

2023 Far North Region JDS Rules and Regulations



Welcome to the 2023 Far North JDS series. Our JDS events aim to ensure that the tournament experience is of the highest quality to encourage our junior players in a fun and welcoming environment.

Age requirements

All Far North JDS events except for the regional finals will be ability-based events. Players will be placed into a division based on their UTR or playing ability. Players under 13 have the option to enter 13/U division or play against players older with similar ability. Players in green ball events will only play other green ball level players.

Please note that the 2023 JDS events are open to all male and female tennis players aged up to 17 years of age as of 31 December 2023. The JDS series has a different age eligibility rule than Junior events. The reason for this is that the junior development series does not finish until September, so players entering events in March-September must still be eligible to compete in the same age group if they make it through to the JDS State Final in October.

Entry Fees for 2023:

One Day events: All one-day JDS events will be \$30

Two Day events: All two-day JDS events will be \$35

Green ball events: All green Ball events will be \$30

Orange ball events: All orange ball events will be \$20

Refunds for Withdrawals, forfeits, and no shows:

- Players that withdraw prior to the designated withdrawal date shown on the tournament website will receive a credit for the next tournament in the series.
- Players that withdraw after the deadline date will not be entitled to a refund. Players who can present a valid medical certificate will be entitled to credit for the next event.
- In the case of a no show, where no notification has been given or a late withdrawal the individual shall not be entitled to a refund or credit.

2023 Far North Regional final and JDS State Finals Qualifications

The Far North region will host its Age based JDS regional Finals on the 9th and 10th of September 2023. To be eligible to enter the regional finals Players need to compete in 4 Far North JDS events throughout the year. At the end of the regional finals the top 2 players from each age and gender are selected to represent the Far North JDS team at the JDS State finals in Rockhampton on the 14th and 15th of October 2023.

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QLD Junior Teams Carnival 2023

As in previous years the Far North and North region compete as one team under Northern QLD for the Junior Teams Carnival held in Brisbane from December 10th – 14th 2023. Trials for the Junior Teams Carnival will be held in Townsville each year to accommodate the travel for players from both Cairns and Mackay. The Junior Teams Trials is open to all Junior players in the Far North region and is an age-based event with the top 6 players from each age group and gender will be selected to represent Northern QLD in Brisbane.

Match formats

YELLOW BALL/GREEN BALL

- All two day yellow ball singles matches will be a best of 2 sets contest with a match tie break (first to 10 points, with a winning margin of 2) to be played at one set all.
- All one Day JDS events will be best of 1 set.
- All green ball events will be best of 1 set
- Yellow/green ball matches format can be altered at the discretion of the Tournament Director should play be affected by rain or heat.
- Seeding will be based on UTR at the time of the entry deadline.
- Discretionary seeding will be applied by the Tournament Director or JDS Coordinator if UTR is not available.
- Players will receive a minimum of 2 new yellow/green balls for their first-round matches and for finals matches.
- Green ball matches will be played on full-sized courts as per the guidelines for this stage, with the 75% compression green ball
- To promote player development and participation there will be no strict age cut off for players entering green ball events if they currently train at a green ball level. however, players over 10 years of age will first need to speak with tournament director prior to the event.

ORANGE BALL CIRCUIT

The Far North region will host 4 Orange Ball events throughout 2023. The Orange ball events aim to give our younger players their first tournament experience in a fun and friendly environment separate from the JDS events to promote player tournament education.

- The Orange ball circuit events are standalone events separate to the JDS circuit and will be a one-day event.
- Orange Ball events will be 1 set first to 4 games. The tournament director may choose to extend or reduce the length of games pending number of entries and court capacity.

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- All matches are played with Orange Balls (50% compression), on chalked or taped ITF standard orange stage courts.
- All players should receive a minimum of three matches
- Discretionary seeding will be applied by the Tournament Director as UTR may not apply.
- Orange ball court is to be set up with reduced baselines. The baselines must be 2.7m from regular baseline using drop down lines.
- Depending on player level, a drop, bounce and underarm serve may be used for second serve if deemed appropriate by the TD.
- During the Orange ball events nominated parents are allowed on court to assist players with scoring if required and have checked with Tournament Director.
- To promote player development and participation there will be no strict age restrictions for players entering orange ball events.
- Players over the age of 9 will need to currently be training at an orange ball level and entry will be at the discretion of their coach and Far North Match play committee
- Players over the age of 9 or who have won 2 or more Orange ball events may be asked to move up to green ball events to promote growth in their playing experience.

Tournament Information and Updates

All Updates for tournament regarding postponements, schedule changes or general updates prior to the event will be sent out via email, however updates leading up to the event may also be posted on our Facebook Page "Far North Queensland Tennis". Please "like" this page to stay up to date with any event information

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/farnorthqldtennis>

Player and Parent Conduct

Please remember, the series is in place for players to compete and to develop their tennis skills. Any behaviour reported by the supervisor or tournament director, by player or parent, that is deemed unacceptable may result in player disqualification from that event, suspension and not being allowed to represent the Far North Team at either the JDS State Finals in Rockhampton or Junior Teams Carnival in Brisbane. The final decision will be made at the discretion of the Far North Match play committee in conjunction with Tennis Queensland.

Tennis Australia Code of Behaviour:

<https://www.tennis.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/3.-Code-of-Behaviour-Competitive-Play-FINAL-MARCH-2022.pdf>

Player tournament etiquette

[Tennis Etiquette Video - YouTube](#)

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2023 Junior Calendars

JDS Calendar		
2023 FAR NORTH		
Date	Event	Venue
4/5 Mar-23	2023 Far North Junior Development series – Cairns (2 day event)	Cairns International Tennis Centre
25/26 Mar-23	2023 Far North Junior Development series – Cairns (1 day event)	Cairns International Tennis Centre
6/7 May-23	2023 Far North Junior Development series – Mareeba (1 day event)	Mareeba Tennis Club
20 May-23	2023 Far North Green Ball Teams Event	Cairns International Tennis Centre
3/4 June-23	2023 Far North Junior Age Challenge Event Cairns (2 day event)	Cairns International Tennis Centre
29/30 Jul-23	2023 Far North Junior Development series – Innisfail (1 day event)	Innisfail District Tennis Association
19/20 Aug-23	2023 Far North Junior Development series – Cairns (2 day event)	Cairns International Tennis Centre
9/10 Sep-23	2023 Far North Junior Development series Regional Finals	Cairns International Tennis Centre
14/15 Oct-23	2023 Junior Development Series State Finals	Rockhampton
28 Oct-23	2023 Far North Junior Development Series – Teams Event	Cairns International Tennis Centre
4/5 Nov-23	2023 Junior Teams Carnival Trials Far North/North region	Tennis Townsville
9-13 Dec-23	2023 Junior Teams Carnival	Brisbane

*Updated as at 30/11/2022 head to www.tennis.com.au/qld/tournaments-competitions for most up to date calendar.



FAR NORTH REGION ORANGE BALL TOURNAMENT CIRCUIT

2023 ORANGE BALL TOURNAMENT CALENDAR

19 MARCH	REDLYNCH VALLEY TENNIS CLUB
21 MAY	INNISFAIL DISTRICT TENNIS ASSOC.
16 JULY	TRINITY BEACH TENNIS CLUB
22 OCTOBER	CLIFTON BEACH TENNIS CLUB

*Please see each tournament registration page for event details and conditions of play.

All JDS and Orange Ball events can be found on the Tennis Australia Tournament website:
<https://tournaments.tennis.com.au>

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