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JUNIOR TEAMS EVENT REGULATIONS

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FACT SHEET

Date and Venues

- 12U & 14U – 19-23rd April
 - Wilding Park Tennis Centre, Christchurch
- 17U – 19-23rd April
 - Lugton Park Tennis, Waikato

Accommodation

12U & 14U – Breakfree on Cashel

17U – TBC

Tournament Director

12U & 14U – Mark Atkins

17U – TBC

Tournament Referee

12U & 14U – TBC

17U – TBC

Entry Fee without travel allowance

12U & 14U – \$750

17U – \$670

Entry Dates

31 Jan - Team nominations from regions.

6th Feb - Player online entry, uniform sizing, and dietary requirements.

Managers Meeting

19th April - Breakfree on Cashel (8pm)

20th April - Lugton Tennis Park (11am)

Ball

Wilson US Open

Part I – Application of the Policy

1. Definitions

Region means the governing body for tennis in each area of New Zealand as defined in the Constitution of TNZ

Tennis New Zealand or Tennis NZ means Tennis NZ Incorporated (215373)

Team Event means a team orientated tournament. Unless otherwise stated, teams represent Regions or areas of New Zealand. In some instances, other Tennis Federations are invited and therefore will also be represented

Official means a Referee, Court Supervisor or Chair Umpire

Teams means all players, coaches and managers nominated

Round means the collection of matches between two Teams

Match means a singular match within a Round

2. Purpose

- 2.1. These event regulations provide the framework for providing fair and reasonable rules
- 2.2. These event regulations shall be applicable to the National Junior Teams Event
- 2.3. Any ambiguity or uncertainty within these Tournament Regulations shall be resolved by Tennis NZ acting reasonably. Tennis NZ reserves the rights to interpret these regulations when necessary in order to resolve particular or unusual circumstances

3. General Principles

- 3.1. This event must be conducted in accordance with:
 - 3.1.1. the Tennis Participant Protection Policy (TPPP)
 - 3.1.2. the Tennis NZ Code of Behaviour
 - 3.1.3. and any other policy, rules, procedure or regulation of which Tennis NZ may implement from time to time
- 3.2. The event is run with the following principles:

- 3.2.1. It is a showcase of top Regional talent
 - 3.2.2. It intentionally promotes player development
 - 3.2.3. It offers a positive team environment and learnings
 - 3.2.4. It is owned by Tennis NZ and the Regions
 - 3.2.5. Costs will be divided to ensure a fair and equitable cost structure for all players, regardless of where they live and where they must travel to
 - 3.2.6. Event costs will be split as equally as possible between Tennis NZ and the Regions for the 12U and 14U events
 - 3.2.7. Event costs will be split equally between the Regions for the 17U event
 - 3.2.8. Where possible, costs will be minimised while ensuring a high-quality experience
- 3.3. Tennis NZ will be solely responsible for
 - 3.3.1. Venue selection
 - 3.3.2. Accommodation/travel arrangements
 - 3.3.3. Team uniforms
 - 3.3.4. Officials appointments including and not limited to Tournament Director and Tournament Referee
 - 3.3.5. Medallions and/or prizes for all placing teams

4. Regulations Review

- 4.1. Tennis NZ and the Regions will review yearly the host requirements and all costs

Part II – Pre-Event Administration

5. Event Composition

- 5.1. Age Categories
The event will consist of 12U, 14U and 17U categories
- 5.2. Team Entry
Each Region may enter one (1) team per age group. Player names must be provided to Tennis NZ by the date specified on the fact sheet
- 5.3. Player Lists
Each team is to include four (4) boy and four (4) girl players that meet the player eligibility criteria
- 5.4. Age Eligibility
Players must be of age as at 31st December of the event year
- 5.5. Event Eligibility
Players may only compete in one (1) age group

6. Team Selections and Regional Administration

- 6.1. To be eligible to compete for Waikato-Bays, Central, Canterbury or Southern
 - 6.1.1. A player must have been a paid member of a Club within that Region since 1 January of the event year and be listed on the Club's membership register
 - 6.1.2. A player must be registered on MatchHub to that Region for the current season
 - 6.1.3. If any doubt arises as to the eligibility of a player, the Region must ask Tennis NZ for a ruling prior to the naming of the Team
- 6.2. To be eligible to compete for Northern or Auckland
 - 6.2.1. A player must have been a paid member of a Club within that Region since 1 January of the event year and be listed on the Club's membership register
 - 6.2.2. Players will be eligible based on the Eligibility table agreed to between Tennis Northern and Tennis Auckland
 - 6.2.3. Tennis NZ will not enter any disputes that may arise relating to this table. Should there be no definitive outcome when applying the table then the Club and Region the player is registered with on MatchHub Ranking as at 1 January of the event year will determine the region they represent
- 6.3. Team Coach and Manager Selections
Any coach and managers must provide the Region with a copy of the results of a current New Zealand Police vetting report, ensuring any Police vet returned

