



# ***Rules & Regulations***

## ***2010***

***The following document incorporates rules & regulations for the following:***

***OJT Platinum Series***

***OJT Gold Series***

***OJT Silver Series***

***OJT Bronze Series***

***OJT White Series***

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## **OPTUS JUNIOR TOUR – TOURNAMENTS PROCEDURES**

### **REGULATION COMPLIANCE**

This document sets out the requirements for clubs/centres/associations to host an Optus Junior Tour tournament. All Optus Junior Tour (OJT) tournaments must be conducted in accordance with the following procedures & regulations, The Uniform Tennis Anti-Corruption Program, as well as the Tennis Australia's Member Protection By-law, and the Tennis Australia Code of Behaviour (each as amended from time to time) and any other policy, procedure or regulation of which Tennis Australia notifies the relevant club/centre/association from time to time.

The following operating procedures for Optus Junior Tour (OJT) tournaments are designed to raise the quality of tournament conduct throughout Australia. They provide parameters to ensure all OJT's sanctioned by Tennis Australia are managed professionally and with uniformity across the country.

Failure to comply with the following requirements will result in the tournament's Australian Ranking points status being downgraded the following year.

### **1) NOMINATIONS AND CLASSIFICATIONS OF TOURNAMENTS**

Optus Junior Tour tournaments may be conducted in the following age categories –

- 16s
- 14s
- 12s

When an 18/u Australian Ranking event is played within an OJT, these regulations should apply when conducting the event.

All nominations must be forwarded to the relevant Member Association which in turn will apply to Tennis Australia for inclusion into the calendar the following year. All nominations are subject to approval by Tennis Australia.

Once approved, the details in the tournament calendar must not be altered without first consulting the appropriate Member Association. A separate form is required for each nomination.

If a tournament is included in the calendar and is subsequently withdrawn within three (3) months of the scheduled first day of play, that tournament will not be approved for the following year except in exceptional circumstances. If the tournament is accepted, it will be allocated a lower points level at the discretion of the Tennis Australia Tournaments & Competitions Department.

Tournaments will be classified into points levels, based primarily on a computer evaluation of previous tournaments while maintaining a geographical and population balance, with ranking points set out (refer to the Australian Rankings Table).

### **2) TOURNAMENT ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

All Optus Junior Tour tournaments approved by Tennis Australia for calendar inclusion must abide by the following standard requirements –

#### **a) Entry Procedures**

- i) The Active Network is the only registration system to be used when receiving online entries.
- ii) Closing date for entries must be 14-21 days prior to the commencement of the tournament. No late entries should be accepted, however wildcards can be granted to non-entered athletes. Entries must have been open for a minimum of six weeks prior to the entry closing date. All tournaments must be published on the Internet at least eight weeks prior to

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commencement. An exemption to this will be for Platinum OJT's, which will close 28 days prior to the start of the tournament.

### b) Standard Tournament Conditions for Entry Forms / Fact Sheets

All Optus Junior Tour tournaments must include the following information if they choose to produce an event fact sheet or entry form (this information must otherwise be included in the Tournament Planner (TP) online tournament regulations section):

- i) This tournament will be conducted in accordance with the Uniform Tennis Australia Anti-Corruption Program, Tennis Australia's Member Protection By-law, the applicable tournament rules and regulations and the Tennis Australia's Code of Behaviour (each as amended from time to time). "I acknowledge and agree that all Tennis Australia policies can be readily viewed at [www.tennis.com.au](http://www.tennis.com.au) and that it is my responsibility to view these and seek clarification, if required, from the Tennis Australia Tournaments & Competitions Department.
- ii) **Acknowledgment of Policies, Rules and Regulations:** As a participant in a Tennis Australia sanctioned event I agree to comply with and be bound by the ITF Rules of Play, the Uniform Tennis Anti-Corruption Program, the Tennis Australia Code of Behaviour (including its reference to spectator behaviour and interference), the Tennis Australia Member Protection By-Law and the Tennis Australia Anti-Doping Policy."
- iii) **'Uniform Tennis Anti-Corruption Program' statement:** For players and their "related persons" (defined as 'any coach, trainer, therapist, physician, management representative, agent, family member, tournament guest, business associate or other affiliate or associate of any Player, or any other person who receives accreditation at an Event at the request of the Player or any other Related Person') – I acknowledge that Professional Tennis has a Uniform Tennis Anti-Corruption Program and the Program rules are included in the 2010 Official Grand Slam Rule Book. I accept that I must comply with and be bound by all provisions included in the Uniform Tennis Anti-Corruption Program. The Uniform Tennis Anti-Corruption Program prohibits certain conduct by a player and their "related persons", as defined in the rule, including, but not limited to, (i) wagering on any tennis match, (ii) contriving or attempting to contrive the outcome of any tennis match, (iii) providing for consideration information concerning the condition or status of players, and (iv) the failure to report to the Tennis Integrity Unit as soon as possible any knowledge I may have regarding potential violations of the Uniform Tennis Anti-Corruption Program. Nothing in this paragraph shall modify or limit the full text of the Uniform Tennis Anti-Corruption Program.  
Tournament Personnel must not gamble or bet on tennis in relation to the tournament or on any activity in relation to the tournament, whether directly or indirectly, or supply otherwise private information to another aiding the other party's gambling.
- iv) **Spectator Behaviour Statement:** Inappropriate spectator behaviour could result in denial of entry at future Tennis Australia and Member Association sanctioned events, and will be dealt with in accordance with the above policies. This includes, but is not limited to, behaviour at tennis venues, hotels and transport vehicles.
- v) **Publicity and Promotion:** In consideration of accepting my entry into the tournament, I grant and assign to Tennis Australia and the host club/centre/association and any third party at the reasonable discretion of Tennis Australia the right in perpetuity throughout the world to make, use, show and reproduce at their discretion, motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television, sound recordings and any other reproductions of any description of me taken or produced during or in connection with the tournament. I agree that my name, voice, likeness, image and biographical material may also be used and reproduced in any way for the purpose of providing information and news in relation to the tournament, audio visual coverage, distribution and broadcast of the tournament, archival purposes, and publicising, promoting and advertising Tennis Australia and the tournament. I acknowledge and agree that this usage, including for commercial purposes, is without compensation or notice to myself, heirs, devisees, executors, administrators or assigns

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- vi) **Membership Number:** It is mandatory that every entrant has a membership number, available by becoming a member of an affiliated tennis club or registering directly with their respective member (state) association. This shall not apply to events which carry ATP/WTA/ITF world ranking points.
- vii) **Tennis Coach Statement:** As an entrant in this tournament, Tennis Australia recommends that your coach is a TA certified coach. This will ensure that the coach:
  - (i) Has a coaching qualification recognised by Tennis Australia and the Australian Sports Commission
  - (ii) Has currently updated his/her coaching credentials via ongoing professional development
  - (iii) Has met legislative requirements for Working With Children Check (or relevant State equivalent)
  - (iv) Has an updated first aid qualificationFurther information on coaches, including a list of certified coaches, can be viewed at [www.tennis.com.au/certification](http://www.tennis.com.au/certification)
- viii) I acknowledge that all Tennis Australia policies can be readily viewed at [www.tennis.com.au](http://www.tennis.com.au) and that it is my responsibility to view these and seek clarification, if required, from the Tennis Australia Tournaments & Competitions Department.
- ix) A space must be made available for the players
  - (a) to sign, indicating acceptance of all the tournament conditions (in the case of a minor, the signature of a parent/guardian is required); and
  - (b) to state their Tennis Australia affiliated club membership number
- x) Any additional local rules and regulations may be included on the entry form or in a general circular to players
- xi) Any reference to the tennis balls being used must be stated as follows:  
"Tennis Australia approved tennis balls will be used."

### c) **Filming / Photography at Tennis Australia Sanctioned Tournaments**

Note that the following restrictions apply to filming or photography by any means, including camera, video camera, mobile phone or other wireless device.

- i) By virtue of clause 2 b(v) above, Tennis Australia, the host venue and any third party at the reasonable discretion of Tennis Australia (for example, the relevant Member Association) have the perpetual right to make, show and reproduce still and motion pictures of entrants at Tennis Australia sanctioned tournaments.
- ii) Otherwise, filming or photography of players on court is only permitted where:
  - (i) both players provide their express consent both to the filming/photography and to the purpose for which it is being taken (or, where a player is under 18, their parent or guardian provides express consent). The fact that a player or their parent/guardian does not object to filming or photography is not enough;
  - ii) the tournament host venue provides its express consent to the proposed filming/photography on its premises;
  - (iii) the tournament referee is aware of the proposed filming or photography and retains discretion to require that filming or photography cease (see point (e) below); and
  - (iv) a flash is not used.
- iii) Filming or photography is permitted off court for private and domestic use only. Photographs must not be sold, licensed, published (including electronically) or otherwise commercially exploited.

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- iv) Filming and photography are strictly prohibited in restricted areas including change rooms.
- v) At all times, the tournament referee has discretion in relation to all filming and photography. Any person deemed to be acting inappropriately will be asked to cease taking photographs/film, may have their camera/video camera/mobile phone/other device confiscated whilst they are onsite at the tournament or may be asked to leave the tournament venue.
- d) Athlete Management System Consent Conditions (relevant for TA run events only)**
  - i) CONSENT TO TREATMENT

In consideration of Tennis Australia accepting my entry into events sanctioned by it and providing me with medical and other health services during those events, I consent to Tennis Australia's doctors and other health service providers (including but not limited to its Primary Health Care Providers or physiotherapists) consulting with, screening and treating me.
  - ii) CONSENT TO COLLECTION AND STORAGE OF PERSONAL AND HEALTH INFORMATION

In consideration of Tennis Australia accepting my entry into events sanctioned by it and providing me with medical and other health services during those events, I

    - (i) consent to Tennis Australia collecting and storing my personal information as well as records of consultations and/or treatment ("Database Information") (including by entering such details into the electronic Athlete Management System ("AMS").
    - (ii) acknowledge that, subject to Tennis Australia complying with applicable privacy and health records legislation, my Database Information may be:
      - (A) disclosed to doctors, physiotherapists and other relevant health service providers who require access to any Database Information in the course of treating me; and
      - (B) used by Tennis Australia for the purpose of assessing and improving its programs and events or for research.
    - (iii) I understand that tennis is a physical sport and that there is risk of injury involved in participating in and being present at Tennis Australia sanctioned events, and I consent to Tennis Australia disclosing my Database Information and obtaining on my behalf any emergency medical assistance, treatment and/or transport as deemed reasonably necessary during my participation in such events. This assistance, treatment and transport will be at my expense unless agreed otherwise;
    - (iv) (iv) agree:
      - (A) I have no proprietary rights to the AMS, nor to any Database Information;
      - (B) upon the termination or expiry of this agreement Tennis Australia will:
        - (1) retain a copy of all Database Information for use in any subsequent relationship into which I enter with Tennis Australia;
        - (2) use my Database Information for the purpose of assessing and improving its programs and events or for research; and
        - (3) deal with such Database Information in accordance with applicable legislation including but not limited to the Privacy Act and the Health Records Act; and
        - (C) sub-clauses (A) and (B) above will survive any termination of this agreement.
  - iii) APPLICATION OF CONSENTS

The consents in clauses 2d(i) and 2d(ii) above extend to all events at which doctors and Primary Health Care Providers are engaged and made available by Tennis Australia.

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### iv) SURVEYS

I consent to completing any surveys or questionnaires or participating in research administered or approved by Tennis Australia which is relevant to tournaments and events sanctioned by Tennis Australia, provided that I understand that I can withdraw that consent at any time in relation to any particular survey, questionnaire or research activity.

### v) TERM AND TERMINATION

I agree that the above consents will be binding from November 2009 (being the date from which the AMS has been available) for as long as I participate in events sanctioned by Tennis Australia, or until I otherwise advise Tennis Australia in writing that I wish to revoke those consents.

### vi) PRIVACY

Tennis Australia requires the information requested in this Consent Form to administer its events and for related purposes which can reasonably be expected (including asking you for feedback). You are able to access your personal information through Tennis Australia upon reasonable notice. Except where permitted or required by law, or where your consent is obtained, this information will not be disclosed to third parties.

In addition, Tennis Australia may use your personal information to advise you of promotional offers, marketing campaigns and other like activities.

Please inform Tennis Australia if you do not wish to receive such communications.

### vii) RELEASE AND INDEMNITY

In consideration of my participating in Tennis Australia's events, I agree to release and discharge Tennis Australia from all liability, including but not limited to Tennis Australia and its directors, officers, employees, volunteers and agents' negligence or carelessness.

Without limiting the foregoing, I also agree to release, defend, hold harmless and indemnify Tennis Australia and its directors, officers, employees, volunteers and agents from and against any actions, proceedings, claims, demands, expenses (including legal expenses), damages and liabilities howsoever arising or incurred as a result of or in connection with my participation in those events, my conduct and/or my negligence.

### viii) AMENDMENT

Tennis Australia reserves the right to review and amend the above entry conditions including with retrospective effect where Tennis Australia in its sole discretion deems the amendments to be in the best interest of the athletes and the tournament. These amendments will be published on the Tennis Australia website at [www.tennis.com.au](http://www.tennis.com.au).

### ix) PARTICIPANT AGREEMENT

I have read and understood and agree to be bound by the above terms and to give the above consents. I warrant that all information provided is true and correct. In participating in the events, I consent to being bound by Tennis Australia's by-laws and policies, including but not limited to its Member Protection By-Law.

