



2014 National / State Championship Structure

Tournaments & Competitions Department

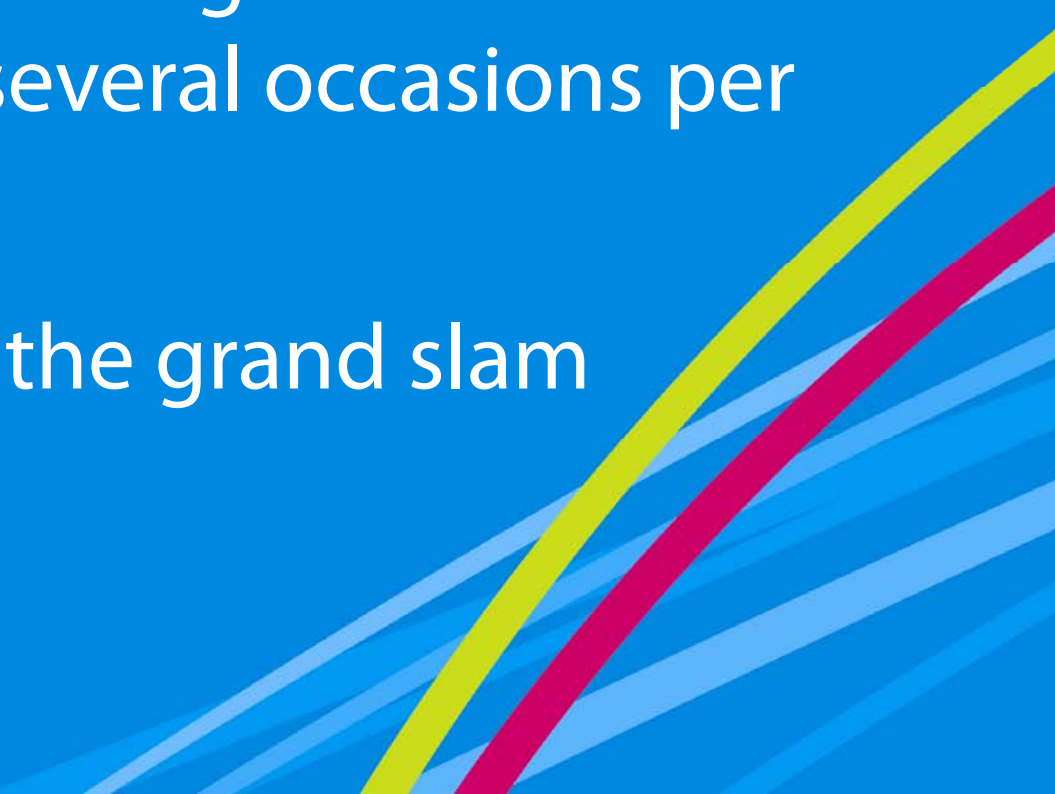
Current Structure...

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Current Structure (2013)

- 4 Australian National Championships for 12 & 14's plus Bruce Cup championships
- 2 National Championships for 16 & U
- 1 National Championships for 18 & U plus Pizzey Cup
 - Australian Championships in Melbourne (December Showdown) – 12s, 14s, 16s & 18s
 - National Claycourt Championships in Ipswich & Melbourne (April) – 12s, 14s & 16s
 - National Grasscourt Championships in Mildura (February) – 12s & 14s
Spring Nationals in Sydney (September) – 12s & 14s
 - Bruce Cup & Pizzey Cup – 12s & 18s

What works

- Positive feedback that the National Championships are good products, offering all players competitive matches.
 - Bringing the best players together from around the country on several occasions per year
 - A nationals on each of the grand slam surfaces
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Identified Issues with Current Structure

- Nationals are of varying standard. How can they all be equal in the “eyes of a national championships”
- No “real” integration with Bruce / Pizzey Cup, which are the school national carnivals. Almost all sports have integration with school sport Australia.
- Queensland, Victoria and New South Wales already coordinate major state tournaments, but they are not elevated.
- Lack of sensitivities to families with more than one child playing national events

Identified Issues with Current Structure

- Too many nationals in comparison to other sports
- Mildura hosted outside of school holiday period and too soon after the December Showdown
- Ipswich struggling to host all the events over multiple weeks
- People travelling to nationals to experience the event and not thinking about what stage of development they are in.
- Total cost of travelling to the nationals as well as the cost for families taking time away from their business or work or other family members.

Moving forward...



New Structure by status (2014)

Tier 1

Australian Championships
(December Showdown) –
12s, 14s, 16s & 18s
Platinum + points

Primary School
Nationals
(Bruce Cup)
Platinum Points

Secondary School
Nationals
(Pizzey Cup)
Gold Points

Tier 2

Victorian State
Championships
12s, 14s & 16s
Platinum Points

Queensland State
Championships
12s, 14s & 16s
Platinum Points

NSW State
Championships
12s, 14s & 16s
Platinum Points

Tier 3

SA State
Championships
Gold Points

WA State
Championships
Gold Points

NT State
Championships
Gold Points

TAS State
Championships
Gold Points

ACT State
Championships
Gold Points

Tier 4

All other Australian Ranking
Junior Tournaments
Gold, Silver, Bronze & White Points

AR Points - Nationals & State

	Australian Championships (Dec Showdown)	Primary School Nationals Bruce Cup	NSW, QLD, VIC State Championships	Other State Championships
Winner	50	30	30	16
Finalist	35	21	21	11
3 rd Place	29	19	19	9
4 th Place	22	16	16	6
5 th Place	20	15	15	5.50
6 th Place	19	13	13	5
7 th Place	18	12	12	4.50
8 th Place	16	10	10	4

**12/u Age Group example only. Please note that the above points table does not show all points offered in these events*

Principles

- Better messaging about travel – we don't need to travel as much as we think!
- Becoming more efficient – Working with Member Associations & Local Tournaments better
- Moving toward slightly less events, but making them stronger.
- Creating swings of junior tournaments around capital cities. State Championships plus 2 weeks x ITF junior events.

Principles

- State championships are not closed events with the winner of QLD, VIC and NSW events receiving a wildcard into the December Showdown 12& U, 14&U events and 16 & under events
- Officially aligning with School Sport Australia and creating one school national championships (Bruce & Pizzey Cup)
- Creating one major national championship in December at Melbourne Park.
- All State Championship events to be held in school holidays.
- State Championship events to offer a quality experience and bring the best players together.

Major Outcomes

Bruce Cup will be considered a National Championship for 12/u players with Platinum level points.

- Currently the best players attend, but it is expensive for families. Now families can enjoy a teams event and individual national championship for the same cost.

Major swings in School Holidays

- State Championships in 1st week of school holidays
 - ITF Grade 4 or 5 in 2nd week of school holidays
 - Additional ITF Grade 4 or 5 event during 1st week of school
- Players can choose to play whole or part of the circuit.

Additional Information

There is a detailed document on www.tennis.com.au on the entire structure for 2014 as well as a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document.

If you have any questions or feedback about the new structure, please email Tennis Australia via tournaments@tennis.com.au