The Junior Development Series (JDS) has been specifically designed to engage beginner to intermediate players with competitive match play opportunities, crucial for skill development. The 2019 Gold Coast JDS Circuit will consist of seven (7) tournaments, with each to be hosted by a passionate club within the region. Tournaments are scheduled across two (2) consecutive Sundays to accommodate fixture players and incorporate both singles and doubles events in a round-robin format.

AGE GROUPS & EVENTS

10 / Under - GREEN BALL CHALLENGE Girls Singles. Boys Singles. Players in the 10/U Green Ball Challenge may play up in the 11/U doubles.	Born no later than 31/12/09	
11 / Under Girls Singles. Boys Singles. Girls Doubles. Boys Doubles.	Born no later than 31/12/08	
13 / Under Girls Singles. Boys Singles. Girls Doubles. Boys Doubles.	Born no later than 31/12/06	
15 / Under Girls Singles. Boys Singles. Girls Doubles. Boys Doubles.	Born no later than 31/12/04	
16 + Open - with prize money available* Ladies Singles. Mens Singles. *Each event requires a minimum of seven (7) entrants for prize money to be applicable.	<i>Must be born before</i> 01/01/04	
Age eligibility is at 31-12-19. E.g. If a player were to turn 12 on or before 31/12/2019 they must play in the 13/U division. Players can enter into only ONE (1) singles event and ONE (1) doubles event, and must both be in the same age group. Players who enter into a doubles event without nominating a partner, must accept the partner they are paired with.		

TOURNAMENT FORMAT

Day1 (1st Sunday)	SINGLES Each player should play a minimum of three (3) sets and a maximum of five (5) sets during the round robin stage.	All round-robin stage singles matches will be played
Day 2 (2 nd Sunday)	SINGLES FINALS & DOUBLES	SINGLES playoff matches will be played and All DOUBLES matches will be played

Play will commence at 8:00am SHARP in all events unless otherwise notified by the Tournament Director. All players should arrive no later than 7:30am. A compulsory briefing will occur 10 minutes before play commences. Every player must be available at all times during the day, with NO time exemptions to be granted. All tournament information will be published on tournaments.tennis.com.au.

MATCH FORMAT

ROUND-ROBIN SINGLES & DOUBLES MATCHES

ONE (1) SET. First to SIX (6) GAMES. Match tiebreak @ FIVE (5) games all.

*In pools with 3 players, play will be first to nine (9) games with a tiebreak at eight (8) games all. Round-robin standings will be determined by the number of: **sets won** *then* **games won** *then* **games against** *then* **head-to-head results**

SINGLES & DOUBLES PLAYOFF MATCHES

Best of TWO (2) tie-break SETS. Tiebreak @ SIX (6) GAMES all.

TEN (10) point match tiebreak played @ one (1) set all.

<u>ENTRY</u>

Entry is \$40 per player, *per tournament*, and includes entry into to the singles & doubles event in the nominated age group. The cost will not change for players who choose not to participate in doubles.

A lack of entries into a particular event, may result in the Tournament Director deciding to combine two (2) or more events/age groups. This decision will be final, with any withdrawals following this decision but before the release of the draw to receive a 50% refund of the entry fee. No refund will be applicable to players who withdraw after the draw has been made.

Every players must have a TENNIS AUSTRALIA MEMBER ID NUMBER.

Players who have registered under a tennis club within Queensland should already have this. To obtain a Tennis Australia member ID number, please contact Tennis Australia Service Team.

Phone: 1800 752 983

Email: play@tennis.com.au

Please note that Tennis QLD cannot assist with member ID enquiries.

Tournament entries should be made online at <u>www.tournaments.tennis.com.au</u>.

Use the search bar to find the tournament name

STEP BY STEP: How to Register for a JDS Tournament

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.

2019 GOLD COAST JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT SERIES CIRCUIT				
February, 3 rd & 10 th	Gold Coast Seniors Tennis Club, Mermaid Waters			
March, 10 th & 17 th	KDV Sport, Carrara			
March, 31 st & April 7 th	Gold Coast Albert Junior Tennis Club, Burleigh Waters			
May, 19 th & 26 th	Tennis Gold Coast: Queens Park, Southport			
June, 9 th & 16 th	Miami Grass Tennis Club, <i>Miami</i>			
July, 21 st & 28 th	Beenleigh Tennis Club			
September, 8 th & 15 th	Pro-One Tennis Academy, <i>Runaway Bay</i>			
October, 11 th	17/U Playoff – Surfers Paradise Tennis Club			
October, 13 th	Green Ball Invitational State Finals - Brisbane			
October, 19 th & 20 th	JDS STATE FINALS, ROCKHAMPTON			
tournaments.tennis.com.au				
ENTRIES OPEN four (4) weeks before the tournament starts.				
ENTRIES CLOSE seven (7) days before the tournament starts.				
Acceptance of LATE ENTRIES are decided by the tournament coordinator and will incur a \$10 late fee.				