### e) **Fact Sheet / Entry Forms – Use of Logos**

The Optus Junior Tour logo and header must be included on the tournament fact sheet and/or entry form. This logo is available from Tennis Australia on request and must not be altered in any way except with the prior written consent of Tennis Australia.

### f) **Fact Sheet / Entry Forms – Approval**

The completed fact sheet and/or entry form must be sent to relevant Member Association for approval and if approval is granted, these documents will then be forwarded to Tennis Australia for inclusion on the Tennis Australia website. It is compulsory for tournaments use the standard relevant OJT logo header.

## 3) **TOURNAMENT SOFTWARE – COMPULSORY FOR ALL TOURNAMENTS**

The Tennis Australia approved software is Tournament Planner (TP). As part of its investment in tournaments, licenses are provided free of charge by Tennis Australia to the host clubs of Optus Junior Tour tournaments. Accordingly, this software must be used when conducting your tournament. This includes enabling online registrations with the Active Network, regularly publishing results and key messages from the tournament on the web throughout the tournament period. Failure to use the TP software will result in the tournament not being awarded Australian Ranking points.

Further information on the functions of the TP software is available for viewing and downloading at <http://tournaments.tennis.com.au>. Alternatively, please contact your Member Association office.

Completed TP files must be sent to Tennis Australia via e-mail ([rankings@tennis.com.au](mailto:rankings@tennis.com.au)) before 5:00pm two (2) days after the tournament's completion.

**Failure to comply with this timeline will result in the exclusion of Tennis Australia's and Member Association's financial commitment to the event and may also contribute towards the non-sanctioning of future events.**

## 4) **MINIMUM STANDARDS – FACILITY REQUIREMENTS**

All main host venues used to conduct Optus Junior Tour tournaments sanctioned by Member Associations and approved by Tennis Australia for calendar inclusion must abide by the following standard requirements:

### a) **Venue Appearance & Amenities**

- i) Present a venue that is safe, neat and tidy. This includes the following areas –
  - Entrance
  - Gardens and grounds
  - Courts and surrounds
  - Clubhouse and equipment
  - Change rooms, showers and toilets
  - Noticeboards
  - Tournament office (which is to be staffed at all times during the day's play)
- ii) Venues must provide an appropriately stocked first aid kit at each venue.
- iii) Venues must have a copy of the latest Australian Rankings available at the tournament desk.

- iv) The main host tournament venue must provide a canteen service that adheres to the following criteria –
- Healthy and nutritious options
  - Professional level hygiene and food handling processes

Please refer to the Canteen Guidelines Manual available from Tennis Australia for more information.

### **b) Main Draw Matches**

Main Draw matches must be played at the host venue. When this is not possible, the secondary venue must be equipped with adequate change-room and canteen facilities as well as being staffed by an assistant Tournament Director, Assistant Referee and adequate ratio of court supervisors.

### **c) Signage**

- i) Banners behind the court must not be white or yellow (off-white and grey banners are permitted).
- ii) Where possible, remove or at least limit the display of promotional signage or other material of a sponsor that is in conflict with an Optus Junior Tour sponsor, currently Optus and Wilson.

### **d) Surface**

- i) It is preferred for Optus Junior Tour tournaments to be played on any of the three nationally endorsed court surfaces – Porous/Clay/Loam, Natural Grass, Hard/Cushioned. However, Optus Junior Tour tournaments will be permitted to be held on synthetic surfaces.
- ii) Clay, composition and loose surface courts shall be swept and lines cleaned before the start of all matches and properly maintained.
- iii) All matches within a tournament must be played on the same surface (this includes the qualifying event). Consolation events are considered separate to the main draw and can be played on a different surface, provided that surface meets the requirements of (i) above.

### **e) Internet Access**

It is preferred that venues have access to the Internet on-site within the main tournament office.

### **f) Change Rooms**

Suitable change rooms must be available at the main tournament venue. Facilities must include toilets and showers (cleaned regularly throughout the day) and an adequate supply of toilet paper and soap.

### **g) Treatment Room (Essential for Platinum & optional for all other OJT's)**

A separate treatment room must be made available preferably located near the courts for each day (including qualifying). Alternatively a partitioned area (for privacy reasons) of the locker room or clubhouse may be suitable provided this is well ventilated and of a suitable temperature.

### **h) Artificial Lighting**

Matches may be played under artificial lighting with the Tournament Referee's approval.

### i) Canteen

It is strongly recommended that a canteen at the main tournament venue be open throughout the day (particularly for athletes involved in evening matches, who may need to eat after playing) where athletes can buy various types of food and drink suitable for athletes at a reasonable cost.

## 5) MINIMUM STANDARDS – TOURNAMENT RESPONSIBILITIES

### a) Tournament Personnel

The Tournament Director and Referee must ensure that all tournament personnel are aware of and comply with the Uniform Tennis Australia Anti-Corruption Program as well as Tennis Australia's Member Protection By-law. These policies can be readily viewed at [www.tennis.com.au](http://www.tennis.com.au) and that it is the responsibility of all tournament staff to view these and seek clarification, if required, from the Tennis Australia Tournaments & Competitions Department.

### i) Tournament Director

The club/association or relevant committee shall designate a Tournament Director to administer the tournament. He/she must be fully aware of the responsibilities of his/her position. The Tournament Director must agree to:

- Be on-site throughout the whole tournament
- Be responsible for the tournament's compliance with all rules and regulations, including all draws and schedules (in conjunction with the referee)
- Be responsible for the promotion of the tournament.
- Be ready to solve any *issues* related to the organisation of the tournament, athletes, officials, media and spectators.
- Not go on court during a match (including warm-up) or otherwise become involved in any Code of Behaviour matter.
- Maintain a continuous dialogue during the tournament with the Tournament Referee and submit a report to Tennis Australia and the relevant Member Association evaluating the Tournament.

### ii) Tournament Referee

The relevant Member Association shall designate a Tournament Referee to supervise the tournament in accordance with the Optus Junior Tour Procedures & Regulations. The Tournament Referee must be accredited at the following levels:

**Platinum and Gold** : White Badge or approved Australian Level A Referee

**Silver & below**: White Badge/Level A/Level B Referee

### Referee Role Description

- Be onsite for the duration of the tournament (including any tournament sign-ins)
- Conduct, or if not possible, at the very least approve all draws and match schedules before they are released

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- Act as final on-site authority ensuring that the tournament is conducted fairly in accordance with the Optus Junior Tour's Rules and Regulations as to all matters arising that require immediate resolution at the Tournament site
- When weather or other conditions threaten the immediate safety of the players, spectators, officials or any other persons on the tournament site, the Referee may suspend or postpone the match(es) until such time that in his/her opinion the threat to safety is no longer evident.
- Determine the suspension of play due to failing light conditions and decide the appropriate utilization of court lighting.
- Decide if a court is fit for play or decide if a match should be moved to another court.
- Issue athlete Code of Behaviour violations as necessary and appropriate.
- Be responsible for decisions regarding No-shows, Late Withdrawals, Medical withdrawal & clearances.
- Direct, supervise, instruct and evaluate on-court and off-court officials, including the authority to:
  - (c) Make the assignment of all Chair Umpires and approve all Line Umpires for Tournament matches; and
  - (d) Remove a Chair Umpire and/or remove, rotate or replace any Line Umpire when necessary to improve the officiating of a match.
- Maintain a continuous dialogue during the tournament with the Tournament Director and submit a report to Tennis Australia and the relevant Member Association evaluating the Tournament.

### iii) The following officiating levels are required for OJT tournaments

#### a. Court Supervisors

The tournament is required to implement a Court Supervisor ratio above and beyond the provision of the tournament referee.

**Platinum / Gold / Silver:** 1 supervisor for every 4 match courts

**Bronze/White:** 1 supervisor for every 6 match courts

#### b. Chair Umpires

**Platinum:** SF onwards/ Doubles Final

**All other OJT's:** Finals recommended

#### c. Linespeople

**Platinum:** SF onwards / Doubles Final (2 line umpire per court recommended)

**All other OJT's:** Finals Recommended (1 line umpire per court recommended)

Guidance regarding the above officiating standards is available by contacting Tennis Australia Officiating Department.

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### iv) Primary Health Care Provider and Tournament Doctor

Each Platinum OJT must provide (as a minimum) a qualified Sports Trainer or PHCP to be onsite and accessible for the duration of play for sole use of the competing athletes (including qualifying).

All other OJT's are encouraged to provide a qualified Sports Trainer or PHCP. At an event where there is no PHCP, an appropriately stocked first aid kit should be available.

The tournament is required to provide details of the nearest doctor and hospital to all athletes during the event, upon request.

### v) Stringer

A stringer on site at the main host venue is a requirement for the duration of the tournament for Platinum and Gold OJT's and optional for all other OJT's. Pricing must have two categories, one for athletes providing their string and the other for athletes not providing string. In the instance where a stringer cannot remain on-site, the tournament must have a suitable alternative through which racquets requiring attention can be promptly re-strung and returned to the athlete in a timely manner.

### b) Tournament Duration

The minimum duration of one singles event in a tournament (qualifying draws excluded) shall be as follows:

DRAW SIZE	No. of Days	No. of Courts (min)
256	4 / 5	20
128	4	16
64	3	10
48	3	8
32	3	6
16	2	4

Optus Junior Tour tournaments that are played over 2 days and have singles draw sizes of greater than 16 players or over 3 days with a draw size greater than 64 players (subject to TA's approval) must use the 'Best of Two' Format with a 10-point match tiebreak at 1-set all. The best of three tiebreak sets format must be used from the main draw singles semi-finals onwards.

### c) Balls

Tournaments are required to use the Tennis Australia officially sponsored ball type (currently Wilson), unless in a formal contractual arrangement with another ball supplier. However, any agreement must be in line with the Tennis Australia approved tennis ball list (current as of 1<sup>st</sup> January 2010).

### **Platinum/Gold OJT's**

A minimum of three (3) new balls are to be provided for each match. It is required that an additional three new balls be provided to complete the third set.

### **All other OJT's**

A minimum of two (2) new balls are to be provided for each match. The provision of new balls for third set is at the discretion of the Tournament Director/ Referee.

#### **i) Wilson**

- Championship
- Australian Open Official Ball
- US Open
- ez play Stage 1
- ez play Stage 2

#### **ii) Dunlop**

- Fortelite
- Pro Tour

#### **iii) Slazenger**

- Championship Grasscourt
- Championship Hardcourt
- Wimbledon Ultravis

#### **iv) Diadora**

- Pro Circuit

#### **v) Head**

- ATP
- Head Championship

#### **d) Prizemoney**

No prizemoney shall be paid to any athletes competing in an Optus Junior Tour tournament. Gift vouchers are permitted to be given as prizes if sourced by the tournament, but must not exceed \$100 in value for any one event.

#### **e) Qualifying**

Any Optus Junior Tour tournament wishing to restrict their main draw size and offer qualifying must first gain approval from Tennis Australia.

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### f) Match Format

An Optus Junior Tour tournament shall use the following match formats (subject to 5b);

EVENT	MATCH FORMAT
<b>Main Draw Singles</b>	Best of Three Tiebreak Sets
<b>Main Draw Doubles</b>	Two Tiebreak Sets; with a 10 points Match Tiebreak at 1-set all.
<b>Consolation Singles</b>	Two Tiebreak Sets; with a 10 point Match Tiebreak at 1-set all Pro Sets format can be used following approval from Tennis Australia or if weather intervenes
<b>Consolation Doubles</b>	Pro Set (First to 8 games, with a 7 point tiebreak at 8-games all)

In exceptional circumstances (such as inclement weather), a tournament can change the format of main draw & consolation matches. This change must be made in the following order of priority:

- i) reduce length of consolation matches to a pro set\*, then
- ii) reduce main draw doubles matches to a pro set\*
- iii) reduce main draw singles matches to 'Best of Two' with a match tiebreak (first to 10 points) at one-set all
- iv) reduce main draw singles matches to a pro set\*

A match format change cannot be introduced unless all matches within the same round are played using the same match format.

\*Pro Sets must be played as first to 8 games with an advantage of 2 (7 point tiebreak to be played at 8-games all)

The referee has the discretion to reduce the format of matches if they believe it is necessary to enable the tournament to be completed within the publicised dates.

