



2019 GOLD COAST ORANGE BALL TOURNAMENT CIRCUIT



The Orange Ball Tournament Circuit (OTC) incorporates a series of events specifically targeted at players of an **ANZ Hot Shots Orange Ball level**, using a 50% compression ball. The OTC aims to engage young players with practical skill development opportunities and competitive match play experiences. To achieve this, each tournament offers a **boys singles event** and a **girls singles event** in the format of a compass draw which has been designed to offer each player a minimum of four (4) matches. The 2019 Gold Coast OTC will consist of seven (7) tournaments, with each to be held on a Sunday morning and hosted by a local club within the Gold Coast region.

2019 GOLD COAST OTC EVENTS

Sunday, March 3 rd	Gold Coast Albert Junior Tennis Club, Burleigh Waters	Tournament Complete
Sunday, March 31 st	Queens Park Tennis Club, Southport	Tournament Complete
Sunday, May 5 th	Hinterland Tennis Club, Nerang	ENTRY OPEN
Sunday, June 16 th	Gold Coast Seniors Tennis Club, Mermaid Waters	ENTRY OPEN
Sunday, July 28 th	Pro-One Tennis Academy, Runaway Bay	ENTRY OPENS: June, 28 th
Sunday, August 11 th	KDV Sport, Carrara	ENTRY OPENS: July, 11 th
Sunday, September 15 th	Somerset College, Mudgeeraba	ENTRY OPENS: August 15 th
Sunday, October 13 th	2019 Orange Ball Invitational Southern State Finals, Brisbane	

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ENTRIES OPEN four (4) weeks before the tournament.

ENTRIES CLOSE three (3) days before the tournament.

Acceptance of **LATE ENTRIES** is decided by the tournament coordinator and will incur a \$10 late fee.

Australian Ranking points ARE NOT affiliated with any RTC event within the Gold Coast Region.

EVENTS AT EACH TOURNAMENT

- GIRLS SINGLES
- BOYS SINGLES

AGE ELIGIBILITY

Player eligibility is determined by their age as at day of each event. Each OTC event is open to players aged TEN (10) years and younger. If requested, a player must produce their birth certificate to an official or administrator.

TOURNAMENT TIMELINE

8:00am – 8:15am:	Player Sign-In
8:15am – 8:30am:	Compulsory Player & Parent Briefing
8:30am:	Play Commences
Approx. 12:30pm:	Presentation
Approx. 1:00pm:	Tournament Concludes

All tournaments are scheduled to held on a SUNDAY.

Every player must be available at all times throughout the morning, with NO time exemptions to be granted.

All tournament information will be published on tournaments.tennis.com.au.

TOURNAMENT FORMAT

ALL SINGLES & DOUBLES MATCHES

(excluding singles finals matches)

POINTS: 15-30-40-Game!

GAMES: First to (four) 4 games, with a tie-break at 3-3 (*first player to reach five (5) points*)

SETS: One (1) Set

SINGLES FINALS MATCHES

Best of TWO (2) tie-break SETS. Tiebreak @ THREE (3) GAMES all.

SEVEN (7) point match tiebreak played @ ONE (1) set all.

A player must lead by two (2) points to win the tie-break.

All matches will be *scheduled and called* by the Tournament Director, then *umpired* by a player, who isn't playing a match at the time AND *supervised* by a representative of the club.

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Following completion of all matches, a presentation will be held for the following awards.

GIRLS SINGLES

Main Draw: Winner
Main Draw: Runner-Up
Main Draw: Third Place
Consolation: First Place
Consolation: Second Place
Consolation: Third Place

BOYS SINGLES

Main Draw: Winner
Main Draw: Runner-Up
Main Draw: Third Place
Consolation: First Place
Consolation: Second Place
Consolation: Third Place

VALUE AWARDS

Awarded to ONE (1) player in each event, determined upon consistent demonstration acts and qualities commonly associated with good sportsmanship and big effort.

SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

- **FAIR** line calls and scoring
- **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT** a good shot/rally
- **RESPECT** for opponents/umpires/supervisors
- **ACCEPTING** the rules of the game
- **POSITIVE ATTITUDE** regardless of the score
- **ENJOYING** the tournament on and off and the court

EFFORT AWARD

- **DETERMINATION** to win every single point
- **WORKING HARD** in every stage of the match
- **TRYING YOUR BEST** regardless of the score and match situation

ENTRY

BEFORE ENTERING THEIR FIRST OTC EVENT, each player along with their coach must sign and submit a competency checklist document. This checklist outlines the minimum ability level expected of each entrant, in stating the competencies of a player at a Hot Shots Orange Ball 2 standard.

