JUNIOR STATE LEAGUE REGULATIONS

2021/22 SEASON

Junior State League Regulations

1. *Introduction*

The "Junior State League" is the premier weekly junior interclub tennis competition conducted by Tennis SA involving the best junior tennis players in South Australia and will comprise both a Boys' Junior State League Competition and a Girls' Junior State League Competition.

2. *Junior State League Working Group*

2.1 The Junior State League Working Group ("Junior State League Working Group") will comprise seven members, one from each association and the Junior State League Coordinator.

2.2 The Junior State League Working Group is empowered to administer the competitions for both Boy's Junior State League and Girl's Junior State League.

2.3 The Junior State League Working Group may:

(a) Call for nominations from clubs for teams for each Junior State League Competition and accept or decline nominations;

(b) Manage all Home and Away Season and Finals matches including setting match schedules, select and determine venues including specifying standards and audit requirements, and make and administer Junior State League Competition Regulations and Rules;

(c) Administer the Rules of Tennis for the competitions;

(d) Conduct investigations and hearings, impose remedies, suspensions and penalties for breaches of the Code of Behaviour or infringements of any other Rules or Policies and deal generally with disciplinary matters arising from Junior State League matches; and

2.4 For the purpose of the Season 2021/22 the members of the Junior State League Administration are

(a) Luke Taylor, Tennis SA, Junior State League Coordinator; and Recording Secretary

3. *Nominations of Junior State League Teams by Clubs*

3.1 A Tennis Club affiliated with Tennis SA may nominate a team to compete in either or both the Boy's Junior State League Competition or the Girl's Junior State League Competition.

3.2 Clubs within an Association will nominate to Tennis SA through League Manager. The nominating club must provide all details requested, including details of its home courts which must comply with standards specified by the Junior State League Working Group. Clubs must play within their Association boundaries

3.3 The Nomination fee for each club nominating a team will be $424.00 for each team nominated, with Tennis SA invoicing each club. This fee will cover purchase of all balls and associated costs of running the competition including officiating for finals and, where possible, Chair Umpires for these matches.

3.4 The Nomination process will require a nominating club to name in Order of Merit the players which it proposes to play in its team.

3.5 A maximum of one boy and girl team will be accepted from each club.

3.6 A nominating club whose nomination of a Junior State League team is successful may seek to recruit a Released Player. If it does recruit a Released Player, the club is to provide to the Junior State League Working Group by a date specified by the Junior State League Working Group an amended Order of Merit for its proposed players.

3.7 Teams are able to add players to their team lists after the submission deadline provided they notify the Junior State League Coordinator of any additions.

3.8 If a player nominated by a club in the top four in the Order of Merit does not play a minimum of five matches, the Junior State League Working Group in its discretion will deduct two premiership points at the conclusion of the home and away season for each player who failed to play the minimum of five matches. Any team who have players in the above mentioned category who will not meet the minimum requirements are asked to submit any justification based on injury or illness, this must be supported by a Doctors Certificate or equivalent documentation.

3.9 Any breaches of these nominations rules will be taken into consideration by the Junior State League Working Group when the grading process takes place the following season.

4. Selection of Teams to Compete in Junior State League Competitions

4.1 The Junior State League Working Group in its discretion may determine how many teams and select which clubs compete in the Junior State League Competition (either Boy's or Girl's). The Junior State League Working Group is not bound to accept any nomination

4.2 There is no appeal from the decision of the Junior State League Working Group.

4.3 As a matter of guidance, the Junior State League will consist of a maximum of eight boy's and eight girl's teams. If the nominated team player lists do not provide players at the required level, the Junior State League Working Group may choose six teams in either competition.

5. Registered players

5.1 Any Club who has teams competing in the Junior State League must have all players registered in in a Tennis Australia approved database management system by the date directed by Tennis SA.

(a) In the case a club has not registered players into a Tennis Australia approved database management system by the date directed by Tennis SA penalties will be applied as per below

(b) No Premiership Points will be allocated, should players not be registered in a Tennis Australia approved database management system.

(c) Newly added players to a team, must be registered within 7 days of play.

5.2 The Junior State League Working Group encourages the best players to play when available.

5.3 Any club which proposes to play in its State League team an additional player not included in the nomination of players list finalised prior to the first round of matches must, by 10.00 am on the Thursday immediately prior to the scheduled match in which it is proposed to play the additional player, register the additional player as a State League player with the Junior State League Working Group, and nominate the player's position in the team Order of Merit.

6. Age requirements for Junior State League teams

6.1 Each Junior State League player must be 17 or under as of the first round.

7. Order of Merit

7.1 "Order of Merit" means that players will play in the order of players with greater ability playing higher in the team than players of lesser ability. Order of Merit shall be determined primarily but not solely by current match results. Players not listed on the original team Order of Merit will be included after they play a match.

7.2 Players must be played in Order of Merit in all teams at all times.

7.3 A club which is to play a team in a Junior State League competition must confirm the Order of Merit of the players in that team following the nomination and team selection process.

7.4 The Junior State League Working Group may at its discretion review the Order of Merit for any team at any time.

7.5 The Junior State League Working Group shall have the power to disapprove the Order of Merit within any team and within any club, and to adjust match results accordingly as it sees fit.

7.6 Disputes as to Order of Merit shall be determined by the Junior State League Working Group which may impose such penalty as deemed necessary.

7.7 The up to date Order of Merit will be posted on the Tennis SA website. Any proposed changes to a team's Order of Merit must be provided to Junior State League Coordinator (Luke Taylor) by 10.00 am on the Thursday immediately prior to the scheduled match for approval and Order of Merit positioning.

7.8 Players from other clubs can be used as fill-ins for a Junior State League team provided the original club of the player concerned does not have a Junior State League. No player may play for more than one Junior State League team in any season.

8. Media and Promotions

8.1 Tennis SA will provide the following media and promotion for the Junior State League:

(a) Weekly Facebook posts

(b) Junior State League Launch

9. Prizes

The Player of the Year award will be awarded to one boy and one girl. The award is based on home and away results only.

10. Player Points Race

A player point's race will be tallied by points earnt divided by matches played throughout the year with players accruing points based on wins and singles position played. Players must have played in a minimum of 10 matches to be eligible. The points race top ten will be posted on the Tennis SA website and Facebook page. The boy's and girl's winners along with place getters will be awarded at the end of the season at the Awards Night.

11. Presentations

Presentations will be made to the Winner and Runner-up teams at the conclusion of the 2021/22 Junior State League Grand Final.

12. Competition Rules for 2021/22

The Competition Rules for Junior State League matches for the Season 2021/22 are annexed to these Regulations.

13. Circumstances not covered

Where any issue arises which is not addressed in the Regulations or in the Competition Rules, there is uncertainty about the application of the Regulations or the Competition Rules or it is necessary to resolve any dispute which has arisen in relation to the Regulations or the Competition Rules, the Junior State League Working Group has the power to determine the issue, the uncertainty or the dispute after giving the parties involved the opportunity to provide such information or submission as Junior State League Working Group considers appropriate.

14. Amendment of Rules

The Junior State League Working Group can replace or amend the Competition Rules from time to time.