Regional Committee during the year, the top 8 girls and top 8 boys in the 10&U, 12U, 14U & 16U point ladder in each respective region, will

be guaranteed a direct acceptance invite to their region's Champions of Champions.

Players will participate in their relevant Regional Champions of Champions to qualify for State Champions of Champions. Players will be ranked in order of how they finish in their respective Regional Champions of Champions to determine eligibility for State Champions of Champions.

Regional Champions of Champions will be delivered by way of Age category (10&U, 12&U, 14&U, 16&U). There will be no wildcards issued into Regional Champions of Champions for 2026.

## **1.18 – STATE CHAMPIONS OF CHAMPIONS**

A player who successfully participates in their RMS events and after qualifying and competing in a players Regional Champion of Champions, players who finish in top 3 positions in their relevant age and gender across the U10, U12, U14 & U16 in each region will be guaranteed an invite to the NSW State Champion of Champions.

Players in the North West and North East will 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.

## **1.19 – STATE CHAMPIONS OF CHAMPIONS WILDCARDS**

NSW Tennis Country may issue a wildcard to any player for the 4th position from a region into the State Champions of Champions upon application by any player. There is only 1 wildcard available per age and gender per region. The Chair of NSW Tennis Country in the exercise of his or her ultimate discretion may grant a wildcard if in their opinion it is appropriate to do so.

A Wildcard into the State Champions of Champions can only be granted to a player if the application is supported by way of recommendation by the relevant players Regional Committee.

If a wildcard has not been issued in a particular regions age or gender category, then the player who finished 4th at their respective Regional Champions of Champions will receive an Invitation to the State Champions of Champions.

## **1.20 – START AND REPORT TIMES**

All events will commence 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 may involve using two or more separately located venues to deliver an event. All efforts will be made to advise parents of this no later than Wednesday at 5:00pm before the relevant RMS event.

All parents and players are asked to be at the 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.

## 1.21 – NO SHOW/FAILURE TO ATTEND

If a player does not turn up on the day (and has not previously withdrawn consistent with these regulations) that player will be declared a “No Show”. If a player is deemed a No Show, the player will automatically 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 Pathway Coordinators consistent with these Rules. A player may appeal the imposition of a ‘No Show’ sanction in writing to the Chair of NSW Tennis Country or their delegate. The decision of the Regional Committee is final.

## 1.22 – FAILURE TO COMPLETE EVENT

In the event a player fails to complete any match in an RMS event, the players completed matches up to and including retirement will be counted for the purpose of onboarding onto a player’s UTR profile, but the players’ results will be discounted from the event for the purpose of determining who advanced to playoffs.

**Note:** The effect of this provision means that for all purposes a player who fails to complete all matches in their round robin card will be treated as if they did not play any matches at all and the scores will have no effect on who advanced to the playoffs.

## 1.23 – 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 nature but with a different name as may apply from time to time.

## 1.24 – RMS CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

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 also be issued under the Tennis Australia Code of Behavior.

Additionally, the Regional Committee, NSW Tennis Country or Tennis NSW may impose additional sanctions upon any player or parent consistent with the following table.

For clarity, the following 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 Behavior</p>	<p><b>1<sup>st</sup> Offence – Regional Warning Letter</b></p> <p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> Offence – Tennis Australia Code Violation entered in accordance with the relevant Tennis Australia Competitive Play Regulations</b></p> <p><b>3<sup>rd</sup> Offence – Tennis Australia Code Violation Issued + 5 Point deduction from regional points ladder.</b></p> <p><b>4<sup>th</sup> or More Offences - Tennis Australia Code Violation Issued + 5 Point deduction from regional points ladder.</b></p> <p><b>5<sup>th</sup> Offence – Disqualification from RMS events</b></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 Behavior</p>	<p><b>1<sup>st</sup> Offence – Regional Warning Letter</b></p> <p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> Offence - Tennis Australia Code Violation Issued + 2 Point deduction from regional points ladder.</b></p> <p><b>3<sup>rd</sup> Offence - Tennis Australia Code Violation Issued + 10 Point Deduction</b></p> <p><b>4<sup>th</sup> Offence - Tennis Australia Code Violation Issued + Disqualification from RMS events</b></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 or professional relationship with a player who participates in 1 or more RMS events</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><b>1<sup>st</sup> Offence – Regional Warning Letter</b></p> <p><b>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.</b></p> <p><b>3<sup>rd</sup> Offence – Disqualification</b></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 Behavior</p>	<p><b>1<sup>st</sup> Offence - Tennis Australia Code Violation Issued + Disqualification.</b></p>

Serious forms of misconduct may be referred directly to the Tennis Australia Integrity unit and if so, the imposition of any sanction under this policy might be delayed pending outcome of any Tennis Australia Integrity unit action.

**Where possible, breaches of the Code of Conduct witnessed by an official of event director should be dealt with on site consistent with the Tennis Australia Code of Behaviour and the RMS Regulations.**

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 Pathway Coordinators consistent with these Rules.

