



# 2019 GOLD COAST RED BALL TOURNAMENT CIRCUIT



The Red Ball Tournament Circuit (RTC) incorporates a series of events specifically targeted at players of an **ANZ Hot Shots Red Ball level**, using a 25% compression ball. The RTC aims to engage young players who are beginning their journey in tennis with their first competitive match play experience. To achieve this, each tournament consists of a separate **boys singles event** and **girls singles event**, in the format of a compass draw which has been designed to ensure each player received a minimum of four (4) matches. The 2019 Gold Coast RTC 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 RTC EVENTS

Sunday, February 17 <sup>th</sup>	Somerset College, Mudgeeraba	Tournament Complete
Sunday, March 10 <sup>th</sup>	Pro-One Tennis Academy, Runaway Bay	Tournament Complete
Sunday, May 19 <sup>th</sup>	Hinterland Tennis Club, Nerang	ENTRY OPENS: April, 19 <sup>th</sup>
Sunday, June 9 <sup>th</sup>	Gold Coast Albert Junior Tennis Club, Burleigh Waters	ENTRY OPENS: May, 9 <sup>th</sup>
Sunday, August 18 <sup>th</sup>	Gold Coast Seniors Tennis Club, Mermaid Waters	ENTRY OPENS: July, 18 <sup>th</sup>
Sunday, October 13 <sup>th</sup>	Beaudesert Tennis Club, Beaudesert	ENTRY OPENS: Sept, 13 <sup>th</sup>
Sunday, November 10 <sup>th</sup>	Woongoolba Tennis Club, Pimpama	ENTRY OPENS: Oct, 10 <sup>th</sup>

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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.**

## AGE

Player eligibility is determined by their age as at day of each event. Each RTC event is open to players **aged EIGHT (8) years or younger**. If requested, a player must produce their birth certificate to an official or administrator.

## EVENTS AT EACH TOURNAMENT

- GIRLS SINGLES

- BOYS SINGLES

## TOURNAMENT TIMELINE

8:00am – 8:15am	Player Sign-In
8:15am – 8:30am	<b>Compulsory</b> Player & Parent Briefing
8:30am	Play Commences
Approx. 11:30am	Presentation
Approx. 12:00pm	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 <a href="http://tournaments.tennis.com.au">tournaments.tennis.com.au</a> .	

## TOURNAMENT FORMAT

### ALL SINGLES MATCHES

*(excluding singles finals)*

**The first player to reach 15 points will win the match.**

*If the score reaches 14-14, the winner of the next point will win the match.*

*Players will SERVE four (4) points in a row and CHANGE ENDS every eight (8) points.*

**The two (2) players who reach the SINGLES FINAL will play a best of three (3) set match. A set will conclude when one (1) player wins 15 points.**

**All matches will be *scheduled and called* by the Tournament Director, then *umpired* by a player, who is not 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 RTC EVENT, each player along with their coach must sign and submit a competency checklist document.** This checklist outlines the minimum ability level of expected of each entrant, in stating the competencies of a player at a Hot Shots Red Ball 3 standard.

Please **submit this checklist** to the Gold Coast Regional Assembly via

**[goldcoastregionalassembly@gmail.com](mailto:goldcoastregionalassembly@gmail.com)**.

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

## DOWNLOAD THE RTC COMPETENCY CHECKLIST HERE

**Entry costs \$30.00 per player, per tournament.**

**Tournament entries should be made online at [www.tournaments.tennis.com.au](http://www.tournaments.tennis.com.au).**

*Use the search bar to find the tournament name*

## STEP BY STEP GUIDE: How to Enter into an RTC 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.*

## **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 three (3) 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.

**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.

### **COMPLAINTS**

In the event of concerns over, or objections against, a Gold Coast Red 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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