If a tournament is affected by inclement weather, requiring cancellation of events, matches must be prioritised in the following order:

- i) Main Draw Singles
- ii) Main Draw Doubles
- iii) Consolation Singles (i.e. first to be cancelled)

### 6) REPORTING

The following documentation must be completed and sent to Tennis Australia and the relevant Member Association before 5:00pm two (2) days following the tournament's completion:

- i) Tournament Planner Back-Up File (via e-mail to [rankings@tennis.com.au](mailto:rankings@tennis.com.au))
- ii) Code of Conduct Behaviour Reports, via e-mail, fax or post to the relevant Member Association (see below)
  - QLD: Cherie Murphy ([cmurphy@tennis.com.au](mailto:cmurphy@tennis.com.au))
  - NSW: Brad Cross ([bcross@tennis.com.au](mailto:bcross@tennis.com.au))
  - ACT: Lenka Maracek ([lmracek@tennis.com.au](mailto:lmracek@tennis.com.au))
  - VIC: Christine Larkin ([clarkin@tennis.com.au](mailto:clarkin@tennis.com.au))
  - TAS: Alex Jago ([ajago@tennis.com.au](mailto:ajago@tennis.com.au))
  - SA: David Hearne ([dhearne@tennis.com.au](mailto:dhearne@tennis.com.au))
  - WA: Jan Budden ([jbudden@tennis.com.au](mailto:jbudden@tennis.com.au))
  - NT: Mark Pead ([mpead@tennis.com.au](mailto:mpead@tennis.com.au))

The following documentation must be completed and sent to Tennis Australia and the relevant Member Association before 5:00pm seven (7) days following the tournament's completion:

- iii) Tournament Director Report, via e-mail, fax or post to Tennis Australia
- iv) Tournament Referee Report, via e-mail, fax or post to Tennis Australia
- v) Spreadsheet of Australian Rankings of athletes entered in the tournament (via e-mail only and in excel format only)

## OPTUS JUNIOR TOUR – REGULATIONS

This section sets out the regulations for tournaments and players in regards to an Optus Junior Tour tournament. By entering, all entrants agree to be bound by these regulations, The Uniform Tennis Anti-Corruption Program, as well as the Tennis Australia's Member Protection By-law, and the Tennis Australia Code of Behaviour (each as amended from time to time) and any other policy, procedure or regulation of which Tennis Australia notifies the relevant tournament from time to time.

### 7) GENERAL

#### a) Related Regulations / Rules of Tennis

Optus Junior Tour tournaments must be conducted in accordance with the Uniform Tennis Anti-Corruption Program, Tennis Australia's Member Protection By-law, these rules and regulations and the Tennis Australia Code of Behavior.

In the event that these regulations do not cover a rule/procedure related item at an Optus Junior Tour tournament, Referees and Tournament Directors should refer to –

- The ITF Rules of Tennis (available via <http://www.itftennis.com/technical/rules/index.asp>)
- The ITF Duties and Procedures
- Tennis Australia Rules for non-umpired matches (Appendix 2)
- Tennis Australia Dress & Equipment Regulations (Appendix 3)
- Tennis Australia's Anti-Doping Policy (available via <http://www.tennis.com.au/pages/image.aspx?assetid=RDM37904.8831143287>)

#### b) Eligibility

Optus Junior Tour tournaments are open to all male and female athletes aged 18 years and under of any nationality. For the purposes of this Rule, an athlete must be under the appropriate age as of the last day of the month that the tournament is completed in.

#### c) Member Association Number

All athletes entering Optus Junior Tour tournaments agree to provide their relevant Tennis Australia Member Association ID number to the tournament via the online registration system or via the entry form.

#### d) Publicity and Promotion

All athletes participating in an Optus Junior Tour tournament grant and assign to Tennis Australia and any third party at the reasonable discretion of Tennis Australia the right in perpetuity to make, use, show and reproduce at its discretion, motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television, sound recordings and any other reproductions of any description of me taken or produced during or in connection with the Optus Junior Tour. Athletes agree that their name, voice, likeness, image and biographical material may also be used and reproduced in any way for the purpose of providing information and news in relation to the tournament, audio visual coverage, distribution and broadcast of the tournament, archival purposes, and publicising, promoting and advertising Tennis Australia without notice or compensation to them, their heirs, devisees, executors, administrators or assigns.

**e) Uniform Tennis Anti-Corruption Program' statement**

For players and their "related persons" (defined as 'any coach, trainer, therapist, physician, management representative, agent, family member, tournament guest, business associate or other affiliate or associate of any Player, or any other person who receives accreditation at an Event at the request of the Player or any other Related Person') – I acknowledge that Professional Tennis has a Uniform Tennis Anti-Corruption Program and the Program rules are included in the 2010 Official Grand Slam Rule Book. I accept that I must comply with and be bound by all provisions included in the Uniform Tennis Anti-Corruption Program. The Uniform Tennis Anti-Corruption Program prohibits certain conduct by a player and their "related persons", as defined in the rule, including, but not limited to, (i) wagering on any tennis match, (ii) contriving or attempting to contrive the outcome of any tennis match, (iii) providing for consideration information concerning the condition or status of players, and (iv) the failure to report to the Tennis Integrity Unit as soon as possible any knowledge I may have regarding potential violations of the Uniform Tennis Anti-Corruption Program. Nothing in this paragraph shall modify or limit the full text of the Uniform Tennis Anti-Corruption Program.

Tournament Personnel must not gamble or bet on tennis in relation to the tournament or on any activity in relation to the tournament, whether directly or indirectly, or supply otherwise private information to another aiding the other party's gambling

**f) Spectator Behaviour Statement**

Inappropriate spectator behaviour could result in denial of entry at future Tennis Australia and Member Association sanctioned events, and will be dealt with in accordance with the above policies. This includes, but is not limited to, behaviour at tennis venues, hotels and transport vehicles.

**g) Tennis Coach Statement**

As an entrant in this tournament, Tennis Australia recommends that your coach is a TA certified coach. This will ensure that the coach:

(i) Has a coaching qualification recognised by Tennis Australia and the Australian Sports Commission

(ii) Has currently updated his/her coaching credentials via ongoing professional development

(iii) Has met legislative requirements for Working With Children Check (or relevant State equivalent)

(iv) Has an updated first aid qualification

Further information on coaches, including a list of certified coaches, can be viewed at [www.tennis.com.au/certification](http://www.tennis.com.au/certification)

**h) Specific Tournament Conditions**

As an entrant into this tournament, I agree to be bound by any additional local rules and regulations that may be included on the entry form or in a general circular to players

**i) Filming / Photography at Tennis Australia Sanctioned Tournaments**

Note that the following restrictions apply to filming or photography by any means, including camera, video camera, mobile phone or other wireless device.

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- i) By virtue of clause 2(c) above, Tennis Australia, the host venue and any third party at the reasonable discretion of Tennis Australia (for example, the relevant Member Association) have the perpetual right to make, show and reproduce still and motion pictures of entrants at Tennis Australia sanctioned tournaments.
- ii) Otherwise, filming or photography of players on court is only permitted where:
  - (i) both players provide their express consent both to the filming/photography and to the purpose for which it is being taken (or, where a player is under 18, their parent or guardian provides express consent). The fact that a player or their parent/guardian does not object to filming or photography is not enough;
  - ii) the tournament host venue provides its express consent to the proposed filming/photography on its premises;
  - (iii) the tournament referee is aware of the proposed filming or photography and retains discretion to require that filming or photography cease (see point (v) below); and
  - (iv) a flash is not used.
- iii) Filming or photography is permitted off court for private and domestic use only. Photographs must not be sold, licensed, published (including electronically) or otherwise commercially exploited.
- iv) Filming and photography are strictly prohibited in restricted areas including change rooms.
- v) At all times, the tournament referee has discretion in relation to all filming and photography. Any person deemed to be acting inappropriately will be asked to cease taking photographs/film, may have their camera/video camera/mobile phone/other device confiscated whilst they are onsite at the tournament or may be asked to leave the tournament venue.

### 8) DEFINITIONS

#### a) Direct Acceptances

Entered athletes accepted directly into the Main Draw by virtue of their Australian Ranking.

#### b) Alternates

Entered athletes ranked lower than the Direct Acceptances by virtue of their Australian Ranking or temporary Australian Ranking. Players listed as alternates may move in as Direct Acceptances prior to conduct of the draw. Remaining Alternates must personally sign-in with the Tournament Director at the tournament site before the designated sign-in closing time in order for possible inclusion in to the draw.

#### c) Qualifiers

Athletes who are included in the main draw as a result of their success in the qualifying competition.

#### d) Lucky Losers

Athletes who have lost in the final round of the qualifying competition and if more Lucky Losers are required for substitutions, those athletes who have lost in the previous qualifying round(s). Refer to 17(e) for lucky loser procedures.

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### 9) ENTRY PROCEDURES / DOUBLES ENTRY / REFUNDS

#### a) Entry

- i) Entry into any Optus Junior Tour tournaments is open to athletes of any nationality. However, only Australian citizens or permanent Australian residents are eligible for an Australian Ranking.
- ii) An athlete must be equal to or under the age of the event on the last day of the month of which the tournament is completed in. (e.g. If athletes want to compete in a 16/U tournament that finishes on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2010, then an athlete must be 16 years or younger as of 30<sup>th</sup> September 2010).
- iii) Athletes will only be permitted to compete in one age group (12/u, 14/u, 16/u or 18/u) within the same Optus Junior Tour tournament. Athletes must play in the same age group for singles and doubles.
- iv) Online entry is available via the Tennis Australia website in conjunction with Active Network.
- v) All Optus Junior Tour tournament entries close between 14 – 21 days prior to the first day of the tournament. National Junior Championships (Platinum) close no later than 28 days prior to the first day of the tournament.
- vi) When entering a tournament please refer to the 'Entry Contact' column on the Australian Ranking Tournament calendar. Entry forms are available by contacting the host Member (State) Association.

#### b) Entering two tournaments at the same time

Athletes are not permitted to enter two Australian Ranking tournaments at a time when some or all of the dates overlap. This rule will only be relaxed in the following circumstances –

- When an athlete enters a tournament with restricted draw sizes (as athletes are not guaranteed a place). In this circumstance, it is the responsibility of the athlete to advise the Tournament Director that their entry into the AR event is subject to them not obtaining a place in the restricted draw size tournament. Tournament Directors, in this circumstance, are asked to, but are not compelled to accept these entries.
- With approval from Tennis Australia, tournaments which overlap have the right to apply to have players accepted into both tournaments provided that athletes withdraw appropriately from one event. It is the athlete's responsibility to comply with the overlapping tournament rule. If athletes fail to follow the correct withdrawal procedure or are found to have played in both tournaments, the provisions of the Code of Behavior will apply in addition to the non application of AR points for the highest ranking tournament.

Any athlete not providing proper notice of their withdrawal from an event where they have entered two events that overlap may be withdrawn from the higher ranked tournament at the sole discretion of Tennis Australia. Tennis Australia will make this decision in consultation with the affected tournament.

### c) Doubles Entry

- i) All doubles team entries must be received by the tournament director before the entry closing date or advertised sign-in time.
- ii) Both athletes must nominate their partner during the entry or sign-in process for the entry to be accepted.
- iii) If entering a doubles event, athletes must enter in the same age group as their singles event.
- iv) It is the athlete's responsibility to contact the tournament if they want to confirm their doubles partner or believe a mistake has been made prior to the draw being published.
- v) If an athlete has entered a doubles event without a partner, the procedure for pairing these athletes will be as follows:
  - Paired up with the next highest ranked athlete without a partner.
  - Once all ranked athletes have been allocated a partner, any remaining unranked athletes will be paired by random draw.
  - The pairing of unallocated partners will only be undertaken once and will not be redone if any athlete withdraws from the event.

### d) Entry Fee Refunds

Entry refunds will be processed by tournaments based on the following sliding scale:

- i) Any medically or non-medically supported withdrawals before the 14-day withdrawal deadline will be issued a full refund of their entry fee, less an administration fee of \$5.00.
- ii) Any medically supported withdrawals after the 14-day withdrawal deadline, but before the release of the draw will be issued a refund of 75% of their entry fee.
- iii) Any medically supported withdrawals after the release of the draw will be issued a refund of 50% of their entry fee.
- iv) Any non-medically supported withdrawals after the 14-day withdrawal deadline, but before the release of the draw will be issued a refund of 50% of their entry fee.
- v) Any non-medically supported withdrawals after the release of the draw will not be issued a refund of their entry fee.
- vi) Any player who is found to have entered two tournaments without approval will not have entry fee refunded.

All withdrawals must be submitted by the athlete in writing. Tournaments need not issue a refund if the withdrawal procedure is not followed. Refer to point 21.

A withdrawal is medically supported if recommended, in writing, by the athlete's medical practitioner.

Refunds, less a \$5.00 administration fee must be issued if a tournament is cancelled (due to weather or other extenuating reasons) before the completion of an athlete's first match within that tournament.

### **10) SYSTEM OF MERIT FOR SINGLES**

In determining acceptances of athletes for the singles main draw and singles qualifying draws, tournaments must use the following criteria;

#### **a) Australian Ranking**

In a situation where two or more athletes are ranked equally, acceptance will be based on total singles points. If two or more athletes are still equal, the following will apply:

- i) The athlete with the most total singles points, and if still tied, then,
- ii) The highest number of points from one singles tournament, then, if needed, the second highest, and so on, and if still tied, then
- iii) Drawn by lot by the Tournament Referee

#### **b) Athletes without an Australian Ranking**

Athletes who do not possess an Australian Ranking shall be positioned at the bottom of the acceptance list.

### **11) SYSTEM OF MERIT DOUBLES**

In determining acceptances of athletes for the doubles main draw, teams must be selected in accordance with their latest Australian Ranking at the time the draw is made. The order of priority for doubles is the following:

#### **a) Priority**

Athletes will be ranked in the following order:

- i) Both athletes ranked, in order of their Combined Australian Ranking
- ii) One ranked and one unranked athlete, in order of ranking of the one ranked athlete
- iii) Two athletes, both without an Australian Ranking to be determine by random draw

If two or more teams are tied within any of these combinations, the order shall be given to the team with the strongest individual Australian Ranking. If still tied, refer to 10(a).

### **12) DRAW FORMATS**

#### **a) Eight (8) or less athletes**

##### **i) Round-Robin**

For Australian Ranking purposes, tournaments will need to specify the identity of athletes coming 1st & 2nd as only these athletes will receive points at 50% of the advertised level.

