

***2023 Queensland Junior
Development Series State Final***

***Ken Hick & Murray Whitbread
Trophy***

***Venue: Rockhampton Regional
Tennis Centre***

October 14 & 15 2023

Rules & Regulations



**UNIVERSAL
TENNIS**

2023 QLD JDS Finals

COMPETITIONS

The Queensland JDS series is an essential entry level competition to provide quality match-play to every region across the state. The series concludes with a State Final in Rockhampton where players represent their region to crown an individual winner of each age group and a champion region.

ELIGIBILITY

- Players must have a Tennis ID (66)
- Each region can nominate 2 boys & 2 girls in the age groups 11/u, 13/u, 15/u & 17/u
- Age as at 31/12/2023
- Each team MUST nominate 2 team managers to act as court supervisors and coaches

FORMAT

Saturday Singles

- Round Robin pools of 4 format
- Best of 2 Short Sets
- 3-all tie-breaker + 7 point tie-breaker at 1 set-all

Saturday Mixed Doubles

- Pools of 8 Teams in Monrad Draws with No.1 Boy & No. 1 Girls in Pool A & No.2 Boy & No.2 Girls in Pool B in Each Age Group
- Scoring Format will be Best two Short sets
- 3-all tie-breaker + 7 point tie-breaker at 1 set-all - No AD scoring
- Boy serves to Boy and Girl serves to Girl

Sunday Singles

- Semi-Final and Final playoff rounds from results of pool rounds
- Best of 2 tie-break sets with a match tie-break

Round 1 Playoff	Winner Pool A v Winner Pool B - SF 1	Winner Pool C v Winner Pool D - SF 2
	2nd Pool A v 2nd Pool B - SF 3	2nd Pool C v 2nd Pool D - SF 4
	3rd Pool A v 3rd Pool B - SF 5	3rd Pool C v 3rd Pool D - SF 6
	4th Pool A v 4th Pool B - SF 7	4th Pool C v 4th Pool D - SF 8
Round 2 Playoff	Winner SF 1 v Winner SF 2	Loser SF 1 v Loser SF 2
	Winner SF 3 v Winner SF 4	Loser SF 3 v Loser SF 4
	Winner SF 5 v Winner SF 6	Loser SF 5 v Loser SF 6
	Winner SF 7 v Winner SF 8	Loser SF 7 v Loser SF 8

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COMPETITION RULES

- The Tournament Director has the full control of tournament and the right to change formats in extreme circumstances like inclement weather or time loss.
- Play will commence at 7:30am on Saturday and is scheduled to conclude at 8pm. Play will commence at 7:30am on Sunday and is scheduled to conclude by 4pm.
- No entry fee shall be refunded unless the event is cancelled due to lack of entries or a competitor withdraws due to extenuating circumstances.
- Used balls may be supplied for all round matches. New balls to be used for finals.
- Lights will be used at the discretion of the committee.
- Players will be forfeited if unable to play when called, no exceptions will be made.
- One point will be allocated to the region for each match won. No points allocated for losing.
- The winners of each age group will receive one bonus point for their region.

- All regions will nominate two official team managers. These managers will be eligible to provide on court coaching on only one occasion during each match. This can only be delivered during the change of end or the change of set. (Note if the manager is a parent they will not be able to assist their own child with on court coaching)
- With the inclusion of these rules all matches will be conducted in accordance with Laws of the Game & Code of Conduct as adopted by Tennis Australia and the Etiquette guidelines attached.
- All matches will be played as non-umpired matches in accordance with the guidelines provided.
- All scorecards must be signed by both players and handed to the supervising manager (Saturday), tournament office (Sunday)

During Round Robin Pool stages the ladder will be sorted by the following:

- 1. Matches Won**
- 2. Head to Head**
- 3. Sets Percentage**
- 4. Game Percentage**

- If in the event of injury or sickness, the player will forfeit the match.
- **Postponement of Play:**
- If matches are postponed due to inclement weather, those matches must be completed before the next round of matches is commenced.
- The Tournament Director reserves the right to alter any conditions above according to extreme extenuating circumstances.
- The Match Committee and/or the Tournament Director reserves to right to request the removal of any player, parent and/or Manager, as they see fit, if they are in breach of any of the above rules, the attached code of conduct and etiquette guidelines or any Tennis Australia or Tennis Qld Policy.
- All decision made by the match committee and/or Tournament Director are final. Penalties can be handed out at any time including retrospectively as seen fit by the match committee and/or tournament director.
- Please note: penalties can include, but not limited to, loss of point, game, set or match. It may also include disqualification of players and/or teams. Serious matters may also be referred to the Tennis Australia integrity department for review.

