

# 10-19 years Tennis Competition Procedures

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**NOTE:** This manual is to be read in conjunction with the:

- School Sport Australia policies and guidelines
- Queensland Representative School Sport Leadership handbook



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## Sport Competition Guidelines

### Minimum Venue Standards

The host region venue must comply with audit requirements and:

- complete a procurement process (where required).
- have sufficient and suitable (e.g. cabin/motel style) accommodation within the host town/city to provide places for all visiting parents/supporters competitors/ student officials/team officials
- have access to appropriate transport to/from the host town/city
- have access/proximity to 24 hour medical services ( e.g. hospital, ambulance, dentist, physio)
- The playing venue must be a suitable standard and must comply with the sport specific minimum requirements. Consideration must also be given to factors such as:
  - sufficient number of suitably sized change rooms present
  - spectators must be adequately catered for with suitable viewing, toilet facilities, canteen etc.
  - Competition Area – Field of Play/number of courts or fields required
  - Suitable shade & shelter for hot & wet weather if necessary
  - Access to water
  - Officials' Room with secure area for official's bags
  - Championship working group control room
    - Access to internet
    - Laptop and printer
    - Photocopier
    - Paper
    - General stationery

### First Aid

A minimum of two First Aid Officers/Sports Trainers must be provided each day of competition. Any child treated must be accompanied by a Team Official or parent.

### Spectator's facilities

Ensure there is sufficient shade, seating, toilets facilities, food and drinks vendors.

### Officials

It is preferable that all key officials have a minimum Level accreditation and first aid/CPR. The key officials are (but not limited to):

- Tournament Director
- Technical Convenor
- Chief Referee

Additional officials required (list individually)

Student Officials – insert QRSS 'categories'

### Equipment

- The Host Region must supply all equipment for the safe conduct of the Championships.
- All equipment must comply with sport specific requirements
- Other necessary equipment is:
- Competition Software (if applicable)
- Access Passes (if applicable)

Competition areas must be checked each day for potential hazards and steps must be taken to rectify or make safe these potential hazards.



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- Venue
- Dates
- Pre-championship meeting date and venue
- Participating regions
- Team size
- Competition working group contact details
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- Sports medicine arrangements
- Opening ceremony information
- Closing ceremony information

- Photo graph cost
- Canteen arrangements
- State nomination details

### Bulletin 2

- Confirmation of previous bulletin information
- Draw
- Photo Schedule

Additional information required for the tournament

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## Special Guest for Opening ceremony

- Education Minister, Sport Minister
- Director Teaching and Learning
- Local Government representative
- Department of Education
- QRSS Board
- State Organisation
- Event sponsors

## Ceremonies

Opening Ceremony

Closing Ceremony

Invitation to the following:

- Host Region officials
- Key Event Officials
- Team Officials
- Sponsor representative
- State Sporting Organisation Representative

## Meetings

Pre-Championship Meeting

Selection Meetings

Post-Championship Meeting (if applicable)

A pre-championship meeting, chaired by the host RSSO / Asst. RSSO, in conjunction with the QRSS-SE member in attendance shall be convened for the purpose of discussing the conduct of the championships. The convenor may also be involved in the hosting of the meeting.

Regional team lists are to be confirmed at the pre-championship meeting. No changes are to occur after the list is confirmed.



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A post-championship meeting may be convened and from this meeting recommendations may be put forward for consideration by the QRSS-SE. If recommendations are endorsed by regional delegates, these must then be submitted to the QRSS-MC for approval.

All regional officials must attend all meetings and official functions as organised by the championship convenor and/or the QRSS-SE. This would include any Professional development opportunities as organised by the QRSS-SE.

### Pre Championship Meeting agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Team officials' registrations
3. Student protection
4. Project Consent
5. Reporting injuries
6. Concussion
7. Game time consideration
8. State Team selection
9. Communication lines
10. Championship working group items
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### Duration and Draws

Duration of championships are to be scheduled to use no more than two school days for competition. Where this cannot occur, the Host Region will communicate with the QRSS – RC and QRSS for approval and endorsement.

Such issues may include:

- availability of venues,
- number of games played per day etc

At each State Championship for team sports, the draw must ensure that all teams play on each day of the event.

At each State Championship a Queensland team may be selected and named (as a travelling or merit team). No other teams are to be named.

The sport specific competition procedures outline the draws and round robin matches to be played for various formats.



