

## Foundation Cup structure and pathway

Foundation Cup is the regional junior representative competition and player development pathway delivered by Tennis SA in conjunction with key regional stakeholders for junior players in regional areas. The pathway also involves player and parent education and coach engagement and development activities. Below is a outline of the pathway and what is involved in each step of the pathway.

### Age Groups Provided

The Foundation Cup pathway is run for players in the 10/u, 13/u and 15/u age groups. The make-up of selected regional team;

- 10/u –
  - For the Lower Northern and Hills Murray Fleurieu regions - 8 players in total per region based on larger population.
  - For all other regions – 4 players in total
  - At least %25 of players selected must be either male or female
- 13/u and 15/u
  - Teams of four boys and four girls selected for each age group per region

### Head Regional Coordinators

Below is a list of the six regions and the appointed Head Regional Coordinator

Region	Regional Coordinator	Contact details
Upper Northern	David Tilbrook	<a href="mailto:dtilbrook@rfs.com.au">dtilbrook@rfs.com.au</a>
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The above mentioned Regional Coordinators are the head contact within the regions listed, each region will have multiple coordinators appointed with the responsibility of communicating Foundation Cup activities within their local area.

For a list of all Regional Coordinators within your region please contact Dylan Hicks from Tennis SA at [dhicks@tennis.com.au](mailto:dhicks@tennis.com.au) or 08 7224 8100.

### Stage one

#### **Regional selection events and processes**

Each region is required to conduct these selection processes throughout the months of March – May. Selection processes are to be coordinated in conjunction with Tennis SA. Tennis SA recommend the selection process be based on a series of Tournament play opportunities where players can be selected based on match results.



Regional Coordinators and appointed Regional Coaches are required to conduct training sessions throughout the winter months with the selected regional squad in the lead up the State Foundation Cup in October.

## **Stage two**

### **State Foundation Cup 10's, 13's and 15's – October school holiday period**

#### **10/u State event**

The best 10/u players from across regional South Australia are invited to play in the State Foundation Cup event. The Super 10's match format of timed matches will be used and all competitions will be played using team's formats.

#### **13/u and 15/u event**

Four boys and four girls will be selected in the 13/u and 15/u age groups.

Both 13/u and 15/u will start the week by playing a round robin team's event against all other regions.

Following the completion of the team's event the individual events will be played with both the 13's and 15's having 24 draw knock out singles events. The singles events will be sanctioned as Bronze level Australian Ranking Point's Tournaments.

Each team is required to have one appointed team manager who will stay with the team throughout the week at the Berri Caravan Park.

Each region will have two appointed Regional Coaches who will be involved in on court coaching of Super 10's and provide general coordination/ support of their regional teams throughout the week. These Regional Coaches are appointed by Tennis SA.

## **Stage three**

### **State Representative level**

The four semifinalists in the 13/u age State individual event will be automatically selected to play in the National Foundation Cup held interstate in the week prior to the Australian Open.

The top three players in the 15/u State individual event will be selected to represent South Australia at the Queensland Teams Carnival held at Brisbane in December 2017.