If any match is stopped and not completed for reason of injury, etc, the full score shall be recorded. Example: Player A leads Player B by 6-1 2-0 when Player B is injured and retires. Player A's victory shall be recorded as 6-1 6-0. If a match is a walkover the score shall be recorded as 6-0 6-0.

It is at the tournament's discretion as to how the Round Robin competition will be played. However, tournaments must use the following rule when determining places in the round robin pool.

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If two athletes win an equal number of matches, the head-to-head result between the athletes shall decide the winner or standing.

If three or more athletes win an equal number of matches, the following procedure must be used:

- The percentage of sets won of sets played against all athletes in the pool shall decide the winner.
- If percentage of sets won is equal, the percentage of games won of games played against all athletes in the pool shall decide the winner.

When three or more athletes are tied, head-to-head must never be used to determine the positions in the group.

### ii) **Standard Option**

Tournaments must use the 'First Match' consolation draw type. This will feed in losing athletes from the 1st or 2nd Round into the consolation depending on when they played their first match. This option will involve fewer matches than the round-robin option, but if tournaments want to provide more matches for athletes, then the option of round-robins is available without the event losing its Australian Ranking point status.

### b) **9 – 15 athletes (inclusive)**

Tournaments must use the 'First Match' consolation draw type. This will feed in losing athletes from the Round of 16 or QF into the consolation depending on when they played their first match. \*\*Please note a draw with 9 athletes will receive 50% of the advertised AR points. Draws with 10-15 athletes will receive 75% of the advertised AR points.

### c) **16 athletes**

Tournaments must use the 'First Round' consolation draw type. This will feed in losing athletes from the Round of 16 into the consolation.

### d) **17 – 32 athletes (inclusive)**

Tournaments must use the 'Elimination' draw type and then choose the "Custom" consolation draw type to feed-in up to and inclusive of the Round of 16

### e) **33-64 athletes (inclusive)**

Tournaments must use the 'Elimination' draw type and then choose the "Custom" consolation draw type to feed-in up to and inclusive of the Round of 16

### f) **65-128 athletes (inclusive)**

Tournaments must use the 'Elimination' draw type and then choose the "Custom" consolation draw type to feed-in up to and inclusive of the Round of 16

### g) **129 + athletes**

Tournaments must use the 'Elimination' draw type and then choose the "Custom" consolation draw type to feed-in up to and inclusive of the Round of 16

### **Doubles Events Only**

It is optional for Optus Junior Tour tournaments to run a feed-in/consolation event for doubles. However, there will be no AR points awarded for doubles feed-in/consolation events. If tournaments decide to hold a doubles consolation, the draw must only include teams losing in the first round of the main draw and be played using the Pro-set (first to 8) match format.

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### 13) CONSOLATION EVENTS

Participation in Feed-In/Consolation Singles matches is compulsory as a condition of entry for Optus Junior Tour tournaments.

### 14) COMPOSITION OF DRAWS (RESTRICTED DRAW SIZE EVENTS ONLY)

#### a) Singles

DRAW SIZE	16	24	32	48	64	96	128
Wildcards*	2	2	4	6	8	8	8
Qualifiers*	4	4	4	4	8	8	8
Direct Acceptances	10	18	24	38	48	80	112

\*If wildcards are not used and/or qualifying not held, positions will revert to Direct Acceptances. Wildcards are determined by either National or Member Association selectors.

#### b) Doubles

DRAW SIZE	8	16	24	32	48	64
Wildcards*	1	2	2	4	6	8
Direct Acceptances	7	14	22	28	42	56

\*If wildcards are not used and/or qualifying not held, positions will revert to Direct Acceptances. Wildcards are determined by either National or Member Association selectors.

### 15) GROUPING

#### a) Same State Athletes

When two or more athletes from the same state travel to compete in a tournament in a different state, these athletes should, where possible, be separated in the singles draw from competing against each other in the first round. This can be achieved via the separation function in TP.

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### 16) SEEDING

#### a) Number of Seeds

Depending on the draw size, tournaments will have the following number of seeds:

<b>DRAW SIZE</b>	<b>NO. of SEEDS</b>
<u>128/96/64/48</u>	<u>16</u>
<u>32/24</u>	<u>8</u>
<u>16</u>	<u>4</u>
<u>8</u>	<u>2</u>

Please note that wildcards may be seeded, and all seedings will not be official until the draw is officially released.

#### b) Singles

- i) All OJT's must draw up an event list (from total acceptances) based on the most up-to-date Australian Rankings. This is needed in order to accurately draft the seeding list. Each OJT tournament must provide their relevant Member Association and Tennis Australia with an electronic copy of this event list with each athlete's most up-to-date ranking. Tennis Australia will provide an acceptance list template for tournaments to use to accurately search each athlete's most up to date ranking. At the completion of the event the MA / tournament must send this list along with the TP file to Tennis Australia.
- ii) Seedings for all 12s, 14s, 16s & 18s National Championships will be prepared by Tennis Australia, and will be drafted in direct alignment with the official Australian Rankings available at the time (notwithstanding point (iv) below).
- iii) Seedings for all Optus Junior Tour tournaments must be prepared at the state level, by the authorised seeding authority in the relevant Member Association. The seeds must be drafted in direct alignment with the most up-to-date Australian Rankings (notwithstanding point (iv) below);
- iv) Alterations may be considered in extenuating circumstances, including, but not limited to:
  - An athlete recovering from injury/illness, with a current low AR;
  - An athlete who has been playing internationally, with a low AR;
  - A 'known performer' who the Tournament Director/Selectors recognise must be seeded in the best interests of the event;
  - An overseas athlete/s has entered the event and it is known that the athlete is of a comparable standard of a seeded athlete and it would be a mistake not to seed them.

### c) **Doubles**

Doubles seedings will be prepared in line with the combined Australian Ranking of the two athletes in each pairing, notwithstanding the below.

If, in the opinion of the Tennis Australia/Seeding Committee a team is worthy of being seeded, the team's seeding shall be based on the following criteria:

(i) A team comprising of an athlete(s) recovering from illness/injury, with a current low AR,

(ii) A team comprising of an athlete(s) who have been playing internationally, with a current low AR,

(iii) A team comprising of a 'known performer(s)' who the selectors recognise must be seeded compared to the rest of the competing field.

## 17) MAKING THE DRAW

Following is the draw procedure whether using TP software or conducting a manual draw:

The Tennis Australia approved tournament software will automate the draw according to the following rules. In the case where a draw is undertaken without the tournament software (i.e. computer malfunction), the following procedure will apply:

### a) **Approval**

The draw will not be official and must not be published unless approved by the Tournament Referee.

### b) **Time**

Draws and the first day's match schedule for Optus Junior Tour tournaments must be published no earlier than seven (7) days prior to the first day of the main draw and no later than three (3) days prior to the first day of the main draw.

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### c) Placing of Seeds

Seeds shall be placed or drawn as follows:

- i) Place Seed 1 on Line 1 and Seed 2 on Line 16 (16 draw), 32 (24/32 draw), 64 (48/64 draw) or Line 128 (96/128 draw).
- ii) To determine the placement of the remaining seeds, draw in pairs of two (Seeds 3 and 4) and groups of four (Seeds 5 – 8, 9 – 12, 13 – 16) from top to bottom as follows:

	16 Draw (4 seeds)	24/32 Draw (8 seeds)	48/64 Draw (16 seeds)	96/128 Draw (16 seeds)
<b>Seeds 3, 4</b>	5	9	17	33
	12	24	48	96
<b>Seeds 5, 6, 7, 8</b>		8	16	32
		16	32	64
		17	33	65
		25	49	97
<b>Seeds 9, 10, 11, 12</b>			9	17
			25	49
			40	80
			56	112
<b>Seeds 13, 14, 15, 16</b>			8	16
			24	48
			41	81
			57	113

### d) Byes

If there are not enough athletes to fill the Main Draw, then after the seeds are placed in the draw, the required number of byes shall be awarded to the highest seeds as a first priority and any remaining byes shall be drawn by lot in a manner so as to distribute them as evenly as possible throughout the sections of the draw.

### e) Qualifiers / Lucky Losers (restricted draw size events and where qualifying has taken place)

At the conclusion of the qualifying competition, the successful qualifiers will be drawn by lot for their places in the Main Draw. There shall be no prior designation of which qualifying section applies to which qualifying place in the Main Draw. Likewise, when more than one Lucky Loser is to be inserted into the Main Draw, their positions shall be drawn.

The order of ranked losers of the final round of qualifying shall be randomly drawn, thereafter the order of the unranked losers of the final round of qualifying shall be drawn. If additional lucky losers are needed, the losers of the previous round(s) of qualifying shall be selected in the same manner.

Lucky Losers must be present and sign-in with the Referee at least thirty (30) minutes before the scheduled commencement of the first match.

If the qualifying event is not completed at the time of the draw, then the places for the qualifiers shall be designated as "Qualifier" with their identity to be determined by draw at the conclusion of the qualifying event. The Lucky Losers shall be drawn together with the Qualifiers.

**f) Remaining Athletes**

After the seeds and the byes are placed in the draw as above provided, then the remaining athletes shall be drawn by lot to determine in which places they are to be entered into the draw.

**g) Special Rules for the Qualifying Draw (Restricted draw size events only)**

**Making a Qualifying Draw**

**i) Sections**

The qualifying draw shall be made in sections, with one section for each place allotted in the main Draw. Each Section shall have two (2) seeded players.

**ii) Placing seeds/Method of draw**

The first seed shall be placed at the top of the section, the second seed shall be placed at the top of the second section and so on until all sections have one (1) seed on the top line.

The remaining seeds shall be drawn as a group. The first drawn shall be placed on the bottom line of the second section and so on until all sections have one (1) seed on the bottom line.

If there are not a sufficient number of seeded players to fill all the positions for seeds in the draw, the section(s) with the highest seeds shall not have a second seeded player

**iii) Byes**

If there are not enough players to fill the qualifying draw, then after the seeds are placed in the draw, the required number of byes shall be awarded to the highest seeds as a first priority and any remaining byes shall be drawn in a manner so as to distribute them as evenly as possible throughout the sections of the draw.

**iv) Remaining players**

The remaining unseeded players shall be randomly drawn and placed in the vacant places in the draw beginning at the top of the draw.

**h) Redraws**

A complete redraw will only take place in the event of an administration error or in the best interest of the tournament with the approval of the Tournament Referee.

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### i) **Withdrawal and Replacement of Seeds (singles procedure)**

#### i) **Main Draw Singles – OJT Platinum**

Any vacancy created by the withdrawal of a seed prior to **5pm on the day before** the start of play of the event shall be filled as follows:

- If the withdrawal is among seeds 1 to 4, the 5<sup>th</sup> seed is moved into the open position and the 5<sup>th</sup> position shall be filled by the next highest ranked athlete eligible to be seeded.
- If the withdrawal is among seeds 5 to 8 (32draw) or 5 to 16 (48-128 draw), the open position shall be filled by the next highest ranked athlete eligible to be seeded.
- The position vacated by that next highest ranked player shall then be filled by:
  - The next athlete on the original acceptance list or a "Bye" if no eligible athletes are available when there is no qualifying competition held.  
OR.
  - Eligible Lucky Loser if qualifying competition is held.
- Seed withdrawals after **5pm on the day before** the start of play, the open position shall be filled by:
  - The next athlete on the original acceptance list or a "Bye" if no eligible athletes are available when there is no qualifying competition held.  
OR.
  - Eligible Lucky Loser if qualifying competition is held.

#### ii) **Main Draw Singles – OJT Gold and below**

Any vacancy created by the withdrawal of a seed prior to **5pm two days before** the start of play of the event shall be filled as follows:

- If the withdrawal is among seeds 1 to 4, the 5<sup>th</sup> seed is moved into the open position and the 5<sup>th</sup> position shall be filled by the next highest ranked athlete eligible to be seeded.
- If the withdrawal is among seeds 5 to 8 (32draw) or 5 to 16 (48-128 draw), the open position shall be filled by the next highest ranked athlete eligible to be seeded.
- The position vacated by that next highest ranked player shall then be filled by:
  - The next athlete on the original acceptance list or a "Bye" if no eligible athletes are available when there is no qualifying competition held.  
OR.
  - Eligible Lucky Loser if qualifying competition is held.
- Seed withdrawals after **5pm two days** before the start of play, the open position shall be filled by:
  - The next athlete on the original acceptance list or a "Bye" if no eligible athletes are available when there is no qualifying competition held.  
OR.
  - Eligible Lucky Loser if qualifying competition is held.

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- NOTE - Draws with 2 seeds (8 draw) and 4 seeds (16 draw), the open position shall be filled by the next highest ranked athlete eligible to be seeded.

### iii) **Qualifying Singles Draw – OJT Platinum**

Any vacancy created by the withdrawal of a seed prior to 5pm **on the day before** the start of play of the qualifying event shall be filled by the next highest ranked athlete eligible to be seeded. The position vacated by the next highest ranked athlete shall then be filled by the eligible Alternate or a 'bye' if no eligible athletes are available.

Any vacancy created by the withdrawal of a seed which occurs after 5pm the day before shall be filled by eligible Alternate or a 'bye' if no eligible athletes are available.

### iv) **Qualifying Singles Draw - OJT Gold and below**

Any vacancy created by the withdrawal of a seed prior to 5pm **on two days before** the start of play of the qualifying event shall be filled by the next highest ranked athlete eligible to be seeded. The position vacated by the next highest rank athlete shall then be filled by the eligible Alternate or a 'bye' if no eligible athletes are available.