'released with results' complies with the Tennis NZ police vetting policy and procedure published June 1, 2018

NOTE: current is within the preceding 12 months of the event and must not expire until after the event has concluded

6.4. Entry Fee

The Regional participation fee for each year will be provided on the event Fact Sheet. Fees will cover accommodation, food (breakfast, lunch and dinner), team uniforms and associated fees for coaches and managers

NOTE: coach and manager travel fees to the event (flights) are not included in the Regional participation fee

7. Player Administration

7.1. Entry Fee

Player participation fee for each year will be provided on the event Fact Sheet. Fees will cover accommodation, food (breakfast, lunch and dinner), team uniforms and coaching

7.2. Player Travel Allowance

The player entry fee will be reduced by the travel allowance below, specific to the team a player is representing, and the Region the event is hosted in.

HOST VENUE REGION						
	Northern	Auckland	Waikato	Central	Canterbury	Southern
Northern	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$180	\$220	\$300
Auckland	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$180	\$220	\$300
Waikato	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$180	\$220	\$300
Central	\$180	\$180	\$180	\$0	\$180	\$220
Canterbury	\$220	\$220	\$220	\$180	\$0	\$100
Southern	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$220	\$100	\$0

EXAMPLE: Event held in Canterbury, a Northern player will pay the player entry fee less \$220 travel allowance

7.3. Player Entry

Players will complete entry in two (2) parts via online entry. Dates of entry will be provided on the Fact Sheet

7.3.1. Acceptance of team selection – at this time players will provide their clothing sizes and any dietary requirements. Payment is not required at this time, but can be paid

7.3.2. Entry payment required – all players must make their entry payment through the online entry system

8. Coach Administration

8.1. Coach/Managers Meeting

A meeting of Team Managers, Management personnel and the Tournament Director/Referee shall be held at the event venue prior to the event starting. Time of this meeting will be provided on the event Fact Sheet

8.2. Team Playing Order

Each team shall confirm to Tennis NZ at the Coach/Managers Meeting a team list of all players in ranked order. Regions can alter their players participating in the event until the commencement of the Coach/Managers Meeting. This playing order will remain for the duration of the competition

8.2.1. A players ranking shall be determined by

- International Rankings (top 1000) then
- the latest Tennis NZ MatchHub Rankings based on the ranking bands

8.2.2. If a team has two or more players of the same ranking band, the coach must specify the playing order

8.2.3. Tennis NZ reserves the right to reposition players in the Order of Merit if it is believed that players are not ranked correctly. The teams' Manager may appeal any repositioning at the Managers Meeting with the final decision resting with the Tournament Director

8.2.4. Tennis NZ reserves the right to determine the ranking of players that need a ranking correction (including but not limited to, playing overseas or injury). A Region may make a request for a ranking correction before the event

8.2.5. In the event of a Region having two (2) teams entered in the same age group, the first team must consist of the four (4) highest ranked players in the Region. The second team will consist of the next four (4) ranked players

Part III – Draw Composition and Schedule

9. Draw Composition

- 9.1. Team Seeding
Seeding shall be determined based on the combined MatchHub Ranking points of the top three (3) boys and top three (3) girls
- 9.2. Round-Robin Draw
Six Teams – Round-Robin with all teams playing each other once
- 9.3. Draw Release
The draw shall be released at the Coach/Managers Meeting

10. Schedule

- 10.1. Rounds
Rounds shall be determined as follows; positions determined by seedings
Round 1 – 1 v 6, 2 v 5, 3 v 4
Round 2 – 1 v 5, 2 v 4, 3 v 6
Round 3 – 1 v 4, 2 v 3, 5 v 6
Round 4 – 1 v 3, 2 v 6, 4 v 5
Round 5 – 1 v 2, 3 v 5, 4 v 6
- 10.2. Schedule – 12U and 14U
Rounds shall be played as follows
Day 1 – Round 1 + Round 2 Singles
Day 2 – Round 2 Doubles + Round 3
Day 3 – Round 4
Day 4 – Round 5
- 10.3. Schedule – 17U
Rounds shall be played as follows
Day 1 – Round 1
Day 2 – Round 2 + Round 3 Singles
Day 3 – Round 3 Doubles + Round 4
Day 4 – Round 5
- 10.4. Playing Additional Matches
Should more than the scheduled matches be completed without consulting with and agreement of the Tournament Director and Referee then the offending matches will be declared void and will be replayed the following day

