

## South Region Junior Development Series Participation Conditions

It is the responsibility of our juniors, parents, coaches and tournament officials to promote participation and enjoyment of the sport for all players involved in the Junior Development Series of tennis in our region. To that end the following advice is provided to ensure participants understand the South Region JDS tournament rules and codes of conduct.

### South Region JDS Tournament Rules

1. **Age Eligibility:** Entrants in junior events must supply their birthdates and produce their birth certificate if requested. Eligibility for junior events is based on the players' age as at 31 December for the tournament year. *ie. 17 years of age as of the 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2021.*
2. **Withdrawals:** Any player may withdraw their entry prior to the draw being released minus an administration fee of \$10.00. Withdrawals after the draw has been released will not be eligible for a refund or a credit for the next JDS unless the withdrawal is a medically supported withdrawal in which 50% of your entry fee is refunded or credited towards the next JDS. A withdrawal from a player entered into two tournaments will not earn points toward the Rockhampton Finals, regardless of how far they progressed.
3. **Entries:** Entry shall be via the Active link provided on the TQ website. No player shall be permitted to enter in more than 2 events, one being doubles. A player may play up in an age group (including Doubles).
4. **Draw Format:**
  - Draws are at the discretion of the Tournament Director. Depending on number of entries, number of courts and weather conditions the draw may be modified to maximize player participation at any time.
  - Generally Round Robins for all Singles played the 1<sup>st</sup> day
  - Winners from each Pool making a S/F & F will play the 2<sup>nd</sup> day. This may be a round robin event also.
  - If only a small number in an age group, e.g. 6 players – please encourage play-offs for 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> – for more match time (particularly if no doubles event is played)
  - Format for singles is the best of 2 tie break sets (t/b at 6 games all) with a 10 point match tie break played if 1 set all
  - Doubles to be played over both days following Singles.
  - Doubles format as Round Robin, 1 set only with 'no ad' scoring.
  - In the event of a no-show or withdrawal, at the tournament director's discretion, players may be reallocated in the draw and/or with a new doubles partner in the interest of participation and with the approval of the player/parent.
5. **Exemptions:** Players must be available at all times during the tournament. No time exemptions will be granted.
6. **Doubles:** A player entering a doubles event without naming a partner shall accept the partner allocated by the Tournament Director. Doubles is included in the entry fee.

7. **Green Ball Challenge 10/Under:** Utilising a 75% compression tennis ball allows for more time, more control, longer rallies and more fun. These players are not eligible for representation at the State Finals.
8. **Entry Fee:** \$35 per player (including doubles) per age group. Any Entries received after the closing date will impose a \$10 Late Fee until Monday 9am prior to the event.
9. **Club Membership:** All players must be a member of an affiliated tennis centre with Tennis Australia to participate.
10. **Code Violations:** Any player breaching the South Region Code of Conduct may be penalized at the discretion of the South Regional Assembly by warning, point deduction or non-selection to further representation of the South Region

<https://www.tennis.com.au/qld/doc/south-region-code-of-conduct-juniors>

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11. **Representation: ROCKY JDS Finals** – The top 2 players in boys and girls 11/U; 13/U; 15/U and 17/U will qualify for the Junior Development Series Finals in Rockhampton.

The Selection Criteria for 2021 will be finalised in April 2021 and communicated to all participants.

Current Selection Criteria (*as at 25.3.2021*):

1. Be a member of a tennis club in the South Region
2. Play a minimum of 3 "A" & 1 "B" JDS events in the region
3. South Regional Assembly Panel Discretion

12. **Code of Conduct:** A copy of the code is available at the link below:

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Referees and court supervisors may be present at JDS events to deal with player behaviour, player dress code, off-court parent/coach interference, player disputes, playing conditions (i.e. inclement weather). The 'Code of Conduct applies to parents, coaches and friends off the court as well as players on the court. Any interference from any parties off the court will not be tolerated.

The Tournament Referee will submit a report outlining any problems to the Regional Assembly to consider. All Tennis Australia Regulations and codes of behaviour can be found on

<https://www.tennis.com.au/tournaments/regulations>

13. **Guidelines for Spectators:** Tennis QLD appreciates all the effort that parents and coaches put in to enable children to be involved in the great sport of tennis. We hope that by following the guide below you and all competitors involved will continue to enjoy playing tennis for many years to come.

The following behaviour is encouraged:

- Clapping good points for both players in a match.
- Encouraging good sportsmanship from your child.
- Allowing children and officials to resolve any on court situations without interference.
- Encouraging children in a positive and non-aggressive way.
- Have a development orientated focus.

The following behaviour is not acceptable:

- Coaching children from the sidelines (verbal or physical signaling).
- Being aggressive or intimidating towards a child.
- Getting involved in line or score calling or on court conflict.
- Being disrespectful to or intimidating officials or tournament directors.
- Being disrespectful to or intimidating other parents/coaches.
- Cheering or clapping when opponents make errors.

Please remember:

- This is not the Australian Open
- These are children
- The officials are human
- At this level Participation is the focus

14. **Complaints:** Written complaints regarding a JDS event or incident can be forwarded via email to [rebecca.herbert@tennis.com.au](mailto:rebecca.herbert@tennis.com.au) to be considered by the South Regional Assembly members at its next meeting.
15. **Safeguarding Children:** Please visit <https://www.tennis.com.au/play/for-parents/safeguarding-children> for Tennis Australia's commitment statement  
24 HOUR TELEPHONE REPORTING AND ASSISTANCE SERVICE: 1800 11 SAFE (1800 117 233)