Any vacancy created by the withdrawal of a seed which occurs after 5pm two days before shall be filled by eligible Alternate or a 'bye' if no eligible athletes are available.

## j) **Withdrawal and Replacement of Seeds (doubles procedure)**

### i) **Main Draw Doubles – OJT Platinum**

Any vacancy created by the withdrawal of a seed prior to the release of order of play for the first day of the doubles competition:

- If the withdrawal is among seeds 1 to 4, the 5<sup>th</sup> seed is moved into the open position and the 5<sup>th</sup> seed position shall be filled by the next highest ranked team to be seeded.
- If the withdrawal is among seeds 5 to 8, next highest ranked team to be seeded move into the open position.
- The position vacated by that next highest ranked team shall then be filled by the next team on the acceptance list (first alternate) or a 'bye' if no alternates are available.

If a seed withdrawals after release of order of play, the open vacant position shall be filled by the next team as outlined in Rule 19 (g) or a 'bye' if no substitutes exist.

### ii) **Main Draw Doubles – OJT Gold and below**

Any vacancy created by the withdrawal of a seed prior to 5pm two days before the commencement of doubles competition:

- If the withdrawal is among seeds 1 to 4, the 5<sup>th</sup> seed is moved into the open position and the 5<sup>th</sup> seed position shall be filled by the next highest ranked team to be seeded.
- If the withdrawal is among seeds 5 to 8, next highest ranked team to be seeded move into the open position.
- The position vacated by that next highest ranked team shall then be filled by the next team on the acceptance list (first alternate) or a 'bye' if no alternates are available.

If a seed withdrawals after 5pm two days before the commencement of doubles competition, the open vacant position shall be filled by the next team as outlined in Rule 19 (g) or a 'bye' if no substitutes exist.

### 18) SCHEDULING / ATHLETE'S REST / SUSPENSION OF PLAY

#### a) Scheduling

- i) Tournaments must make every effort to be time efficient with regards to scheduling, thereby limiting the amount of waiting time that athletes/families incur at each event. This includes –
  - Accurate scheduling;
  - Appropriate match formats for the number of entries received;
  - Communication of scheduling and of any scheduling changes;
  - Sensible and timely announcements in the event of rain or heat delays;
  - Updating of match schedules and draws as frequently as possible and if applicable a text messaging service;
  - Timely advice to athletes with regard to withdrawals, no-shows etc;
- ii) Except when weather or other unavoidable circumstances causes schedule disruption, athletes shall be scheduled (based on entering one singles and one doubles event) for a maximum of six tiebreak sets of singles matches and four sets of doubles matches per day. Athletes entering more than two events may be required to play more than the recommended number of sets per day.
- iii) If playing singles and doubles on the same day, singles matches must be played each day prior to doubles matches. This requirement can be relaxed by the referee if it is in the best interests of effective scheduling.
- iv) Every evening, the schedule for the following day's play must be published on the Internet and displayed at the venues being used for the tournament. Tournament Director's must ensure that the updated draws and times are published on the Internet before leaving the venue.

#### b) Rest Breaks

- i) The following are the mandatory rest periods between matches –
  - Matches lasting less than 2 hours = ½ hour rest
  - Matches lasting more than 2 hours = 1 hour rest
  - Matches lasting more than 3 hours = 1½ hour rest

Under no circumstances are athletes to be forced to play inside their allocated rest period.

- ii) The referee must provide a minimum of 12 hours rest between matches played on consecutive days.

### c) Suspension & Postponement of Play

The referee may suspend a match temporarily due to failing light or conditions of the court, weather or other safety issues. The referee shall be the sole authority as to when play shall be resumed, which may be the next day. Until a match is postponed by the referee, the athletes and officials must remain ready to resume the match.

Upon suspension of a match, the tournament desk shall record the time, point, game and set score, and the name of the server, the sides on which each athlete was situated and shall collect the balls in use for the match. If suspension is due to darkness it should occur after an even number of games have been played in the set in progress or at the end of a set. There shall be five (5) minutes of warm-up before a match. In the case of a suspended or postponed match, the period of warm-up shall be as follows:

- 0 -15 minutes delay = no warm-up
- More than 15 minutes, but less than 30 minutes = 3 minutes of warm-up
- 30 or more minutes of delay = 5 minutes of warm-up

### d) Tournament Extension

If because of inclement weather, a Tournament cannot be completed within the advertised dates, then, at the option of the Tournament Director and with the agreement of all parties involved in the match(es), one (1) extra day shall be allowed. The Tournament Director in consultation with the Referee shall approve the commencement times for matches on the extra day. No further extension of the Tournament shall be permitted without the approval of Tennis Australia and the relevant Member Association.

## 19) WITHDRAWAL / RETIREMENTS / NO SHOWS / DOUBLES SUBSTITUTIONS

### a) Withdrawal Deadline and Withdrawal Procedures

- i) The withdrawal deadline from an Optus Junior Tour tournament is 5pm 10 or 14 days prior to the commencement of the event depending on the relevant entry deadline.
- ii) Athletes who withdraw after the withdrawal deadline will be penalised under the Tennis Australia Code of Behavior, except –
  - In those cases where a medical certificate is produced prior to the conclusion of the tournament;
  - Where another reasonable cause is provided to the Referee for non-participation.
- iii) Withdrawal notification must be in writing (e-mail, fax and post, not via SMS) and submitted to the Tournament Director or Referee immediately and prior to the match being called. Evidence in support of the withdrawal (i.e. medical certificate) must be submitted to the Tournament Director prior to the conclusion of the tournament.
- iv) Athletes are advised to keep a copy of any withdrawal made. It is responsibility of the athlete to ensure that the withdrawal has been received. It is an athlete's responsibility to be aware of the correct withdrawal procedures.
- v) A code violation will be issued if a withdrawal is not approved by the tournament referee or where the supporting documentation is not received within the timeframe.
- vi) Athletes who withdraw on-site for non-medical reasons are subject to penalty unless the withdrawal is approved as having occurred in extenuating circumstances by the Referee (and recorded as such).

vii) OJT's with a tournament appointed on-site Doctor / PHCP

An athlete who withdraws or retires from one event can play in other events on the same day with medical clearance and with the approval of the Tournament Referee.

OJT's without a tournament appointed on-site Doctor / PHCP

An athlete who withdraws or retires from one event can play in other events on the next day with medical clearance and with the approval of the Tournament Referee and is automatically withdrawn from other events on the same day.

**b) Retirements / On-site Medical Withdrawal Procedures**

- i) Athletes who are obviously injured or ill during a match, and need to retire from that or any subsequent match, must be recorded as retirements and are not subject to penalty. This is recorded as 'retirement due to illness/injury'; and no medical certificate would be required.
- ii) On-site medical problem prior to the beginning of matches. This is recorded as 'walkover due to injury/illness'; and a medical certificate would be required at the discretion of the Referee.

**c) No Show Procedures**

- i) Any athlete not ready to play within fifteen (15) minutes after his/her match is called shall be defaulted unless the Referee in their sole discretion, after consideration of all relevant circumstances, elects not to declare a default.
- ii) An athlete who does not appear for a scheduled match will be defaulted from that match.  
This is recorded as '*no show*'  
For doubles it is essential to accurately record the actual athlete that does not appear, as the innocent partner will not receive demerit points. Also it is necessary to complete this within the code violation function within TP.
- iii) An athlete who is defaulted under the "no show" provisions of the code of behavior may be permitted to play in subsequent events at the discretion of the Referee. Situations where this may be applicable include (but are not limited to)
  - Family Grievances
  - Entry and Performance at a Pro Tour
  - Late arrival due to transport difficulties
  - Incorrect reading of the time schedule
  - Attending the wrong venue

The athlete must make contact with the Tournament Director or Referee within one (1) hour of the scheduled match time on the day of the "no-show" in order to be permitted to play other events. For the purposes of these rules feed-in/consolation events are considered as separate from the Main Draw. All other athletes with "no-shows" must be taken out of other events.

**d) Vacancies & Substitutions – Singles (Platinum OJT only)**

Vacancies in the draw shall be filled with substitutes in accordance with the following:

**i) From the Entry Deadline to the commencement of qualifying:**

Vacancies in the Main Draw/qualifying shall be filled by entered athletes in accordance with the original acceptance list.

**ii) After the commencement of Qualifying**

- Vacancies in the main draw may only be filled by Lucky Losers.
- Vacancies in the qualifying draw shall be filled by an eligible alternate in accordance with the original acceptance list who signed-in 30 minutes prior to commence of play.

**iii) Events without qualifying:**

Vacancies in the Main Draw shall be filled by entered athletes in accordance with the original acceptance list.

**e) Sign-in requirements for Singles Substitutions**

Sign-in for Lucky Losers must close thirty (30) minutes before the scheduled commencement of the relevant first round match.

**f) Withdrawal from OJT due to Pro Tour**

- i) If an athlete withdraws or retires due to a medical condition at an Australian Pro Tour, they will be ineligible to compete at an OJT within that tournament week.

**g) Doubles Withdrawals & Substitutions**

Doubles substitutions are permitted under the following conditions –

- i) The withdrawing athlete must provide to the tournament referee written notice of their withdrawal before the substitute athlete can play. The withdrawing athlete may be subject to penalty pursuant to the Tennis Australia Events Code of Behavior. If supporting documentation (i.e. medical certificate) is not received prior to the conclusion of the tournament. Note - it is the remaining athlete's responsibility to find a replacement.
- ii) The substitute athlete must be an athlete not already entered in the doubles event in question, or someone whose partner also withdrew from the event. If neither of the athletes finds replacement partners, the athletes will be paired up and a ballot will take place to determine which line the pair will be placed on. A bye will then fill the vacant position. The substitute athlete must be an athlete already entered in the tournament in Singles or Doubles.
- iii) The substitution can only be made before the start of that pair's first doubles match. A walkover in the pair's first match constitutes a match played whereas a 'bye' does not.
- iv) If the remaining athlete chooses not to play doubles, the tournament will refund the full doubles entry fee (less an administration fee of \$5.00).
- v) A completely new pair is not permitted to fill a vacancy.

**In the event of a substitute being found the following rules apply;**

- i) If the original pair is seeded the only substitution that can take place is one where the new pair must have a lower combined Australian Ranking than the seeded pair above them. They may however be weaker, in which case they will still be placed in the same seeded position even though there may now be a higher ranked pair below them.
- ii) If the original pair is not seeded the only substitution that can take place is one where the new pair must have a combined ranking less than the ranking of the lowest seeded pair.
- iii) Any such substitutions must be approved by the Tournament Referee. Any substitution will then be altered on the draw following this approval and published as soon as possible.
- iv) Any changes are subject to the provisions contained in clause 19 (j) replacement of seeds which will take precedent.

### **20) DRESS AND EQUIPMENT**

All athletes competing in an Optus Junior Tour tournament agree to comply with the Tennis Australia Dress and Equipment Regulations. Where athletes fail to do so, referees and court officials will be directed to apply code violations without warning.

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## 21) AUSTRALIAN RANKING POINTS – OJT ALLOCATION

### a) 12 & Under Tournaments

<b>platinum</b> Australian Championships Nationals - Summer, Autumn & Winter	COMPASS DRAW - SINGLES														MAIN DRAW - DOUBLES (each player)			
	Winner	Finalist	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11 - 17	18	19 - 20	21 - 36	Winner	Finalist	Semi Finalist	Quarter Finalist
	50	35	28.50	22	20	19	18	16	13	11	10	5	3.60	2.40	12.50	8.75	5.50	4
30	21	18.50	16	14	13	12	10	8	7	6	3	2.25	1.50	7.50	5.25	4	2.50	

The Optus Junior Tour Platinum Series is the National Junior Championships conducted by Tennis Australia. There will be four held during the year in the 12/u age group. The Summer Nationals (held on natural grass in Mildura in February), the Autumn Nationals (held on clay in Ipswich in April) and the Winter Nationals (held on Plexicushion in Brisbane in July) are a tier below the Australian Championships held on Plexicushion at Melbourne Park in December. These tournaments are important as participation and certain results at these events will help athletes towards satisfying the eligibility criteria for a National Academy scholarship.

In order to provide more quality matchplay opportunities, each Platinum series tournament in the 12/u age group will be played using the compass draw format. This draw type guarantees each athlete a minimum of four singles matches. However, athletes advancing to the quarter-finals of the main draw will be required to play an additional three matches to determine who has finished in places 1 to 8. The four platinum series tournaments will cater for 64 athletes in the main draw.

<b>gold series</b>	MAIN DRAW - SINGLES										CONSOLATION - SINGLES				MAIN DRAW - DOUBLES (each player)			
	Winner	Finalist	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	Round of 16	Round of 32	Winner	Finalist	Semi Finalist	Quarter Finalist	Winner	Finalist	Semi Finalist	Quarter Finalist
	16	11	9	6	5.50	5	4.50	4	2	0.50	3.50	3	2.50	2	4	2.75	1.50	1

The Optus Junior Tour Gold Series is a new series of tennis tournaments held within Australia, replacing the Level 11 points tier, but incorporating many of the same premier tournaments in each state. It is the second highest tier of tournaments after the Optus National Junior Championships. The series includes 20 tournaments and will feature a new format of play that will allow athletes to play more quality match opportunities. The new format will require athletes advancing to the quarter-finals of the main draw to play an additional three matches to determine who has finished in places 1 to 8. The compulsory consolation format will also be improved, feeding in athletes losing between the first round and Round of 16 (inclusive).