Part IV – Playing Conditions

11. Special Conditions

11.1. Team Uniforms

Each team shall wear their designated Region team uniform for all matches and official functions, including presentations

11.2. Event Hotel

All Team Players, Team Coaches and Team Managers will be accommodated in one venue

11.3. Event Transport

All Team Players, Team Coaches and Team Managers will be transported to and from the accommodation and the tennis centre

All Team Players, Team Coaches and Team Managers will need to organise their own transport to the accommodation

12. Round Admin, Player Substitution and Round Conditions

12.1. Submission of Team Sheet

12.1.1. Thirty (30) minutes prior to the scheduled commencement of a contest, the team Manager must submit the nominated Singles players for the Round. The Doubles/Mixed pairings may be named at any time but must be nominated within 5 minutes of the completion of the six singles matches

12.1.2. A Round scoresheet once all Singles players are nominated, and an updated scoresheet once all Doubles pairings are nominated, will be printed by the Tournament Director

12.1.3. Each player shall not play more than one (1) Singles and one (1) Doubles/Mixed Doubles in any Round

12.1.4. If the team coach is unavailable to fulfil their duties, the name of the replacement Coach/Manager to speak to players on court for the Round, shall be included on the team sheet

12.2. Player Substitution

If between naming the singles players and the commencement of the Round a player is injured or becomes ill, a player substitution may occur

12.2.1. Player Substitution may occur during any Round

- 12.2.2. The Referee may sanction the substitution of another player of the same team, if in the opinion of the Tournament Physio (or Tournament Referee if no Tournament Physio is available) is incapacitated by injury, illness, accident or other unavoidable hindrance
- 12.2.3. Both teams will be given the opportunity to re-nominate their players after a substitution
- 12.2.4. A substituted player must compete in all subsequent matches in that Round
- 12.2.5. A substitute for Singles matches must not be a player who has already competed in a Singles match in that Round
- 12.2.6. If a player retired during a match, the player cannot be included in the team for any of the remaining matches of that Round or in any further matches to be held on the same day, unless a medical certificate is received stating the player is capable of continuing
NOTE: in the event that a Region has two teams in an event, the teams are treated as separate regional teams and a player from one team cannot substitute into another team from the same Region
- 12.3. Match Order
Matches with a Round shall be played as follows, unless under instruction by the Tournament Director
 - 12.3.1. 3 courts per Round
Boys 3 Singles, Girls 3 Singles and Boys 2 Singles followed by Girls 2 Singles then Boys 1 Singles then Girls 1 Singles, followed by Boys Doubles, Girls Doubles and Mixed Doubles
NOTE: All Doubles are to commence concurrently when possible
 - 12.3.2. 4 courts per Round
Boys 3 Singles, Boys 2 Singles, Boys 1 Singles and Girls 3 Singles followed by Girls 2 Singles then Girls 1 Singles, followed by Boys Doubles, Girls Doubles and Mixed Doubles
NOTE: Boys Doubles to commence before Girls Doubles and Mixed Doubles when possible
 - 12.3.3. No team once gaining a result (e.g. five (5) singles wins) may default the remaining matches of the Round.
- 12.4. Match Schedules
 - 12.4.1. All players shall attend the event venue at the time set for the commencement of play each day
 - 12.4.2. A maximum of fifteen (15) minutes is allowed between the completion of the Singles matches and the commencement of the Doubles in a Round
 - 12.4.3. A maximum of thirty (30) minutes is allowed between the completion of one (1) Round and the commencement of the next Round
 - 12.4.4. On the request of the Referee or the Tournament Director, commencement of the next Round may be immediate for players not involved in the last match of the previous Round
- 12.5. Submission of Results

At the completion of a Round, both Coaches are to sign the completed scoresheet and submit to the Tournament Director

NOTE: All match results will be recorded to MatchHub Rankings

13. Coaching Conditions and Player Adjudicators

13.1. Coaching Conditions

13.1.1. Team Coaches only may sit (not stand) courtside or by the umpires stand and may advise any player involved in a match, during the change of ends (this excludes the first game of a set or the tiebreak changeovers).

Maximum time allowed for advice is 60 seconds on end changes and 90 seconds at set breaks

13.1.2. Team Coaches sitting courtside are subject to the Tennis NZ Code of Behaviour and may be removed by the Referee for breaches of the code.