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Costs & Entries

- Costs for travel to the event is borne by each individual team.
- Teams are required to pay a team fee of \$960 including BBQ before the start of play.
- Entries Close 5:00pm Sunday 8 October – email nominations through the attached spreadsheet to rhett.mckinnon@Tennis.com.au

Payment – Central Region Assembly

BSB – 734 162
Account – 554 025

Team Managers Responsibilities

Each team must have 2 Team Managers

All Team Managers will act as court supervisors during the entire event. Team managers can enforce disciplinary action to players of a match they aren't directly involved with their player including but not limited to:

First Offence Code Violation Equivalent - Warning

Second Offence Code Violation Equivalent - Game Penalty

Third Offence Code Violation Equivalent - Default

Players will be given a final warning after receiving 2 code violations for the tournament, a third violation may result in a default.

- Team Managers are allowed on court to assist their players and provide any coaching on 1 occasion per match
- Managers must nominate themselves or a coach to assist the tournament directing on Saturday
- Each manager **MUST** follow Tennis Australia's Member protection policy and return the signed agreement attached prior to the event; this includes evidence of current working with children checks
- Managers are encouraged to complete the TA Community Officiating program

MANAGER'S meeting will be held at 12pm on Sunday

Referee

- **The referee shall have the final decision on all on court matters in accordance with the rules of the game and Tennis Australia's code of conduct.**
- **Team managers must only call for the referee when they are unable to solve an on-court dispute or disciplinary action is required**
- **Players must call for the referee where required, team managers and parents can't call the referee on their behalf.**

Removal of Players, Parents, Managers & Spectator

- The Competition Management comprising of Team managers, Tournament Director and Tournament Referee reserves the right to remove any Player(s), Parent(s), Manager(s) or Spectator if they feel it is in the best interest of the competition if there have been any breaches to the above mentioned Tennis Australia, Tennis Qld, competition, Code of Conduct or Etiquette rules.
- The Competition Management reserves the right to penalise any player or team if there have been any breaches to the above-mentioned Tennis Australia, Tennis Qld, competition, Code of Conduct or Etiquette rules. This includes any person associated with that team.

Tournament Committee – All Team managers and Tournament Director

Tournament Director – Rhett McKinnon - rhett.mckinnon@Tennis.com.au - 0428348957

Tournament Referee – Glenn Vickery - kimandglenn@hotmail.com - 0431 229 146

Balls – Head Tour



***Tennis Queensland
Etiquette Guide***

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Etiquette Guide

Vision

The vision for Tennis Queensland Competition pathways is to provide safe and enjoyable environments to encourage the long-term participation of all young players and to provide a positive experience at all levels.

To achieve a positive environment, all parties involved need to adhere to the etiquette rules outlined below.

Players

- Every effort is made by Parents, Managers, Coaches, Officials, and friends to create a safe and enjoyable environment for you to participate in. Out of respect for these efforts, it is expected that you adhere to, not only the rules and code of conduct but also these Etiquettes outlined below.*

Behaviour

- Conduct yourself at all times in a positive and honest manner.*
- Always play to the best of your ability.*
- Play fairly and by the rules – gamesmanship, complaining nor time wasting will not be tolerated.*
- Respect those around you, including team-mates, the opposition, officials, coaches/managers, and spectators.*
- Talk to someone you trust or the club member protection officer if you are unhappy or uncomfortable with anything or anyone.*
- ALWAYS accept an Officials final decision. Understand that you have the right to question the original decision not the right to disrespectfully argue with the Tournament Director or Officials decision after the final decision has been made.*
- Read, understand, and follow the rules and Code of Conduct.*
- Always shake the oppositions hand(s) after each rubber played.*
- Complement the opposition on good play.*
- Wait until a point is over to walk behind a match court or retrieve your ball from that court.*

