



## Sunshine Coast Junior Development Series 2018

### Circuit Violation Information

The Sunshine Coast region advocate strongly for good player and parent behaviour at JDS events. Starting in 2018 will be a Sunshine Coast Circuit Violation points system to help educate participants (player, parent & spectator) about good on and off court behaviour. Points have been given to the various offences, and it will be enforced by the tournament official. If a player reaches a certain amount of circuit violation points, deductions from their series race points will apply as well as potential player ineligibility for future events. Please see the details below:

<b><u>Offense:</u></b>	<b><u>Amount Circuit Violation Points:</u></b>
<b>Commencement of play ('no show')</b> A player is not ready to commence play within 15 minutes of his/her match being called. The tournament official shall designate the official timepiece.	10 points
<b>Physical abuse</b> A player physically abuses any official, opponent, spectator, or other person within the precinct. For the purposes of this rule physical abuse is the unauthorised touching of an official, opponent, and spectator or other person.	Immediate series suspension
<b>Verbal abuse</b> Players and parents shall not at any time directly or indirectly verbally abuse any official, opponent, sponsor, spectator, or other person within the precincts of the tournament site. For the purpose of this rule, verbal abuse is defined as a statement about an official, opponent, sponsor, spectator or other person that implies dishonesty or is derogatory, insulting, racially or otherwise abusive.	30 points
<b>Audible obscenity</b> Players shall not use an audible obscenity within the precincts of the tournament site. For the purposes of this rule audible obscenity is defined as the use of words commonly known and understood to be profane and uttered clearly and loudly enough to be heard by the court officials or spectators.	20 points
<b>Unsportsmanlike conduct</b> (a) A player shall not during any tournament engage in conduct that damages the image and integrity of tennis. Players shall at all times conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner and give due regard to the authority of officials and the rights of opponents, spectators and others. For the purposes of this policy, unsportsmanlike conduct is defined as any misconduct by a player, prior to, during or subsequent to a match that is clearly abusive or detrimental to the sport, including, but not limited to blatant cheating, but does not specifically fall within other violation categories. Unsportsmanlike conduct may include failure to return the ball appropriately to the server,	20 points

inappropriate or unsportsmanlike comments or gestures (on court or on-site at a Tournament or within the precinct), sledging, intimidating, threatening or abusive acts or omissions (whether verbal, in writing or otherwise), overt celebrations consistently directed at opponents, excessive noise disrupting the Tournament Precinct, or any other unsportsmanlike acts or omissions that are inconsistent with commonly understood tennis etiquette.	
<b>Line Calling</b> When a player is consistently making incorrect calls on a court observed by an official.	10 points
<b>Abuse of racquets or equipment</b> A player violently or with anger, hits, kicks or throws a racquet or other equipment, or in any way unreasonably interferes with any court fixtures and equipment within the precinct. For the purposes of this rule abuse of racquets or equipment is defined as intentionally and violently throwing, destroying or damaging racquets or equipment or intentionally and violently hitting the net, court, umpire's chair or other fixture during or after a match out of anger or frustration.	20 points
<b>Leaving the court</b> A player leaves the court area during a match (including the warm-up) without the permission of an official.	10 points
<b>Best efforts</b> A player shall use his/her best efforts to win a match when competing in a tournament. For the purposes of this rule, the official shall have the authority to penalise a player.	20 points
<b>Coaching</b> A player receives any type of coaching from any person while a match is in progress in a tournament/competition. Communication of any kind, audible or visible between a player and any other person may be construed as coaching.	30 points
<b>Failure to complete a match or event</b> A player must complete a match in progress or event unless he/she is reasonably unable to do so. A violation will be given if a player immediately defaults. If a player withdraws from the second day of the event, without reason or notification, the following points will be given to the player.	30 points
<b>Spectator Interference</b> (a) A player is deemed to be responsible for the behaviour and conduct of their entourage and support team who attend their matches or attend a Tournament in which they are participating (i.e. parent, family member, coach, trainer or friend). (b) Where a match is disrupted or interfered with by the action/s of a spectator who is part of a player's entourage (i.e. parent, family member, coach, trainer or friend) the relevant Official may at first instance attempt to address and eliminate any spectator interference at Tournaments by discussing the relevant offences or behaviour with the offending person and/or applicable player. This discussion may include a warning to the player and the interfering spectator that any further interference by the spectator may result in further action.	30 points

<b>Point Penalty:</b>	<b>The following punishments will be given to player who accumulates the corresponding series points violation*:</b>
50	Written Warning
70	100 race points deducted with each additional circuit violation point thereafter worth one race point
100	An additional 100 race points deducted with each additional circuit violation point thereafter worth one race point
200	Ineligible for Sunshine Coast JDS final

\*Points expire each calendar year.