NOTE: it will not be permitted for the nominated person to use any electronic device at all during matches

13.1.3. Team Coaches may, with the permission of the Referee, assign a Team Manager or Team Player to the coaching duties of a Round

NOTE: parents who are not the Team Manager may not fulfil this position

13.2. Player Adjudicators

Singles matches shall have an adjudicator nominated by the team manager chosen from the team members. The adjudication shall be shared equally - set about (there will be two matches at one time between the two teams; the first set of each match will begin by being adjudicated by one person from each of these two teams). Players shall continue to call their own lines. Doubles matches will not be umpired or adjudicated, unless otherwise determined by the Referee

14. Scoring Format and Balls

14.1. Scoring Format

14.1.1. Singles: to be the best-of-three tiebreak sets

14.1.2. Doubles/Mixed Doubles: to be the best of two tiebreak sets and 3rd set match tiebreak (up to 10, with a margin of 2) if required, with sudden-death deuce, receivers choice

NOTE: Mixed Doubles at sudden-death deuce, the girl must serve to the girl and the boy to the boy

14.2. Balls

14.2.1. Singles: three (3) new balls per match, plus three (3) new balls for a third set

14.2.2. Doubles: two (2) new balls per match

15. Inclement Weather

15.1. Inclement Weather

The Referee shall have sole authority to decide whether a match or matches in progress shall be stopped due to the state of the weather, the state of the courts, darkness or other unavoidable hindrance

15.2. Score Reductions

The Referee shall have sole authority to decide whether score reductions shall be introduced to before or during a Round.

15.2.1. Singles: introduce a 10-point match tiebreak in lieu of a third set

15.2.2. Doubles: introduce two (2) 'short-sets' – first to four (4) games, standard tiebreak at 4-4, and 3rd set match tiebreak (up to 10, with a margin of 2) if required

15.2.3. Singles: introduce two (2) 'short-sets' – first to four (4) games, standard tiebreak at 4-4, and 3rd set match tiebreak (up to 10, with a margin of 2) if required

15.2.4. Singles: introduce sudden-death deuce, receivers choice of return side

15.3. Additional Courts

The Referee shall have sole authority to decide whether teams are to use additional courts, alternative court surface, floodlights and/or to amend the order of play to complete Round interrupted by weather

15.3.1. If more than 4 courts are to be used, the Team Coach may nominate either the Team Manager or Team Player to take a coaching role on the additional courts

15.4. Change of Round Conditions

The Referee shall have sole authority to decide whether Rounds are to play until a result is found, if the event may not finish within the event days.

15.4.1. Match Order

Boys Singles followed by Girls Singles. If the match results are 3-3 after Singles, then all Doubles are to commence concurrently when possible, or in order of Boys Doubles, Girls Doubles then Mixed Doubles

15.5. Player Rest

If matches are scheduled after 6pm, players involved shall have a minimum 10 hours between the end of their match and the commencement of their next match (singles or doubles) the following day, unless otherwise determined due to weather

Part V – Determining a Winner

16. Round-Robin Matches

- 16.1. The winner of a Round will be the Team who has the most Matches won out of the 9 Matches

17. Determining Finishing Positions

- 17.1. The Championships shall be declared as the Team that has won the most Rounds in the Round-Robin
- 17.2. All remaining positions shall be determined by the most Rounds won in the Round-Robin
- 17.3. Tied Round-Robin Results – two (2) Teams
If two (2) win an equal number of Rounds, the head-to-head result between the Teams shall split the tie
- 17.4. Tied Round-Robin Results – three (3) Teams
If three (3) or more Teams win an equal number of Rounds, the following procedure will be used to break the tie
 - 17.4.1. The number of Matches won against all Teams in the Round-Robin
 - 17.4.2. If number of Matches are equal, the percentage of sets won of sets played, against all teams in the Round-Robin
 - 17.4.3. If percentage of sets are equal, the percentage of games won of games played, against all teams in the Round-RobinNOTE: if three (3) or more Teams win an equal number of Rounds, head-to-head results are not to be used

18. Inclement Weather

- 18.1. If any Round is affected by inclement weather, and 15.4 is introduced, incomplete matches shall be awarded to the winner of the Round, with a result of 4-0 4-0
- 18.2. If the final Round is affected by inclement weather, and after every endeavour as per 15 has been made to complete the final Round, and a result has not been achieved by 6pm, the Round shall be abandoned. No Match within this Round will be included in calculations within 16.

Part VI – Player Behaviour

19. Tennis NZ Code of Behaviour

- 19.1. The event shall be conducted under the most current Tennis NZ Code of Behaviour
- 19.2. All Team Players, Team Coaches and Team Managers will be under the Tennis NZ Code of Behaviour at all times, including all travel and at any time at the accommodation
 - 19.2.1. Officials, Team Coaches and Team Managers may report to the Referee any breach of the Tennis NZ Code of Behaviour and a Code Violation will be recorded