

GUIDELINES





Welcome everyone to another great season of summer tennis. The Sports Power Tour would like to again thank the hosting clubs, centres & associations for making their courts & clubhouse available for each event & for the many volunteers at your individual venue that donate their valuable time & energy to allow our children to further enjoy the wonderful sport of tennis.

It's all about giving our children opportunities and putting Australia back on the map in World Tennis.

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- The following guidelines have been implemented to ensure all clubs, centres or associations that host an event, follow the same procedures to ensure that all players, coaches, parents etc have a consistent experience across the board at all events that make up the Sports Power Tour.
- Should there be any questions regarding any aspect of the Tour events &/or any queries regarding the individual tournaments hosted by each club, please contact Phil Shanahan on 0421 467 836.

Events

- The Sports Power Tour will have Round Robin events for 10/u, 12/u, 14/u and 16/u singles.

Each age group may be split into multiple (A, B, C etc) grades to encourage more children to participate. If an age group is to be split into multiple (A,B) grades a minimum of five entries must be received for each grade of these grades will be combined as one group.

- Players may only enter in one event at each tournament.

- Where entry into more than one event &/or age group is allowed into tournaments that are run over multiple days, local tournament conditions will dictate number & format of entries allowed.

- The 8/u event is encouraged to use mini nets, low compression balls and a modified court.

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- Clubs may also run additional events such as 8/U combined singles, Open etc should they so wish in an effort to offer extra events for those players that are below 10 y/o or above 16 y/o. These events will not be part of the Sport Power Tour & as such will not attract points.

Entries

- Hosting venue may produce own entry form(s) which are to be made available for download by players, coaches parents etc from clubs own website (if available). Alternatively, entry forms can be forwarded to Wodonga Tennis Centre via email at admin@wodongatenniscentre.com.au who will make them available for downloading via its own website at www.wodongatenniscentre.com.au.
- Online entries are also available (free) for each hosting venue via Wodonga Tennis Centre website. Contact Centre to discuss further should you wish to offer this service for your tournament.
- Hosting venue to determine cut off date/time for own tournament although history has shown majority of entries are received week/day before event.

- Sports Power Tour Points

Singles	Winner 10	Runner-up 8	Semi 6
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- Points are only to be awarded for A Division events.
- If a player wins a lower (B, C etc) Division card, he/she may be encouraged to play in the higher (A, B etc) Division in the next tournament.
- Points are only awarded once in each event, i.e. players do not collect points for a semi-final if progressing to final.

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Age

- As per Australian Ranking Points Tournaments (Uncommon Birthdate). Age is to be taken as at the end of the month in which the tournament is played.

Entry Fee

- Singles: \$15 per player. \$30 for two. \$40 per family.

Family discount provided to encourage greater participation & reflect greater cost for families.

Time

- Play to commence by 9:00am sharp. Encourage players to be at court by 8:30am.

Additional Events

- Hosting venues are encouraged to hold a Open singles event.
(a minimum of 5 players)
Prize money - E.g. \$50 first prize; \$25 second prize. This can be a mixed event.
- Venues may also hold an 8/U and Open event or similar should they wish.
- Additional events do not receive Sports Power Points.

Sponsors

- Host venues are encouraged to find a sponsor for their own tournament.

Results

- It has been noticed in recent years that some players have queried points received or not received from a tournament, which had been completed in previous weeks.
- In light of human error occurring from time to time, it is recommended that each venue retain original score cards &/or results sheets from each tournament for reference should queries arise.



Format of Round Robin

- Winner & runner-up for each age group card is decided on:
 - 1st - Matches won
 - 2nd - Games won
 - 3rd - Games lost
 - 4th - Head to head result

- 1 Card - Winner; Runner-up; No semi-finalists.
No final required.
- 2 Cards - Cross over 1st v 2nd, 2nd v 1st.
Semi-finals & final required.
- 3 Cards - Top two players on each card playoff in a Round Robin Tie Break (first to 7 points, win by 2) to determine placing. Only the top four players (winner, runner-up & top two semi-finalists) will receive points. 5th & 6th placed players do not receive points.
- 4 Cards - Top player on each card to play off in a Round Robin Tie Break (first to 7 points, win by 2) to determine placing. Winner, runner-up & semi-finalists (two) will be determined.
- 5 Cards or > - Same format as for 4 Cards. Only the top 4 players receive points, the same as the 3 Cards points system.

Count back

- In the event that a winner, runner-up &/or semi-finalist(s) can't be decided following completion of the round robin tie break format, then countback is decided upon:
 - 1st - Tie Breaks won
 - 2nd - Points won (maximum 7 points *)
 - 3rd - Points lost (maximum 5 points *)
 - 4th - Head to head result
- * Points won will be scored as a maximum of 7 & points lost will be scored as a maximum of 5 in the event that a tie break exceeds a 7/5 score line result, e.g. 11/9 result will be scored as 7/5 on result sheet.
- This is done to ensure that players do not receive a higher point's score just because they played in an extended tiebreak match.
- If count back remains tied, only tied players will conduct a further round robin tie break format until a winner, runner-up &/or semi-finalist is determined.

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Players of the Year - Boy & Girl

- A Head racquet of choice and bag will be awarded to the champion players (boy & girl) with the most points at the conclusion of the 9 tournament tour.
- Cadbury Schweppes to supply prize for each age group (boy & girl) winner.

Tournament Results

- Upon completion of tournament, results are to be forwarded to -
 1. Albury Tennis Association
 - Fax (02) 6021 3588 or
 - Email : alburytennis1@bigpond.com.au
 - To enable results to be published in Border Mail.
 2. Wodonga Tennis Centre
 - Fax (02) 6056 2274 or
 - Email : admin@wadongatenniscentre.com.au
 - To enable player ranking ladders to be updated.
- Albury to notify Border Mail of results for Wednesday's "Down the Line" tennis page.
- Points awarded will be input on Wodonga website www.wodongatenniscentre.com.au & updated at the end of each tournament. Allow 2-3 days for updates to be collated.

OVERVIEW

- All tournaments are Round Robin format.
- Entry forms (if provided) can be downloaded from website.
- Sports Power Points only awarded to A Division players.
- Age as at end of month in which tournament conducted.
- Discounted entry fees for families.
- Tournaments to start at 9:00am sharp.
- Additional events at discretion of host venue.
- Own sponsor(s) to be found.
- Prizes for each age group champion & overall champion.
- Forward all results to Albury Tennis Ass. & Wodonga Tennis Centre.
- Retain score cards/sheets for reference should later queries arise.