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### 10-19 years Tennis competition information

<p>Queensland Representative School Sport trials and championships shall be conducted according to the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Tennis Australia Competitive Play junior rules and scoring</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Tennis Australia regulations</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">School Sport Australia Rules and Guidelines</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">QRSS Leadership Handbook</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">QRSS Risk assessment handbook</a></li> </ul>	
Age groups offered	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10-12 years Boys &amp; Girls – State Championship/SSA National Championship</li> <li>• 13-19 years Boys &amp; Girls – State Championship/SSA National Championship</li> </ul>
Event Officials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tennis Queensland <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 1 Lead referee</li> <li>○ 2 court supervisors</li> <li>○ Tournament Director</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Convenor</li> <li>• Sport Executive member</li> <li>• First Aid Official</li> </ul>
Additional teams (if required)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Where an additional team is required, the process outlined in the Leadership handbook will be used to determine this team/s.</li> </ul>
Sporting Organisation Support (if required)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tennis Queensland referee and court supervisor support</li> <li>• Tennis Queensland Tournament Planner and League Manager support</li> <li>• Tennis Queensland to provide an additional coach to travel with the 10-12 years and 13-19 years team to the National Championships.</li> </ul>
State Championship Team Officials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Team officials — At the State Championships each regional team may have a minimum of 2 officials per team.</li> <li>• Coaches and assistants of the playing teams will be restricted to court time allocation to speak to students.</li> <li>• All officials entering the field of play must be in the program and be registered teacher or authorised personnel.</li> </ul>
Umpires/Referees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tennis Queensland <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 1 Lead referee</li> <li>○ 2 court supervisors</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Appointment of Queensland Team Officials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A coach and/or manager will be appointed by QRSS to travel with the teams to the National Championships.</li> <li>• Tennis Queensland to provide an additional coach to travel with the 10-12 years and 13-19 years team to the National Championships with travel/accommodation budgeted into the player levy subject to an agreement between QRSS and Tennis Queensland. Meals and allowances provided by Tennis Queensland.</li> </ul> <p>Requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Coach is required to hold tennis coaching accreditation (beyond Level 0/Orientation Level) from a recognised training body.</li> <li>• At least the coach or manager must have Senior First Aid qualifications (or equivalent).</li> </ul>
Appointment of Selectors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The chair of the 10-19years Tennis executive who is not a Queensland official (or other member of the executive should the chair be unavailable).</li> <li>• The two (2) Queensland Team Managers.</li> <li>• Two (2) regional officials appointed at the pre-championship meeting. Nominations for these two positions will be called for prior to the state</li> </ul>