DOWNLOAD THE OTC COMPETENCY CHECKLIST HERE

Please submit this checklist to the Gold Coast Regional Assembly via

goldcoastregionalassembly@gmail.com

Failure to submit this checklist will result in a players entry being declined.

Entry is \$30 per player, per tournament.

Tournament entries should be made online at www.tournaments.tennis.com.au

Use the search bar to find the tournament name

STEP BY STEP GUIDE: How to Enter into an OTC event

In the case of technical issues, a telephone enquiry and email entry may be lodged to the Tournament Coordinator. Email entries are only valid with a receipt of a confirmation reply email from the Tournament Coordinator. This method should only be used as a last resort for entry.

Australian Ranking points ARE NOT affiliated with any OTC event within the Gold Coast Region. However, the series will culminate in Brisbane at an invitational state team finals event. Each of the seven (7) events in the 2019 Gold Coast OTC will provide players with the opportunity to earn points which will accumulate in a point race referred to as the 'Bolt to Brisbane'.

THE 'BOLT TO BRISBANE'

Each Orange Ball Tournament Circuit Event will provide players with the opportunity to earn points, which will be accumulated in a points race referred to as the '**Bolt to Brisbane**'. This year will see the introduction of an Invitational Orange Ball Challenge Event which will be held in Brisbane, on October 12th. The top five (5) girl and top five (5) boy point scorers in the 'Bolt to Brisbane' point race will be selected to represent team Gold Coast, granted they have participated in a minimum of three (3) circuit events. Further details will be released closer to the event.

****Players must participate in at least three (3) Gold Coast OTC events to be eligible for representation, regardless of their point score.***

POINT ALLOCATION FOR OTC PLAYERS		
SINGLES	Winner	100 points
	Runner-up	80 points
	Semi-Finalist Winner	65 points
	Losing Semi-Finalist	55 points
	Quarter Finalist	50 points
	Participation	40 points
Points are not transferable to another age group or region.		

The 'Bolt to Brisbane' point race can be found at www.tennis.com.au/tennis/qld/regions/gold-coast.
Standings will be updated the week following each OTC tournament.

GOLD COAST REGIONAL BEHAVIOUR POLICY

The Gold Coast Regional Behaviour Policy is a code of conduct specifically tailored for our JDS circuit in a bid to create and maintain a positive and inspiring environment for all participants, spectators, officials and administrators across the Gold Coast Region.

The tournament director of each OTC tournament will authorise a representative to enforce this policy. This person will be introduced to all players and parents prior to the commencement of play, and will be onsite at all times throughout the entire tournament to enforce this policy. Enforcement refers to the issuance of warnings and code violations. Each code violation corresponds with a number of points. This is the number of points that will be deducted from the offending player's total in the 'Bolt to Brisbane' point race.

[PLEASE READ THE FULL GOLD COAST REGIONAL BEHAVIOUR POLICY HERE](#)

RULES AND REGULATIONS

WITHDRAWALS

Once a player has entered a Gold Coast OTC tournament they are expected to play, **unless they become prevented by illness or injury and can provide a medical certificate**). If a player cannot play, they must notify the Tournament Director ASAP as withdrawals affect the draw. The withdrawal deadline for all tournaments falls seven (7) days prior to the tournament commencing.

- Players who **withdraw before the deadline** will be granted a \$20.00 refund.
- Players who **withdraw after the withdrawal deadline, but before release of the draw**, will be granted a refund of 50% of their entry fee (\$15.00).
- Players who **withdraw after the release of the draw** will **not be entitled**, even if a medical certificate can be provided.
- A player who "no shows" or is found to have entered two (2) tournaments, **without approval**, will not receive any form of refund.
- Players who **withdraw during the tournament**, will not receive a refund. If the withdrawal is due to a medical purpose, the player may receive the points they have earned until that point.

All withdrawals must be submitted by the athlete's guardian in writing. Tournament Coordinators are not required to issue a refund if the withdrawal procedure is not followed. If a tournament is cancelled before a player completes their first match, a full refund less a \$10.00 admin fee will be issued.

COMPLAINTS

In the event of concerns over, or objections against, a Gold Coast Orange Ball Tournament Circuit Event in relation to the actions of member of the Tournament Committee, Official, Coach, Parent, Player or another stakeholder, a written complaint may be lodged with the Gold Coast Regional Assembly. The Gold Coast Regional Assembly will determine what further action, if any, should be taken, including referring the matter to another party such as, a club, a regional association or Tournament Committee and/or the TA/MA Disciplinary Officer (to be dealt with in accordance with the TA Code of Behaviour). For the avoidance of doubt, the results of all matches connected to the complaint will stand in any event.

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For more information on Tennis Australia's policies please see below:

[Member Protection Policy](#) [Code of Behaviour](#) [Extreme Weather Policy](#) [Matches played without an umpire](#)