

Introduction

We would like to make players aware that there are specific rules and regulations in place to help assist you compete in additional tournaments once you have been eliminated from a Junior ITF event (or in the lead-in to). The Junior ITF circuit, especially at the Grade 4 and Grade 5 level is typically the first introduction to the level of world junior tennis for many of you. Therefore because of its nature (i.e. 7 days in length plus sign-in requirements), competing in the event would exclude you from a number of other tournaments on the calendar if we applied the existing overlapping tournament rule that applies.

However, we know there are limited opportunities to compete in Junior ITF events in Australia and realise many of you will be eliminated well before the completion of the event. So we are implementing the below rules and regulations for the upcoming Junior ITF circuit in Sydney only. Please read the below carefully and contact Tennis Australia if you have any further questions.

Competing in AMTs or OJTs after you have been eliminated from an ITF Junior event (applicable to both the Sydney and New South Wales Junior International events)

If you are intending to compete in an AMT or OJT event within NSW or interstate once you have been eliminated from the Junior ITF events, please note that in accordance with 2012 Australian Ranking Tournament Regulation 9.6 (b) on Page 26, you must have been eliminated from the ITF Junior event by 5:00pm one day prior to the advertised start of the qualifying date of the relevant OJT or AMT.

Players and parents must be aware of the risks and penalties that may be applied when entering overlapping tournaments

Players must accept the fact that when entering overlapping tournaments, you put yourselves in high risk of incurring penalties, both under the Tennis Australia Code of Behaviour and the Junior ITF Code of Conduct. Whilst Tennis Australia would like to see players compete as much as possible, unfortunately it is not always possible to schedule the tournament calendar that completely avoids any overlaps.

Remember, all tournaments are subject to delays (mainly weather, but there can be other reasons) that force changes to the schedule during the tournament. These delays and subsequent scheduling changes can then undo your plans, forcing you into difficult decisions (e.g. playing on or withdrawing from your least preferred event). However, sometimes players realise too late and the decision is taken out of their hands and you have no choice but to continue playing within your current tournament (which may be your least preferred preference) and withdrawing from the next event and incurring an unavoidable withdrawal penalty.

Our recommendation is to avoid entering numerous events over this period, but if you intend to enter overlapping tournaments, then you need to accept the risks. We also recommend approaching the tournament staff and referees at these tournaments prior to your matches, explaining to them what your plans are over this period so they are made aware that there could be issues during the tournament. They may be able to help, but please do not get frustrated with these people if things don't fall your way, they have a tournament to complete and must ensure all players are serviced and not just the handful that have special requests. Remember, you and only you are responsible for entering overlapping tournaments.

Competing in AMTs or OJTs before an ITF Junior event commences (applicable to both the Sydney and New South Wales Junior International events)

Sydney Junior International – October 1 to 7

1. Players directly accepted into the singles qualifying event or receive a singles qualifying wildcard: Players intending to sign-in and compete in the qualifying event for the Sydney Junior International must sign-in (in person) on Sunday 30th September between 1pm and 6pm (local time) at Sydney Olympic Park. If you are intending on competing at a overlapping lead-in event (AMT or OJT held in NSW or interstate), you must be eliminated from all events (singles, doubles, mixed, social) within that tournament by 5:00pm (local time) on September 30 to be eligible to sign-in and compete in the Sydney Junior International.
2. Players directly accepted into the main draw singles event or receive a main draw singles wildcard: Players that have gained acceptance into the main draw singles of the Sydney Junior International must sign-in (in person) on Monday 1st October between 4pm and 6pm (local time) at Sydney Olympic Park. If you are intending on competing at a overlapping lead-in event (AMT or OJT held in NSW or interstate), you must be eliminated from all events (singles, doubles, mixed, social) within that tournament by 5:00pm (local time) on Monday 1st October to be eligible to sign-in and compete in the Sydney Junior International.
3. Players intending to sign-in and play the doubles event only: Players that are intending to sign-in and compete in only the doubles event at the Sydney Junior International must sign-in (in person with a partner) on Tuesday 2nd October by 12pm (local time) at Sydney Olympic Park. If you are intending on competing at a overlapping lead-in event (AMT or OJT held in NSW or interstate), you must be eliminated from all events (singles, doubles, mixed, social) within that tournament by 12:00pm (local time) on Tuesday 2nd October to be eligible to sign-in and compete in the doubles event of the Sydney Junior International.

New South Wales Junior International – October 8 to 14

1. Players directly accepted into the singles qualifying event or receive a singles qualifying wildcard: Players intending to sign-in and compete in the qualifying event for the New South Wales Junior International must sign-in (in person) on Sunday 7th October between 4pm and 6pm (local time) at Sydney Olympic Park. If you are intending on competing at a overlapping lead-in event (AMT or OJT held in NSW or interstate), you must be eliminated from all events (singles, doubles, mixed, social) within that tournament by 5:00pm (local time) on October 7 to be eligible to sign-in and compete in the New South Wales Junior International.
2. Players directly accepted into the main draw singles event or receive a main draw singles wildcard: Players that have gained acceptance into the main draw singles of the New South Wales Junior International must sign-in (in person) on Monday 8th October between 4pm and 6pm (local time) at Sydney Olympic Park. If you are intending on competing at a overlapping lead-in event (AMT or OJT held in NSW or interstate), you must be eliminated from all events (singles, doubles, mixed, social) within that tournament by 5:00pm (local time) on Monday 8th October to be eligible to sign-in and compete in the New South Wales Junior International.
3. Players intending to sign-in and play the doubles event only: Players that are intending to sign-in and compete in only the doubles event at the New South Wales Junior International must sign-in (in person with a partner) on Tuesday 9th October by 12pm (local time) at Sydney Olympic Park. If you are intending on competing at a overlapping lead-in event (AMT or OJT held in NSW or interstate), you must be eliminated from all events (singles, doubles, mixed, social) within that tournament by 12:00pm (local time) on Tuesday 9th October to be eligible to sign-in and compete in the doubles event of the New South Wales Junior International.