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## 12 & Under Tournaments (cont.)

	MAIN DRAW - SINGLES						CONSOLATION - SINGLES				MAIN DRAW - DOUBLES (each player)			
	Winner	Finalist	Semi Finalist	Quarter Finalist	Round of 16	Round of 32	Winner	Finalist	Semi Finalist	Quarter Finalist	Winner	Finalist	Semi Finalist	Quarter Finalist
<b>silver series</b>	12	8	4	2	1	0.25	1.75	1.50	1.25	1	3	2	1	0.50
<b>bronze series</b>	8	5	2	1	0.5	0.10	0.90	0.80	0.70	0.50	2	1	1	0.25
<b>white series</b>	5	3	1	0.50	0.25	0.05	0.45	0.40	0.35	0.25	1	1	0.25	0.13



The Optus Junior Tour Silver, Bronze and White Series is a new series of tennis tournaments held within Australia, replacing the Level 12, 13 and 14 points tier in the 12/u age group, but incorporating many of the same tournaments in each state. It is the next tier of tournaments after the Optus National Junior Championships and Gold Series events. The series includes a total of 135 tournaments and will feature a new compulsory consolation format, feeding in athletes losing between the first round and Round of 16 (inclusive) and resulting in more quality match opportunities.

## b) 14 & Under Tournaments

	COMPASS DRAW - SINGLES														MAIN DRAW - DOUBLES (each player)			
	Winner	Finalist	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11 - 17	18	19 - 20	21 - 36	Winner	Finalist	Semi Finalist	Quarter Finalist
<b>platinum</b> <i>Australian Championships</i>	90	60	52.50	45	41	36	33	30	24	21	18	9	6.76	4.50	22.50	15	11.25	7.50
<i>Nationals - Summer, Autumn &amp; Winter</i>	70	49	42	35	32	28	26	22	18	15	12	6	3.75	2.50	17.50	12.25	8.75	5.50

The Optus Junior Tour Platinum Series is the National Junior Championships conducted by Tennis Australia. There will be four held during the year in the 14/u age group. The Summer Nationals (held on natural grass in Mildura in February), the Autumn Nationals (held on clay in Ipswich in April) and the Winter Nationals (held on Plexicushion in Brisbane in July) are a tier below the Australian Championships held on Plexicushion at Melbourne Park in December. These tournaments are important as participation and certain results at these events will help athletes towards satisfying the eligibility criteria for a National Academy scholarship.

In order to provide more quality matchplay opportunities, each Platinum series tournament in the 14/u age group will be played using the compass draw format. This draw type guarantees each athlete a minimum of four singles matches. However, athletes advancing to the quarter-finals of the main draw will be required to play an additional three matches to determine who has finished in places 1 to 8. The Optus 14s Summer, Autumn and Winter Nationals will cater for 64 athletes in the main draw. The Optus 14s Australian Championships will also cater for 64 athletes in the main draw, but will also feature qualifying for 32 athletes.

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## 14 & Under Tournaments (cont.)

	MAIN DRAW - SINGLES										CONSOLATION - SINGLES				MAIN DRAW - DOUBLES (each player)			
	Winner	Finalist	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	Round of 16	Round of 32	Winner	Finalist	Semi Finalist	Quarter Finalist	Winner	Finalist	Semi Finalist	Quarter Finalist
<b>gold series</b>	24	17	15	12	11	10	9	8	4	1	7	6	5	4	6	4.25	3	2

The Optus Junior Tour Gold Series is a new series of tennis tournaments held within Australia, replacing the Level 9 points tier, but incorporating many of the same premier tournaments in each state. It is the second highest tier of tournaments after the Optus National Junior Championships. The series includes 20 tournaments and will feature a new format of play that will allow athletes to play more quality match opportunities. The new format will require athletes advancing to the quarter-finals of the main draw to play an additional three matches to determine who has finished in places 1 to 8. The compulsory consolation format will also be improved, feeding in athletes losing between the first round and Round of 16 (inclusive).

	MAIN DRAW - SINGLES						CONSOLATION - SINGLES				MAIN DRAW - DOUBLES (each player)			
	Winner	Finalist	Semi Finalist	Quarter Finalist	Round of 16	Round of 32	Winner	Finalist	Semi Finalist	Quarter Finalist	Winner	Finalist	Semi Finalist	Quarter Finalist
<b>silver series</b>	20	14	9	6	3	0.75	5.25	4.50	3.75	3	5	3.50	2.25	1.50
<b>bronze series</b>	16	11	6	4	2	0.50	3.50	3	2.50	2	4	2.75	1.50	1
<b>white series</b>	12	8	4	2	1	0.25	1.75	1.50	1.25	1	3	2	1	0.50



The Optus Junior Tour Silver, Bronze and White Series is a new series of tennis tournaments held within Australia, replacing the Level 10, 11, 12 points tier in the 14/u age group, but incorporating many of the same tournaments in each state. It is the next tier of tournaments after the Optus National Junior Championships and Gold Series events. The series includes a total of 134 tournaments and will feature a new compulsory consolation format, feeding in athletes losing between the first round and Round of 16 (inclusive) and resulting in more quality match opportunities.

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## c) 16 & Under Tournaments

platinum Australian Championships Autumn Nationals	MAIN DRAW - SINGLES										QUALIFYING - SINGLES			CONSOLATION - SINGLES				MAIN DRAW - DOUBLES (each player)			
	Winner	Finalist	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	Round of 16	Round of 32	Q3	Q2	Q1	Winner	Finalist	Semi Finalist	Quarter Finalist	Winner	Finalist	Semi Finalist	Quarter Finalist
	300	225	187.50	150	135	122	109	90	60	20	10	5	0	70	67	64	60	75	56.25	37.50	22.50
180	135	112.50	90	81	73	66	60	45	15	7.50	3.75	0	55	52	49	45	45	33.75	22.50	15	

\*Please note – Athletes gaining direct acceptance into the main draw (by ranking or wildcard), but losing in the Round of 32 will still be awarded AR points.

The Optus Junior Tour Platinum Series is the National Junior Championships conducted by Tennis Australia. There will be two held during the year in the 16/u age group, the Australian Championships on Plexicushion at Melbourne Park in December and the Autumn Nationals on clay in Ipswich in April. These tournaments are important as participation and certain results at these events will help athletes towards satisfying the eligibility criteria for a National Academy scholarship. The Optus 16s Australian Singles Champions will also be rewarded with a main draw wildcard into the following years Australian Open Junior Championships.

In order to provide more quality matchplay opportunities, athletes advancing to the quarter-finals of the main draw will be required to play an additional three matches to determine who has finished in places 1 to 8. The Optus 16s Australian Championships will cater for 64 athletes in the qualifying and 32 athletes in the main draw. The Optus 16s Autumn Nationals will cater for 32 athletes in the qualifying and 32 athletes in the main draw.

gold series	MAIN DRAW - SINGLES										CONSOLATION - SINGLES				MAIN DRAW - DOUBLES (each player)			
	Winner	Finalist	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	Round of 16	Round of 32	Winner	Finalist	Semi Finalist	Quarter Finalist	Winner	Finalist	Semi Finalist	Quarter Finalist
	30	21	18.50	16	14	12	11	10	6	2	8	7	6.50	6	7.50	5.25	4	2.50

The Optus Junior Tour Gold Series is a new series of tennis tournaments held within Australia, replacing the Level 8 points tier, but incorporating many of the same premier tournaments in each state. It is the second highest tier of tournaments after the Optus National Junior Championships. The series includes 20 tournaments and will feature a new format of play that will allow athletes to play more quality match opportunities. The new format will require athletes advancing to the quarter-finals of the main draw to play an additional three matches to determine who has finished in places 1 to 8. The compulsory consolation format will also be improved, feeding in athletes losing between the first round and Round of 16 (inclusive).

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## 16 & Under Tournaments (Cont.)

	MAIN DRAW - SINGLES						CONSOLATION - SINGLES				MAIN DRAW - DOUBLES (each player)			
	Winner	Finalist	Semi Finalist	Quarter Finalist	Round of 16	Round of 32	Winner	Finalist	Semi Finalist	Quarter Finalist	Winner	Finalist	Semi Finalist	Quarter Finalist
<b>silver series</b>	24	17	12	8	4	1	7	6	5	4	6	4.25	3	2
<b>bronze series</b>	20	14	9	6	3	0.75	5.25	4.50	3.75	3	5	3.50	2.25	1.50
<b>white series</b>	16	11	6	4	2	0.50	3.50	3	2.50	2	4	2.75	1.50	1



The Optus Junior Tour Silver, Bronze and White Series is a new series of tennis tournaments held within Australia, replacing the Level 9, 10 and 11 points tier in the 16/u age group, but incorporating many of the same tournaments in each state. It is the next tier of tournaments after the Optus National Junior Championships and Gold Series events. The series includes a total of 137 tournaments and will feature a new compulsory consolation format, feeding in athletes losing between the first round and Round of 16 (inclusive) and resulting in more quality match opportunities.

## d) 18 & Under Tournaments

	MAIN DRAW - SINGLES						QUALIFYING - SINGLES			MAIN DRAW - DOUBLES (each player)			
	Winner	Finalist	Semi Finalist	Quarter Finalist	Finish 3rd in RR	Finish 4th in RR	Q3	Q2	Q1	Winner	Finalist	Semi Finalist	Quarter Finalist
<b>platinum</b> Australian Championships	450	300	240	180	90	45	22.50	11.25	0	112.50	75	60	45

\*Please note – Athletes finishing fourth in their round-robin group without having won a match will still be awarded AR points.

The Optus Junior Tour Platinum tournament in the 18/u age group is the Optus 18s Australian Championships conducted by Tennis Australia on Plexicushion at Melbourne Park in December. 16 athletes are placed into four round-robin groups, with the top two from each group advancing to the knockout quarter-final stage. 16 athletes are accepted into qualifying for the event, with two advancing to the main draw. This tournament is important as participation at this event will help athletes towards satisfying the eligibility criteria for a National Academy scholarship. The Optus 18s Australian Singles Champions will also be rewarded with a wildcard into the following years Australian Open Men's or Women's Qualifying.

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## 18 & Under Tournaments (Cont.)

	MAIN DRAW - SINGLES						CONSOLATION - SINGLES				MAIN DRAW - DOUBLES (each player)			
	Winner	Finalist	Semi Finalist	Quarter Finalist	Round of 16	Round of 32	Winner	Finalist	Semi Finalist	Quarter Finalist	Winner	Finalist	Semi Finalist	Quarter Finalist
<b>gold series</b>	70	49	35	22	12	4	12	7	5.25	3.50	17.50	12.25	8.75	5.50



The Optus Junior Tour Gold Series is a new series of tennis tournaments held within Australia, replacing the Level 6 points tier, but incorporating many of the same premier tournaments in each state. It is the second highest tier of tournaments after the Optus National Junior Championships. 18/u events held under the Optus Junior Tour banner must abide by the new compulsory consolation format, feeding in athletes losing between the first round and Round of 16 (inclusive). 18/u events held within an Australian Money Tournament will offer an optional sign-in consolation for athletes losing in the first two rounds of the main draw.

	MAIN DRAW - SINGLES						CONSOLATION - SINGLES				MAIN DRAW - DOUBLES (each player)			
	Winner	Finalist	Semi Finalist	Quarter Finalist	Round of 16	Round of 32	Winner	Finalist	Semi Finalist	Quarter Finalist	Winner	Finalist	Semi Finalist	Quarter Finalist
<b>silver series</b>	50	35	22	16	9	3	9	5	3.75	2.50	12.50	8.75	5.50	4
<b>bronze series</b>	30	21	16	10	6	2	6	3	2.25	1.50	7.50	5.25	4	2.50
<b>white series</b>	24	17	12	8	4	1	4	2	1.50	1	6	4.25	3	2



The Optus Junior Tour Silver, Bronze and White Series is a new series of tennis tournaments held within Australia, replacing the Level 7, 8 and 9 points tier in the 18/u age group, but incorporating many of the same tournaments in each state. It is the next tier of tournaments after the Optus National Junior Championships and Gold Series events. The series includes a total of 26 tournaments held in conjunction with various Australian Money Tournaments. These 18/u events will offer an optional sign-in consolation for athletes losing in the first two rounds of the main draw.

### e) Defaults/Withdrawals

- i) A match won by "No-show" or "walkover" will NOT count as a match won for AR Points or Prize Money unless the athlete has already won a round.
- ii) No AR Points or Prize Money will be awarded to a player or team who withdraws or is a 'no show' without playing their first match.
- iii) Any player who is defaulted shall lose all prize money and points earned for that event at the tournament, unless:
  - The player was defaulted for a violation of the Punctuality or Dress and Equipment sections of the Code of Conduct
  - The player retired as a result of a medical condition
  - A member of a doubles team did not cause any of the misconduct Code Violations that resulted in the team being defaulted.
- iv) A singles player or doubles team withdrawing from the semi-finals onwards will receive Australian Ranking Points and prize money applicable to the previous round reached.

## 22) TOILET BREAKS / CHANGE OF ATTIRE

An athlete is allowed to request permission to leave the court for a reasonable time for a toilet break / change of attire break (women's matches). Toilet breaks should be taken on a set break and can be used for no other purpose. Change of attire breaks (women's) must be taken on a set break.