A player may appeal to 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 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 appeal to the Tennis Country Management Committee in writing and must be made 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 Pathway Coordinator addressed to the relevant Regional Committee. Any such complaint must be lodged within 7 days of the alleged incident.

## **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 2 or more 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 total points across all RMS events for that particular year will advance.

In the event that players remain tied on total points then the player with the highest UTR will advance.

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## 1.27 – MISCELLANEOUS

Tennis NSW, NSW Tennis Country or a Regional Committee's reserve the right to depart from these regulations without notice from time to time to ensure events are run with common sense and integrity and may do so without notice.

## 1.28 – FILMING AND PHOTOGRAPHY

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

Regional Committees, 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 agreement 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 Tennis NSW consent you will, on request from Tennis NSW:

- a)** assign all copyright and all other intellectual property rights in the Recordings to Tennis NSW; and
- b)** consent to Tennis NSW's 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 for 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, an Official 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



# **TENNIS COUNTRY**

## **North East**



## 2.01 - NORTH EAST 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 Regulations and unless specifically outlined otherwise, in the event of inconsistency between these region-specific regulations and the above general RMS Regulations, the general RMS regulations shall prevail.

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

- a. Participate in a minimum of 3 RMS events Including RMS/125 combined events
- b. 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.

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.

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.

Tier 1 Boys & Girls	Winner Trophy	Runner Up Trophy
Tier 2 Boys & Girls	Winner Trophy	Runner Up Trophy
Tier 3 Boys & Girls	Winner Trophy	Runner Up Trophy
Tier 4 Boys & Girls	Winner Trophy	Runner Up Trophy
10U Boys & Girls	Winner Trophy	Runner Up Trophy

The Regional Pathway Coordinator or the Regional Match Play Committee reserves the right to amend a player's entry and move the player to a banding inconsistent with the above table if because of the player's age or physical strength comparable to other entries within the same banding, the player would be better suited in another UTR band.

In the event a player is required to have their entry adjusted consistent with the above, the Regional Pathway Coordinator is to notify the Chair of NSW Tennis Country so that a log can be kept and recorded.

Should there be 3 or less players in any UTR band division then the band may merge with another band or gender at the discretion of the Regional Pathway Coordinator.

In 2026 the North East Region will be piloting 3 combined RMS/125 events through out the year. the below points ladder outlines how points will be allocated to those 3 specific events.

#### **J125/RMS Points Allocation**

Main Draw Tier 1 Winner	30 Points
Main Draw Tier 1 Runner up	28 Points
Main Draw Tier 1 Semi Finalist	24 Points
Main Draw Tier 1 Quarter Finalist	20 Points
Main Draw First Round	14 Points
Conso/Match Play Winner	18 Points
Conso/Match Play Runner up	16 Points
Conso/Match Play Semi Finalist	15 Points
Conso/Match Play Round 1	14 Points
Main Draw Tier 2 Winner	16 Points
Main Draw Tier 2 Runner up	13 Points
Main Draw Tier 2 Semi Finalist	11 Points
Main Draw Tier 2 Quarter Finalist	10 Points
Main Draw First Round	7 Points
Tier 2 Conso/Match Play Winner	10 Points
Tier 2 Conso/Match Play Runner up	9 Points
Tier 2 Conso/Match Play Semi Finalist	8 Points
Tier 2 Conso/Match Play Round 1	7 Points
Main Draw Tier 3 Winner	9 Points
Main Draw Tier 3 Runner up	7 Points
Main Draw Tier 3 Semi Finalist	5 Points
Main Draw Tier 3 Quarter Finalist	4 Points
Main Draw First Round	1 Point
Tier 3 Conso/Match Play Winner	4 Points
Tier 3 Conso/Match Play Runner up	3 Points
Tier 3 Conso/Match Play Semi Finalist	2 Points
Tier 3 Conso/Match Play Round 1	1 Point

As this is a pilot for 2026 the North East Regional Committee reserves the right without notice to amend the points ladder above in the event an error is identified in the practical application of the points ladder as it related to J125/RMS combined events.



# **TENNIS COUNTRY**

## **North West**



### 3.01 - NORTH WEST 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 Regulations and unless specifically outlined otherwise, in the event of inconsistency between these region-specific regulations and the above general RMS Regulations, the general RMS regulations shall prevail.

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

- a. Participate in a minimum of 4 RMS events.
- b. 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.

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.

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.

Tier 1 Boys & Girls	Winner Trophy	Runner Up Trophy
Tier 2 Boys & Girls	Winner Trophy	Runner Up Trophy
Tier 3 Boys & Girls	Winner Trophy	Runner Up Trophy
Tier 4 Boys & Girls	Winner Trophy	Runner Up Trophy
10U Boys & Girls	Winner Trophy	Runner Up Trophy

The Regional Pathway Coordinator or the Regional Match Play Committee reserves the right to amend a player's entry and move the player to a banding inconsistent with the above table if because of the player's age or physical strength comparable to other entries within the same banding, the player would be better suited in another UTR band.