Australian Ranking points ARE NOT affiliated with any JDS tournament in QLD.

However, the series typically culminates in Rockhampton at the JDS State Finals. Each of the seven (7) tournaments in the Gold Coast JDS circuit will provide players in the 11/U, 13/U and 15/U divisions with the opportunity to earn points which will accumulate in a point race referred to as the 'Road to Rocky'.

THE 'ROAD TO ROCKY'

The top two (2) girl, and top two (2) boy, point scorers in the 11/U, 13/U and 15/U age groups will qualify for the JDS State Finals held on October, 19th and 20th in Rockhampton.* A total of 16 players will be represent Team Gold Coast and compete against the other six (6) Queensland regions. The team will be announced in September, following the final tournament of the series. Players in the 17/U division who hope to qualify for the JDS finals must play a minimum of three (3) JDS tournaments in the 16+ Open

division, and additionally playoff in the 17/U team selection event.

*Players <u>must participate in at least four (4) Gold Coast JDS circuit events</u> to be eligible for representation, regardless of their point score.

VIEW THE 'ROAD TO ROCKY' POINT RACE HERE

POINT ALLOCATION FOR 11/U, 13/U & 15/U EVENTS				
	Winner	100 points		
SINGLES	Runner-up	80 points		
	Semi-Finalist Winner	65 points		
	Losing Semi-Finalist	55 points		
	Quarter Finalist	50 points		
	Participation	40 points		
	Winner	80 points		
DOUBLES	Runner-up	60 points		
	Participation	30 points		
Standings will be updated the week following each JDS tournament.				

Points are not transferable to another age group or region.

E.g. If a player aged 13 or under plays up in the 15/U age group, and received points on the day, these points WILL NOT transfer back down into their 13/U accumulative point score. If a player withdraws, they do not receive any points.

GREEN BALL CHALLENGE

This event will use a 75% compression ball, and players must be aged 10 or younger as at 31/12/19.

Alike with yellow ball JDS tournaments, each Green Ball Challenge will provided players with the opportunity to earn points, which will be accumulated in a point race referred to as the **'Bolt to Brisbane'.** This year will see the introduction of an Invitational Green 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 four (4) circuit events. Further details will be released closer to the event.

VIEW THE 'BOLT TO BRISBANE' POINT RACE HERE

POINT ALLOCATION						
SINGLES	Winner	100 points				
	Runner-Up	80 points	GREEN BALL CHALLENGE			
	Semi-Finalist Winner	65 points	singles players who			
	Losing Semi-Finalist	55 points	participate in an 11/U			
	Quarter Finalist	50 points	<i>doubles</i> event will still acquire the points they			
	Participation	40 points	earn. These points will be			
DOUBLES	Winner	80 points	transferred, and added			
	Runner-up	60 points	onto their 'Bolt to			
	Participation	30 points	Brisbane' total.			
Points will be updated in the week each JDS tournament.						

RULES AND REGULATIONS

WITHDRAWALS

Once a player has entered a Gold Coast JDS 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 \$30.00 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 (\$20.00).
- 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 earnt until that point.

All withdrawals must be submitted by the athletes 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.

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 JDS 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' and 'Road to Rocky' point race.

PLEASE READ THE FULL GOLD COAST REGIONAL BEHAVIOUR POLICY HERE

COMPLAINTS

In the event of concerns over, or objections against, a Gold Coast JDS tournament 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 Tennis Queensland. Tennis Queensland 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.

 Marc Wittmann
 Tournaments Manager (TQ)
 mwittmann@tennis.com.au

 Annabelle Watts
 Participation Leader (TQ)
 awatts@tennis.com.au

For more information on Tennis Australia's policies please see below: <u>Member Protection Policy</u> <u>Code of Behaviour</u> <u>Extreme Weather Policy</u> <u>Matches played without an umpire</u>