


ROAD TO BRISBANE PLAYER GUIDE

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Player Guide

Introduction

UTR (Universal Tennis Rating) Modified Events allow an athlete the opportunity to compete in a COVIDSafe environment with equal ability quality matches. These matches will contribute to an athletes UTR and will NOT attract any Australian ranking points.

This series will allow clubs an opportunity to re-engage players back into competitive matches and modified tournament tennis after a long break due to COVID-19 and allow Tournament Organisers/Clubs to run modified events in a restricted social environment.

Road to Brisbane Tennis

The Road to Brisbane is powered by the UTR rating system and is designed as a pathway for players to progress through local and regional playoffs and into state finals to be contested during Brisbane Tennis 2021.

Athletes who win any 8 player draw will qualify to compete at the Regional Playoffs.

Winners of the Regional Playoffs qualify to compete at the State Final.

Win a Wild Card QLD UTR State Final

Every individual entry into a QLD UTR series throughout Queensland will go into a draw to win a Wild Card into the QLD UTR State Final to be played at Brisbane Tennis.

Claim your UTR

UTR provides analytics and insights on your performance including match results and tournaments played. Activate your UTR for free to see how you fare against the pros and players from all around the world. If you have played in Tennis Australia tournaments, you may already have a UTR.

[Activate your Profile Today!](#)



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Participation Conditions

Before attending a tennis venue or playing tennis, you should consider your individual situation noting that the COVID-19 virus can spread very quickly and result in severe medical complications in some people. Like any activities, there are some inherent risks involved, and by participating, you are accepting those risks.

Please note that the UTR Modified Events have been developed to adhere to the Queensland Government Roadmap and COVID-19 Community Tennis Guidelines.

It is the responsibility of our players, parents, coaches and tournament officials to promote participation and enjoyment of the sport for all players involved in a safe environment.

To that end, the following advice is to ensure participants are aware of the entry Rules, Guidelines and Codes of Conduct.

COVIDSafe App

Tennis encourages all participants to download the COVIDSafe app to help speed up the process of identifying anyone who has been in close contact with someone diagnosed with COVID-19. <https://www.health.gov.au/resources/apps-and-tools/covidsafe-app>

Venue Expectations for Players

- ☞ Respect social distancing and maintain 1.5 meter distance from other people at the venue and follow any directions specified by the venue.
- ☞ Understand and agree to contact tracing requirements
- ☞ Restrict the number of additional people accompanying a player to a maximum of 1 person or as per the government guidelines allow for the venue at the time.
- ☞ Touch racquets instead of the regular pre or post match handshakes
- ☞ After matches, tennis balls should be returned to a safe, designated area as instructed by the tournament director
- ☞ Any player towels should be placed in separate locations and these areas, and any player chairs should be disinfected between matches
- ☞ Players to cross the net at the change of ends on opposite sides as determined at the pre-match meeting
- ☞ Players will wash hands/disinfect hands and equipment/water bottles prior to going on court
- ☞ Players will not share any equipment, food, drinks or towels and will use only new balls
- ☞ Each player brings their own individual drinks, supplies, towel and food.
- ☞ Shower at home

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Venue Expectations for Spectators

- ☞ Comply with government and venue directions
- ☞ Comply with venue conditions of entry
- ☞ Strictly abide by arrival and departure times if requested
- ☞ Strictly abide to the agreed number of people permitted onsite
- ☞ Adhere to safe use of equipment
- ☞ Understand and agree to contact tracing requirements
- ☞ Understand contact will be made by the venue if there has been a suspected or confirmed case of COVID19 on site
- ☞ Stay home if feeling unwell or have been in contact with a confirmed case of COVID19
- ☞ Follow proper hand hygiene
- ☞ Maintain physical distancing at all times, even within a specific group, maintaining 4 square metres per person

Entries

All athletes must enter via <https://www.myutr.com/> and make payment as per the clubs instructions on the factsheet.

One entry per UTR Event.

You cannot play two UTR events on the same day – you must complete your commitments at the first event before you start the second.

All players must be a member of an affiliated club with Tennis Queensland to participate.

Age Eligibility

Eligibility is determined by the athlete's age as of the last day of the month that the tournament finishes. ([AR Regulations page 60](#))

Players can seek consideration from Tennis Queensland to enter outside their age group with supporting evidence of their standard.

Entry Fees

Entry fees are to be determined by the host club and will be advertised on the event factsheet at the time of entry.

A player's entry MUST be paid prior to stepping on court.

Entry Fee Guide: \$30-40 Juniors / \$50-60 Opens

Withdrawals

Any player may withdraw their entry prior to the draw being published minus an administration fee of \$10.00.

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Withdrawals after the draw publish will not be eligible for a refund or credit.

Time Exemptions

Players must be available at all times during the event.

Players will be allocated a window of time and must be at the venue for the entirety of this time. No time exemptions will be granted.

UTR Bandwidths & Format

All events will publish their event-specific guidelines on the overview page.

Events will be broken in bandwidths no higher than 3 UTR scores as per the table below.

Open Men (15+)	Open Women (15+)	Junior Boys (17U)	Junior Girls (17U)
UTR 9-11	UTR 7-9	UTR 7-9	UTR 5-7
UTR 7-9	UTR 5-7	UTR 5-7	UTR 3-5
UTR 5-7	UTR 3-5	UTR 3-5	UTR 1-3
UTR 3-5	UTR 1-3	UTR 1-3	
UTR 1-3			

Some events will have limited numbers to be able to adhere to COVIDSafe guidelines, and entries will be accepted on a 'First in First Served' basis.

UTR Events will be limited to 8 person playoff draws with a maximum 3 UTR point bandwidths.

Each event will have a different capacity that is determined by Government Regulations. If the venue has the capability with courts available and there are more than 8 players per bandwidth, athletes will be divided into groups of 8 with the nearest UTR score.

Opens - guaranteed 3 matches played with best of 2 sets plus a match tiebreak.

Juniors - will be determined by the host club and will be publicly available on the overview page at the time of entry.

Doubles (if applicable)

Doubles only events - a player entering a doubles event without naming a partner shall accept the partner allocated by Tennis Queensland according to UTR Score.

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Officials

Best efforts will be made to engage officials or supervision for the matches.

Players are reminded that at the time of entry they agree to the [TA Code of Behaviour](#) and unless otherwise stated adhere to the Tennis Australia tournament regulations [Tournament Regulations](#)

Code of Behaviour

The Tennis Australia Code of behaviour is applicable to all events powered by UTR.

<https://www.tennis.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/TA-Code-of-Behaviour-Tournaments-and-Weekly-Competitions.pdf>





Code Violations

Any player in breach of the Tournament Regulations and Code of Behaviour will be penalised as per standard Australian Ranking procedures.

Behavioural Guidelines for Spectators

Tennis QLD appreciates all the effort that parents and coaches put in to enable athletes to be involved in the great sport of tennis. We hope that by following the guide below you and all competitors 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.

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The following behaviour is not acceptable:

- ☞ Coaching children from the sidelines (verbal or physical signalling).
- ☞ Being aggressive or intimidating towards a child.
- ☞ Getting involved inline 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.

Integrity & Complaints

Please communicate all concerns in writing via email to; tournamentsqld@tennis.com.au
integrity@tennis.com.au

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 11SAFE (1800 117 233)