### a) Number and Nature of Breaks Allowed

In men's singles matches, an athlete is entitled to one (1) breaks during a best of three (3) set match. In women's singles matches, an athlete is entitled to two (2) break during a best of three (3) set match.

In doubles matches, each team is entitled to a total of two (2) breaks. If partners leave the court together, it counts as one (1) of the team's authorized breaks.

Any time an athlete leaves the court for a toilet or change of attire break, it is considered one of the authorised breaks regardless of whether or not their opponent has left the court.

### b) Timing of Breaks

An athlete may not take a toilet break/change of attire break and a Medical Time-out consecutively, unless approved by the Referee. A player may change her attire during a toilet break.

Any toilet break taken after a warm-up has started is considered one of the authorized breaks. Additional toilet breaks will be authorised but will be penalised in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule if the athlete is not ready to play within the allowed time.

### c) Denial of a request

The Referee shall have the authority to deny an athlete permission to leave the court during a match for a toilet and/or change of attire break if it is interpreted by the Referee as gamesmanship and/or flagrant abuse of the rules.

## 23) MEDICAL

The below procedures are only relevant to OJT's that have appointed an on-site Doctor / PHCP.

### a) Priority of Care / Availability of PHCP or Doctor

The priority of care for a Primary Health Care Provider (PHCP) at a tournament is as follows:

1. Court Calls
2. Athletes preparing for matches (singles athletes have priority over doubles athletes)
3. Athletes still in the tournament and preparing for practice
4. Athletes still in the tournament, but who is not playing or practising that day
5. Athletes eliminated from the tournament

If a PHCP is on-site during a tournament, they will only be present one (1) hour before matches begin and until a maximum of one (1) hour after the completion of matches.

### b) Medical Condition

A medical condition is a medical illness or a musculoskeletal injury that warrants medical evaluation and/or medical treatment by the Primary Health Care Provider (PHCP) during the warm-up or the match.

#### Treatable Medical Conditions

- i) Acute medical condition: the sudden development of a medical illness or musculoskeletal injury during the warm-up or the match that requires immediate medical attention.
- ii) Non-acute medical condition: a medical illness or musculoskeletal injury that develops or is aggravated during the warm-up or the match and requires medical attention at the changeover or set break.

#### Non-Treatable Medical Conditions

- iii) Any medical condition that cannot be treated appropriately, or that will not be improved by available medical treatment within the time allowed.
- iv) Any medical condition (inclusive of symptoms) that has not developed or has not been aggravated during the warm-up or the match.
- v) General athlete fatigue.
- vi) Any medical condition requiring injections, intravenous infusions or oxygen, except for diabetes, for which prior medical certification has been obtained, and for which subcutaneous injections of insulin may be administered.

### c) Medical Evaluation

During the warm-up or the match, an athlete may request through the Referee/Chair Umpire/Court Supervisor for the Doctor/Primary Health Care Provider to evaluate him/her during the next change over or set break. Only in the case that an athlete develops an acute medical condition that necessitates an immediate stop in play may the athlete request through the Referee/Chair Umpire/Court Supervisor for the Doctor/Primary Health Care Provider to evaluate him/her immediately.

The purpose of the medical evaluation is to determine if the player has developed a treatable medical condition and, if so, to determine when medical treatment is warranted. Such evaluation should be performed within a reasonable length of time, balancing player safety on the one hand, and continues play on the other hand.

At the discretion of the Doctor/ Primary Health Care Provider, such evaluation may be performed in conjunction with the Tournament Doctor, and may be performed off-court.

If the Doctor/ Primary Health Care Provider determines that the player has a non-treatable medical condition, then the player will be advised that no medical treatment will be allowed.

### d) Medical Time-Out

- i) A Medical Time-Out is allowed by the Tournament Referee / Chair Umpire/Court Supervisor when the Doctor/Primary Health Care Provider has evaluated the athlete and has determined that additional time for medical treatment is required. The Medical Time-Out takes place during a changeover or set break, unless the Doctor/Primary Health Care Provider determines that the athlete has developed an acute medical condition that requires immediate medical treatment.
- ii) The Medical Time-Out begins when the Doctor/Primary Health Care Provider is ready to start treatment. At the discretion of the Doctor/Primary Health Care Provider, treatment during a Medical Time-Out may take place off-court.
- iii) The Medical Time-Out is limited to three (3) minutes of treatment. However, this can be extended at the Tournament Referees discretion.
- iv) An athlete is allowed one (1) Medical Time-Out for each distinct treatable medical condition. All clinical manifestations of heat illness shall be considered as one (1) treatable medical condition. All treatable musculoskeletal injuries that manifest as part of a kinetic chain continuum shall be considered as one (1) treatable medical condition.
- v) Muscle Cramping: A player may receive treatment for muscle cramping only during the time allotted for change of ends and/or set breaks. Players may not receive a Medical Time-Out for muscle cramping.

In cases where there is doubt about whether the player suffers from an acute medical condition, non –acute medical condition inclusive of muscle cramping , or non-treatable medical condition, the decision of the Doctor/Primary Health Care Provider, if appropriate , is final. If the Doctor/Primary Health Care Provider trainer believes that the player has heat illness, and if muscle cramping is one of the manifestation of heat illness, then the muscle cramping may be treated as part of the recommended treatment by the Doctor/Primary Health Care Provider for the heat illness condition.

#### Note:

A player who has stopped play by claiming an acute medical condition, but is determined by the Doctor/Primary Health Care Provider to have muscle cramping, shall be ordered by the Chair Umpires to resume play immediately.

If the player cannot continue playing due to severe muscle cramping, as determined by the Doctor/Primary Health Care Provider he/she may forfeit the points(s)/game(s) needed to get to a change of end or set break in order to receive immediate evaluation, and treatment if time allows. There may be a total of two(2) additional changes of ends treatments for muscle cramping in a match , not necessarily consecutive.

If it is determined by the Chair Umpire or Referee that gamesmanship was involved, then Code Violation for Unsportsmanlike Conduct could be issued

- vi) A total of two (2) consecutive Medical Time-Outs may be allowed by the Tournament Referee or Chair Umpire for the special circumstance in which the Doctor/Primary Health Care Provider determines that the athlete has developed at least two (2) distinct acute and treatable medical conditions. This may include:
  - a medical illness in conjunction with a musculoskeletal injury;
  - two or more acute and distinct musculoskeletal injuries.

In such cases, the Doctor/Primary Health Care Provider will perform a medical evaluation for the two or more treatable medical conditions during a single evaluation, and may then determine that two consecutive Medical Time-Outs are required.

### e) Medical Treatment

An athlete may receive on-court medical treatment and/or supplies from the Doctor/Primary Health Care Provider during any changeover or set break. As a guideline, such medical treatment should be limited to two (2) changeovers/set breaks for each treatable medical condition, before or after a Medical Time-Out, and need not be consecutive. Athletes may not receive medical treatment for non-treatable medical conditions.

### f) Penalty

After completion of a Medical Time-Out or medical treatment, any delay in resumption of play shall be penalized by Code Violations for Delay of Game. Any player abuse of this Medical Rule will be subject to penalty in accordance with the Unsportsmanlike Conduct section of the Code of Conduct.

### g) Bleeding

If a player is bleeding, the Referee/Chair Umpire must stop play as soon as possible, and the Doctor/Primary Health Care Provider should be called to the court for evaluation and treatment. The Doctor/Primary Health Care Provider, will evaluate the source of the bleeding, and will request a Medical Time-Out for treatment if necessary.

If requested by the Doctor/Primary Health Care Provider, the Tournament Referee or Chair Umpire may allow up to a total of five (5) minutes to assure control of the bleeding.

If blood has spilled onto the court or its immediate vicinity, play should not resume until the blood spill has been cleaned appropriately.

### h) Vomiting

If an athlete is vomiting, the Referee/Chair Umpire must stop play if vomit has spilled onto the court, or if the athlete requests medical evaluation. If the athlete requests medical evaluation, then the Doctor/Primary Health Care Provider should determine if the athlete has a treatable medical condition, and if so, whether the medical condition is acute or non-acute.

If vomit has spilled onto the court, play must not resume until the vomit spill has been cleaned appropriately.

### i) Physical Incapacity

During a match, if there is an emergency medical condition and the athlete involved is unable to make a request for a Doctor/Primary Health Care Provider, the Referee/Chair Umpire/Court Supervisor shall immediately call for the Doctor/Primary Health Care Provider to assist the athlete.

Either before or during a match, if an athlete is considered unable physically to compete, the Doctor/Primary Health Care Provider should inform the Tournament Referee and recommend that the athlete is ruled unable to compete in the match to be played, or retired from the match in progress.

The Tournament Referee shall use great discretion before taking this action and should base the decision on the best interests of the tournament, as well as taking all medical advice and any other information into consideration.

The athlete may subsequently compete in another event at the same tournament on subsequent days if the Doctor/Primary Health Care Provider determines that the athlete's condition has improved to the extent that the athlete may safely physically perform at an appropriate level of play.

## 24) AMENDMENTS

The Optus Junior Tour Procedures and Regulations may only be amended, repealed or otherwise modified, in whole or in part, by Tennis Australia. Tennis Australia reserves the right to review and amend the Optus Junior Tour Procedures and Regulations during the year, including with retrospective effect, where TA in its sole discretion deems the amendments to be in the best interest of the athletes and the Optus Junior Tour. These amendments will published on the Tennis Australia website – [www.tennis.com.au](http://www.tennis.com.au)

### 25) APPENDIX #1 – SPECIAL REGULATIONS FOR NATIONAL JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS (OJT PLATINUM)

Tennis Australian National Junior Championships in the 12s, 14s, 16s and 18s age groups shall follow the regulations as set out in this document in addition to the following. It must be noted that National Junior Championships reserve the right to implement alternative rules.

#### a) Definition – Wild Cards

Athletes included in the draw at the sole discretion of Tennis Australia. Wild Cards may be seeded. Wild Cards must be named at the time the draw is made and Wild Cards who withdraw or default may not be replaced with new Wild Cards after the draw is made. Any such vacancy shall be filled by the next eligible player on the acceptance list, or if the qualifying competition has commenced, it shall be filled by the eligible Lucky Loser, drawn and placed at the same time as the qualifiers. The Qualifying Competition commences when the first ball of the first qualifying match is struck.

No player who has been accepted into the qualifying of the tournament may be named as a Main Draw Wild Card after the Qualifying Competition has commenced.

A tournament may not offer a Wild Card or accept the entry from any player who has either accepted a Wild Card or been committed by an entry to another tournament held on conflicting dates.

#### b) On-Site Alternates

Entered or non-entered athletes who appear at the tournament site to sign-in for the qualifying or main draw competition. Please note that athletes entered into the event will gain priority over non-entered athletes regardless of ranking.

In order to be eligible as an On-Site Alternate, an athlete must personally sign-in with the Tournament Referee at the tournament site no later than thirty (30) minutes prior to the scheduled commencement of the first match for that event.

#### c) Playing 'in age' at National Junior Championships

All athletes must play 'in age' at National Championships (12s, 14s, 16s) when these tournaments are played **concurrently**. Once an athlete wins a National Championship, they can apply to Tennis Australia to play out of age when age group nationals are placed concurrently. This application will be assessed by TA's National Selection Panel.

If National Championships are not played concurrently, athletes can play in older age group championships.

#### d) State separation of seeded athletes

If there are two seeded athletes from the same State/Territory compete in the same National Junior Championship singles event, they shall be drawn into different halves of the draw.

If three or four seeded athletes from the same State/Territory compete in the same National Junior Championship singles event, the first ranked and second ranked athletes shall be drawn as above and the third and fourth ranked athletes drawn into the quarters which do not already contain one of that State/Territory's athletes.

The selection of the top four athletes from any one State/Territory shall be determined by the latest Australian Rankings available, notwithstanding Rule 16 (b) (iv). Any remaining seeded athletes from the State/Territory will be drawn by lot into their respective seeding positions.

### 26) APPENDIX #2 - MATCHES PLAYED WITHOUT A CHAIR UMPIRE

All players should be aware of the following basic principles when playing a match without a Chair Umpire:-

- i) Each player is responsible for all calls on his/her side of the net, however it should be noted that a Court Supervisor or Referee is permitted to reverse an incorrect line call. This reversal may be made by the official located within or outside the court enclosure. On the first occasion where this occurs the point will be replayed (regardless of whether it was point winning shot or not) and for subsequent incorrect calls the player loses the point.
- ii) If in the opinion of the Court Supervisor or Referee an incorrect line call is a deliberately blatant action the offending player will automatically lose the point and may receive a code violation for Unsportsmanlike conduct.
- iii) All "out" or "fault" calls should be made promptly after the ball has bounced and loudly enough for the opponent to hear.
- iv) If in doubt, the player must give the benefit of the doubt to his/her opponent.
- v) If a player incorrectly calls a ball "out" and then realises that the ball was good, the point should be replayed, unless it was a point winning shot or unless that player made an incorrect "out" call earlier in the match. In these circumstances, the player who called "out" loses the point.
- vi) A service "Let" may be called by either player/team.
- vii) Foot faults may only be called by an official standing on court or by a chair umpire. Players may be requested to correct their foot faulting problem by a Referee or Court Supervisor, who will require the player to make an effort during the match to rectify the problem. The receiver may not call a foot fault against the server.
- viii) The receiver must play to the reasonable pace of the server.
- ix) The server should call the score before each 1<sup>st</sup> serve, loudly enough for his/her opponent to hear.
- x) If players cannot agree on the score, they should calmly discuss the points/games that are disputed. All points or games which the players agree on stand and only those in dispute should be replayed i.e. two players cannot agree on whether the score is 40-30 or 30-40 and disagree only on who won the first point in the game. The game shall continue from 30-30, since both players agree that they have won two points each. When the game score is in dispute the same principles applies i.e. two players cannot agree on 4-3 or 3-4, and disagree only on who won the second game. The match shall continue from 3-3, since both players agree that they won three games each. The player who received in the last game that was played will serve in the next game.
- xi) When a player has created an involuntary hindrance (ball falling out of pocket, hat falling off, etc), the first time a "let" should be called and any similar hindrance thereafter will be ruled deliberate.
- xii) Any hindrance caused by a player that is ruled deliberate by the relevant official will result in the loss of a point.
- xiii) Where a ball interrupts play, either by rolling/bouncing onto the court, and/or creating a visible interruption behind the court a let should be played. Either player can call a let in these circumstances provided they do so in a timely manner. Where this is between a 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> serve, a second serve only should be played.
- xiv) In a situation where a ball is lying on the court at the commencement of the point it will be deemed to be part of the court during the rally. Movement of this ball during the rally does not constitute hindrance.