Verbal Calls

- Players are, always, to make loud and clear calls. The calls should be loud enough that their opponent can hear in any conditions, in particular, the wind.*
- Foot Faults cannot be called. If a player is obviously foot faulting, then seek assistance from an official and they will assist that player. If it is deemed a player is intentionally foot faulting, then penalties can be given for unsportsmanlike conduct.*

Line calls

- Out calls should only be called when a player is 100% sure the ball is out. Calls should be made immediately. Remember, if you have to think about it, it was probably in.*
- Be mindful that a ball can compressor hit and roll and therefore leave the court in a different place to where it bounced or touch more of the ground (including the line) than it may appear.*
- Players are to make all of the line calls on their side of the net. However, if an opponent has called a ball in on their side of the net because they are not sure, but you are sure it is out, then good sportsmanship dictates you concede the point.*
- Never ask anyone else if a ball was in or out, especially someone off the court.*

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Speed of play

To ensure a fast and fun match the following should be adhered to: -

- *Players should have 2 balls before they start serving. Please wear shorts, skirts, skorts with pockets, bike pants or have some way to hold a second ball on your person.*
- *When returning, let first serve faults go pass without hitting the return shot.*
- *After a point, return balls back to the server directly. This means don't deliberately hit the ball in the opposite direction. Make every effort possible to roll the ball back to where the server is due to start the following point.*

Scoring

- *The server must call the score before each game and each point. It is, however, good practice for all players to call the score to confirm.*
- *Don't argue the score from the back of the court. If you don't agree with the score that is called, approach the net, and discuss the issue calmly. Count the points you agree on and replay only those you don't. If an agreement can't be reached call for an official.*
- *Don't ask anyone off the court for the score.*

Support Team

Parents, coaches, managers, and spectators are part of the "support team" for junior players. During matches your principal function is to let players play and enjoy themselves while giving them encouragement in the normal sporting manner. Emphasise the importance of effort and having fun, rather than the score. Tell your child how proud you are of them and enjoy watching regardless of the game's outcome.

Parents

As a parent you should leave the stress and tension of daily life behind when going to your child's tennis match. Concentrate on how to make the day enjoyable for them, and always set a positive example.

Please consider the following: -

- *Remember that children participate in sport for their enjoyment, not yours.*
- *Encourage children to participate, do not force them.*
- *Focus on your child's efforts and performance rather than whether they win or lose.*
- *Keep your emotions in check. Encourage children to play according to the rules and to settle disagreements without resorting to hostility or violence.*
- *Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a competition.*
- *Remember that children learn best by example. Appreciate good performance and skilful plays by all participants.*
- *Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.*
- *Respect officials' decisions and teach children to do likewise.*
- *Show appreciation for volunteers, coaches, officials, and administrators. Without them, your child could not participate.*
- *Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background, or religion.*
- *Understand that parents are responsible for spectators (or entourage), pertaining to their player.*
- *Sit/stand away from fences so as not to intimidate the players.*
- *Be respectful to all those around including other parents.*
- *Leave administrative and operational matters to managers, players, and officials.*

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Coaches, Manager's

As a leader you will be a role model for players. It is imperative that you adhere to and enforce the Code of Conduct as well as the Etiquette Rules. Educate players to play, think and behave positively on and off the court. This is all crucial for their development and long-term participation.

Please consider the following: -

- Read, understand, and adhere to the Rules and don't practice gamesmanship.*
- Display and promote high standards of behaviour.*
- Promote Fair Play.*
- Always respect the match officials' decisions.*
- Never engage in public criticism of the match officials.*
- Never engage in offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour.*
- Never engage in bullying, intimidation, or harassment.*
- Understand your role and repercussions for your mistakes.*

Important Links

[Tennis Australia National Policies](#)

[Rules of Tennis \(ITF\)](#)

[Extreme Weather Policy](#)

[Code of Behaviour – National Policy](#)

[Member Protection Policy](#)

[Safeguarding Children Code of Conduct](#)

[Player etiquette video](#)

[Community Officiating Program](#)