In the event a player is required to have their entry adjusted consistent with the above, the Regional Pathway Coordinator is to notify the Chair of NSW Tennis Country so that a log can be kept and recorded.

Should there be 3 or less players in any UTR band division then the band may merge with another band or gender at the discretion of the Regional Pathway Coordinator.



# TENNIS COUNTRY

## Northumberland





## 4.01 - NORTHUMBERLAND 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.

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

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 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 2026.

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.

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.

Tier 1 Boys & Girls	Winner Trophy	Runner Up Trophy
Tier 2 Boys & Girls	Winner Trophy	Runner Up Trophy
Tier 3 Boys & Girls	Winner Trophy	Runner Up Trophy
Tier 4 Boys & Girls	Winner Trophy	Runner Up Trophy
10U Boys & Girls	Winner Trophy	Runner Up Trophy



# **TENNIS COUNTRY**

## **Central West**



## 5.01 - CENTRAL WEST 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.

**Notwithstanding the General RMS Regulations, the Central West Regional Match Play Committee will run the 2026 RMS events by way of UTR bands in the following format.**

10U Green Ball	Gender separated	Mandatory
UTR Band <b>Players 11+ in age will be broken into pools of 5 or 6 players</b>	Gender Combined	Mandatory

The Regional Pathway Coordinator or the Regional Match Play Committee reserves the right to amend a player's entry and move the player to a banding that is most appropriate for the player if because of the player's age or physical strength comparable to other entries within the same banding, the player would be better suited in another UTR band.

In the event a player is required to have their entry adjusted consistently with the above, the Regional Pathway Coordinator is to notify the Chair of NSW Tennis Country so that a record can be kept and recorded.

There will be no point ladder excluding the 10U for the 2026 Central West RMS, instead players will be listed and ranked in there true age and gender category based on their most recent UTR. The list will be displayed on the 15th of each month.

8 Players from each age and gender category of events will advance through to the Central West Regional Champion of Champions based on the most up to date UTR subject to the following qualification criteria for the Central West Regional Champion of Champions.

- a. Participating in a minimum of 6 RMS events (A player who accepts their first Invitation to a Central West representative team will have that attendance counted towards their RMS participation and a player who attends NSW Closed Country Championship will also have that attendance counted towards RMS participation)

**Note:** The effect of the above provisions means a player who is selected to represent Central West and successfully attends and attends Closed Country Champs will only need to play a minimum of 4 RMS events to qualify for Regional Championships of Champions.

- b. Players in the top 8 positions based on the players age and gender as displayed on the Central West ranking table will be guaranteed a spot into the Regional Champion of Champions.

The player listed in Position 8 on the rankings table will also advance subject to the following:

Players who are 11 years of age or above will be required to enter 1 event, which will be gender combined and after the entry deadline has passed, players will then be grouped together consistently with the closest UTR listed players in cards of 5 or 6 and will play the event as a round robin.

Players who are over the age of 18 must have a minimum UTR of 6+ or have prior permission of the Central west Regional Committee In order to participate in an RMS event.

There will be no playoff from the round robin and instead the winner of each card will be declared the winner and will receive a trophy. For the avoidance of doubt the following formats may be played in the Central West RMS:

- a) 2 Short Sets to 4, tiebreak 4 all Long Deuce
- b) First to 6 Tiebreak 6 all Long Deuce
- c) 2 Full Sets, Tiebreak 6 All with a 10 MTB Long Deuce.



# TENNIS COUNTRY

## South West



## 6.01 - SOUTH WEST 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.

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.

- a. Participate in a minimum of 4 RMS events.
- b. Players in the top 8 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.

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 each age and gendered division for 2026.

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.

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.

Tier 1 Boys & Girls	Winner Trophy	Runner Up Trophy
Tier 2 Boys & Girls	Winner Trophy	Runner Up Trophy
Tier 3 Boys & Girls	Winner Trophy	Runner Up Trophy
Tier 4 Boys & Girls	Winner Trophy	Runner Up Trophy
10U Boys & Girls	Winner Trophy	Runner Up Trophy



# **TENNIS COUNTRY**

## **South East**



## 7.01 - SOUTH EAST 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.

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.

- a. Participate in a minimum of 6 RMS events.
- b. Players in the top 8 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.

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.

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.

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 7 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 2026.

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.

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.

Tier 1 Boys & Girls	Winner Trophy	Runner Up Trophy
Tier 2 Boys & Girls	Winner Trophy	Runner Up Trophy
Tier 3 Boys & Girls	Winner Trophy	Runner Up Trophy
Tier 4 Boys & Girls	Winner Trophy	Runner Up Trophy
10U Boys & Girls	Winner Trophy	Runner Up Trophy