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- xv) Players are entitled to request the opponent to remove the ball from the court prior to the commencement of the point.
- xvi) Players should only leave the court for a toilet break or any other reason with the permission of Referee/ Court Supervisor.
- xvii) If at the completion of a match, the players involved realise that the scoring format used is incorrect, the match result shall stand provided all players have left the court enclosure. If the mistake is realised before the players have left the enclosure, the correct scoring format should be used to finalise the match. If this is not possible (i.e. the match has progressed beyond the point where the correct scoring format can be implemented), then the score based on the incorrect format stands. (Refer to correcting errors in the Rules of Tennis)
- xviii) Where a code violation second offence / Point Penalty is determined by the Referee or Court Supervisor this may be applied at anytime during the specific game where the offence occurs. If the point penalty cannot be issued during the specific game a code violation second offence will still be issued. It should be noted that any code violation second offence between games is deemed to be part of the following game.
- xix) If a player is unhappy with his/her opponent's actions or decisions, he/she should call the Referee (or assistant) immediately. This may include any disputes regarding Lets, Foul Shots or Not Up situations where players cannot reach agreement.

### a) Matches played on Clay Courts

For matches played on clay courts, there are some additional procedures that all players should follow:

- i) A ball mark can only be checked on a point ending shot, or when play is stopped (a return is permitted, but then the player must immediately stop).
- ii) Players are prohibited from checking the mark of the ball on their opponent's side of the court, unless invited by their opponent to do so.
- iii) If a player erases the mark, he/she is conceding the call.
- iv) If there is a disagreement over a ball mark, the Referee (or assistant) can be called to make a final decision.
- v) If a player calls a ball "out", he/she should, in normal circumstances, be able to show the mark.
- vi) If a player incorrectly calls a ball "out" and then realises that the ball was good, the player who called "out" loses the point.

Players who do not fairly follow these procedures could be subject to the Hindrance Rule and the Unsportsmanlike Conduct provision of the Code of Conduct. Any questions on these procedures should be referred to the Referee.

### b) Etiquette

- i) When ball persons are not available, all balls on your side of the net are your responsibility, to pick up and, where appropriate, return directly to the server.

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- ii) The receiver should not return the first service if it is an obvious fault – let it go by or ground it.
- iii) Do not enlist the aid of spectators, including parents, coaches in making line calls, or attempting to determine the score or other on-court matters.
- iv) To avoid controversy over the score, the server should announce the game score before starting a game and the point score prior to serving for each point.
- v) Wait until a point is over before walking behind a court where a match is in progress.
- vi) To retrieve a ball from another court or to return a ball to another court, wait until the players have completed a point.
- vii) Do not stall, sulk, complain or practice gamesmanship.
- viii) Screaming regularly and loudly, whether in relation to winning and/or losing a point is likely to cause interference to play on nearby courts and may be considered unsportsmanlike conduct.
- ix) Overt celebration directed at an opponent may be considered intimidation, and therefore unsportsmanlike conduct.
- x) In doubles, when returning service, the partner of the receiver should generally call the service line for him/her. The receiver should generally call the centre and side service lines. The call needs to be loud enough to stop their opponents/partner playing.

### 27) APPENDIX #3 – DRESS AND EQUIPMENT REGULATIONS

Tennis Australia (TA) recognises the need for various Dress Regulations to be adopted for certain levels of events. The following provisions allow for an appropriate dress standard taking into account both event and player educational needs.

#### a) **Non-Competitive Tennis**

Dress regulations for non-competitive tennis should generally be free of restrictions in an effort to maximise participation at this level.

#### b) **Club and General Tournament Play**

The following conditions may be adopted in whole or in part by the sanctioning body for tournaments, competitions and for general play.

Every competitive player shall dress and present himself/herself for play in clean and customarily acceptable tennis attire. The general appearance of a player is the most important factor at this level, not specific clothing detail.

Coloured recognised tennis type garments and footwear shall be worn, at the discretion of the Referee or controlling body. Clothing items deemed to be "non-tennis articles" such as dress shirts, singlets, football shorts and jumpers, walk shorts, gym shorts and jeans should not be worn by any player while competing in a match. Sleeveless tennis shirts are permitted which are defined as "tennis shirts without sleeves" [i.e. not singlets].

Warm up clothing shall not be worn during the course of a match, except where extreme weather or religious circumstances dictate, at the discretion of the Referee or controlling body.

Suitable footwear for tennis matches shall be worn (depending on the type of surface) at the direction of the Referee (see Page 4, 5).

Players are encouraged to wear headwear, especially at junior events. No writing or logo restrictions apply except where these are obscene or derogatory.

#### c) **AMT & OJT Gold and Below**

##### i) **Caps**

Players are encouraged to wear protective headwear e.g. caps, hats at all events especially junior tournaments. At this level of event these shall be any headwear deemed by the Referee to be appropriate for Tennis. Any writing, logo or design on the headwear must be "tennis specific."

##### ii) **Team or Club Clothing**

Players at these events are permitted to wear any club, team, state or national tennis clothing at the discretion of the Referee provided that any logos comply with the 5 square inch/32.3 square cm size limitations. Clothing which advertises a specific coaching or tennis related business is not permitted except in accordance with the allowable Commercial limitations.

##### iii) **Commercial Standards**

Any Commercial identification on clothing must be no more than 3 square inches or 19.5 square cm in size. A maximum of 2 Commercial logos are allowed.

### iv) Manufacturers Logos

Players are limited to one manufacturer's identification on each sleeve and 2 forms of identification on the front/back of a shirt. They are also permitted 3 manufacturer's identifications on skirts or shorts. The size of these identifications is not limited.

### d) Identification on Clothing & Equipment (AMT & OJT Platinum Only)

#### i) Shirts, Sweaters, Jackets, Warm up tops

- Sleeves

One (1) commercial (non-manufacturer's) identification for each sleeve, neither of which exceeds three (3) square inches (19.5 square cm) plus one (1) manufacturer's identification on each sleeve, neither of which exceed eight (8) square inches (52 square cm) shall be permitted. If written identification is used within this eight (8) square inches (52 square cm) area on either or both sleeves, such written identification may not exceed four (4) square inches (26 square cm) per sleeve.

- Sleeveless

Female: (Excluding sweater & jacket). The two (2) commercial (non-manufacturer's) identifications, permitted on the sleeves above, neither of which shall exceed three (3) square inches (19.5 square cm) in size, may be placed on the front of the garment.

NB: This section also applies when dresses are worn

Male: The two (2) commercial (non-manufacturer's) identifications permitted on the sleeves above, neither of which shall exceed three (3) square inches (19.5cm), may be placed on the front of the garment.

- Front, Back and Collar (including along the seam on the shoulder)

Total of two (2) manufacturer's identifications, neither of which exceeds two (2) square inches (13 square cm) or one (1) manufacturer's identification, which does not exceed four (4) square inches (26 square cm) shall be permitted.

#### ii) Skirts or Shorts

Two (2) manufacturer's identifications, neither of which exceeds two (2) square inches (13 square cm), or one (1) manufacturer's identification which does not exceed four (4) square inches (26 square cm) shall be permitted.

On compression shorts, one (1) manufacturer's identification not to exceed two square inches (13 square cm) and which shall be in addition to the manufacturer's identifications on shorts/skirts shall be permitted.

Note: A dress for the purposes of permissible identification shall be treated as a combination of a skirt and a shirt (dividing dress at waist).

#### iii) Socks/Shoes

Manufacturer's identifications on each sock and on each shoe shall be permitted. The identifications on the sock(s) on each foot shall be limited to a maximum of two (2) square inches (13 square cm).

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### iv) Racquet

Manufacturer's identifications on racquet and strings shall be permitted.

### v) Hat, Headband or Wristband

One (1) manufacturer's identification not to exceed two (2) square inches (13 square cm) shall be permitted.

### vi) Bags, Other Equipment or Paraphernalia

Tennis equipment manufacturer's identifications, on each item plus two (2) separate commercial identifications on one (1) bag, neither of which exceeds four (4) square inches (26 square cm) shall be permitted.

### vii) Warm-up Clothing

Players may wear warm-up clothing during the warm-up and during a match provided it complies with the foregoing provisions and provided further that the players obtain approval of the Referee prior to wearing warm-up clothing during a match.

### viii) Taping

No taping over of logos/patches shall be allowed.

### ix) Team or Club Clothing (OJT Platinum Level Only)

Players at Optus Junior Tour Platinum Tournaments are permitted to wear any club, team, state or national tennis clothing at these events at the discretion of the referee provided that any logos comply with 5 square inch/32.3 square cm size limitations. Clothing which advertises a specific coaching or tennis related business is not permitted except in accordance with the allowable Commercial limitations referred to above.

### e) ITF/ATP/WTA Tournaments

Specific Dress Regulations apply to ITF/ATP/WTA events. When competing at these tournaments players must be aware of the regulations and comply with the strict provisions applied at the events. Details are available via the relevant organisation.

### f) General Definitions – Manufacturer / Commercial Identifications

Note: this applies to clothing worn in the warm-up and during the match.

#### i) **Commercial Identifications**

Corporate or product identification other than the manufacturer of the item.

#### ii) **Club/Team identification**

Clubs are encouraged to introduce team/club identification on players clothing which may exceed standard limitations. This can be placed on any part of a player's shirt, shorts or skirt at most levels.

### iii) Club/Team specific sponsorship

Commercial identification related to specific team or club sponsorship is also permitted on the front or back of clothing at most levels.

### iv) Manufacturers Identification

The tennis clothing manufacturer is the entity that produces tennis clothing or equipment and therefore brands its clothing /equipment with its name or logo.

### v) Size Limitations

The size limitation shall be ascertained by determining the area of the actual patch or other addition to player's clothing without regard to the colour of the same. In determining area, depending on the shape of the patch or other addition, a circle, triangle or rectangle shall be drawn around the same and the size of the patch shall be the area within the circumference of the circle or the perimeter of the triangle or rectangle as the case may be. When a solid colour patch is the same colour as the clothing, then in determining the area, the size of the actual patch shall be based on the size of the identification.

## g) Additional General Provisions

### i) Shoes

Players are required to wear tennis shoes generally accepted as proper tennis attire. Shoes shall not cause damage to the court other than what is expected during the normal course of a match or practice. Damage to a court may be considered as physical or visible, which may include a shoe that leaves mark beyond what is considered acceptable. The Referee has the authority to determine that a shoe not meet these criteria and may order the player to change.

### ii) Grass Court Shoes

At grass court tournaments no grass court shoes other than those with rubber soles, without heels, ribs, studs or coverings, shall be worn by players.

Shoes with pimples or studs around the outside of the toes shall not be permitted. The foxing around the toes must be smooth.

The Referee has the authority to determine that a tennis shoe's sole does not conform to such customs and standards and can prohibit its use at grass court tournaments.

### iii) Clay Court Shoes

Players are required to wear tennis shoes generally accepted for play on clay courts or granular surfaces. The Referee has the authority to determine that a tennis shoe's sole does not conform to such customs and standards and can prohibit its use at clay court tournaments.

Grass court shoes shall not be worn during a match on clay courts.

### iv) Changing

Players who do not comply with the dress regulations must be given the opportunity to change or alter their clothing (particularly before a match starts), prior to any action being taken under the Code of Behaviour. At the discretion of the Referee, a maximum period of 10 minutes may be allowed in order for a player to change attire.

The Referee may require a player to change attire during a match, in particular where there is no Chair Umpire. A direction to improve the players dress before the next tournament day may also be given by the Referee or deputy. Players should not be defaulted from matches due to clothing breaches except in exceptional circumstances but failure to meet dress regulations may be reported to the relevant Member Association via an on-site Code Violation after the completion of the match. Please note this code violation does not apply to the three step match code violation system.

### v) Tournament Conditions

A condition covering permitted clothing must be included in the Tournament or Competition Conditions. Nevertheless, any player in doubt should consult the Referee or controlling body.

### vi) Line Umpires & Ballpersons

- **Line Umpires**

Line Umpires shall not wear clothing that is white, yellow, or light colours that interfere with the vision of the players.

- **Ballpersons**

All ballpersons are to wear appropriate coloured uniforms. White or yellow uniforms are not permitted.

Taking into account tournament environment, appropriate colours and styles should be worn by both umpires and ballpersons.