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	<p>championship. If there are no applicants, nominations will be called for from the floor at the pre-championship meeting. One male and one female selector must be appointed and manage teams of that gender where possible.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Where required, an additional Executive member may be required for consultation.</li> <li>• A regional official shall only nominate to be a selector of the gender in which s/he is an official.</li> <li>• Nomination forms for selectors will be emailed to all Regional School Sport Officers who will distribute to their team officials prior to the state championships. The nomination forms should be returned to the Tennis Sport Executive secretary prior to the pre-championship briefing.</li> <li>• If there are more nominations than the required number of positions, a secret ballot will take place at the pre-championship briefing. Selectors will be announced at the pre-championship briefing.</li> </ul>
Announcement of the state team	<p>The state team must be named at the State Championship in accordance with the QRSS-SE selection policy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A panel of selectors will be appointed to ensure a transparent, fair and equitable selection process has occurred at the trial/event.</li> </ul>
Minimum Venue Standard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For State Championships, a minimum of 16 courts are required. This can be across more than 1 venue and can consist of hard, clay or grass court facilities.</li> </ul>
10-12 years replacement players	<p>Replacement for Regional Team Members (prior to the State Championships)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The first option for the replacement of a regional team member will be from the same region as the student who is withdrawing.</li> <li>• The host region of the championship will be given the next opportunity to provide a replacement player (who has attended a regional trial).</li> <li>• If the host region is unable to provide a replacement player, all other sport regions will be contacted to provide a replacement player (who has attended a regional trial).</li> <li>• Replacement players will play under the same conditions as all other players in the championship and are eligible to qualify for the QRSS 10-12 years Tennis team to attend the Bruce Cup.</li> </ul> <p>Where a replacement player is not available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In the singles draw, a bye will occur where the absent player would have been positioned as per the conditions described below. The vacant position will automatically be awarded 48th place.</li> <li>• In the Fast Four Teams event (doubles), the remaining players in the regional team will be required to play in modified pairings as described below.</li> </ul>
13-19 years replacement players	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If a region is unable to field a complete team before the championships begin, a substitute player will be supplied at the discretion of the match committee. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ If the host region is unable to supply a substitute player the match committee may approach another region to supply a substitute player.</li> <li>○ All games contributed by the substitute player will be counted.</li> <li>○ The substitute player must have participated at the regional trials.</li> <li>○ The substitute player will be subject to the approval of the match committee.</li> <li>○ The substitute player will be included in the singles draw and be eligible for selection in the Queensland team.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If a player due to illness or injury is unable to take his or her place in a team's event during the championships, a substitute taken from the host region may be used. If the host region is unable to supply a substitute player the match committee may approach another region to supply a substitute player.</li> <li>• The substitute player will be subject to the approval of the match committee in consultation with the host region. All games contributed by the substitute player will be counted.</li> <li>• If a player is injured in a team's event during the carnival the substitute player is slotted into a position comparable to their playing order within the team.</li> <li>• A player once substituted cannot continue within the singles event or return to take part in the team event.</li> </ul>
Participation expectations – sport specific	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All players attending QRSS 10-19 Tennis must have a competitive play profile with Tennis Queensland (with a UTR and Tennis ID fully activated) through an online application process to link the Member ID and a UTR.</li> <li>• Students must be 12 years and under in the year of competition and a minimum of 10 years of age in the year of competition.</li> <li>• Students must not turn 19 years of age on or before the last day of the month of the National Pizzey Cup championships during the year of play.</li> </ul>
Playing uniform	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Districts and Regions will wear their allocated school sport uniform to all events unless otherwise informed.</li> <li>• The QRSS Team will wear the QRSS tennis playing uniform on court and the travel uniform to and from the event as well as during the opening, closing ceremonies and education experience.</li> </ul>
Draw	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The 10-19 years draws will be developed in consultation with Tennis Queensland.</li> </ul>
Match equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Australian Competitive Play Junior Events must use tennis balls that are Tennis Australia approved.</li> <li>• The Host region will order balls through Tennis Australia.</li> </ul>
Team Size	<p>The number of players selected in the Queensland Team shall be determined by School Sport Australia.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10-12 years attending the Bruce Cup – 14 players (7 boys and 7 girls) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The six (6) highest ranked boys and the six (6) highest ranked girls at the conclusion of the state championship will qualify for the QRSS 10-12 years Tennis team.</li> <li>○ The seventh and final position for both boys and girls will be determined by the selection committee – see above.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• 13-19 years attending the Pizzey Cup – 16 players (8 boys and 8 girls) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The eight (8) highest placed boys and the eight (8) highest placed girls at the conclusion of the state championship will qualify for the QRSS 13-19 years Tennis team.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
First Aid	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">See page 65 of the Junior play regulations</a></li> </ul>
Spectator's facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spectators are to remain outside the fence of each court and not interfere with officials and the games.</li> <li>• Court supervisors and the referee will inform parents if they need to be removed from courts in consultation with the convenor.</li> </ul>
Trophies and presentations	<p>Trophies and Awards – the following awards will be made at the closing ceremony:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RG Campbell – Perpetual Trophy for Winning Boys Team</li> <li>• AJ Cook – Perpetual Trophy for Winning Girls Team</li> <li>• Champion boy, Champion girl, and Runners-up (boy &amp; girl)</li> <li>• Overall winning region shield</li> </ul>





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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Winning girls region – first, second and third place</li> <li>• Winning boys region – first, second and third place</li> <li>• The regional winner of 10-12 years The Nev Cooke Fair Play Trophy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The Nev Cooke Fair Play Trophy will be voted on by all attending regions. Each region will be given a daily envelope containing six tickets for the day.</li> <li>○ The manager may award (optional) a ticket to any appropriate player on the court under their supervision.</li> <li>○ The player will be responsible for placing the ticket in the “Nev Cooke Trophy Box” near the Official’s desk.</li> <li>○ Managers will only need to write the selected regions name on the ticket.</li> <li>○ The top three placings of each day will be displayed on the results board.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>The 13-19 years Karyl Young Aggregate Trophy will be decided by adding together the Boys’ and Girls’ placings for each Regional team. The Region with the lowest place score will receive the trophy. In the event of a tie, a mixed doubles combination using a match tiebreak format will decide the winner</p>
Selection of referee/umpires to attend National Championships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This is determined through Tennis Queensland based on availability and location of officials.</li> </ul>
School Based Competitions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For more information regarding <a href="#">School Tennis</a> competitions please go to Tennis Queensland – schools.</li> </ul>
Judiciary	<p>A judiciary will be appointed to oversee all matters relating to the running of the Championship e.g., extreme weather etc “</p> <p>The judiciary will be made up of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A representative from the 10-19 Tennis Executive or nominated delegate.</li> <li>• The Championship convenor</li> <li>• The RSSO</li> <li>• The Referee when required e.g., in the event of extreme weather, code violations etc.</li> </ul>

## Championship Rules and Guidelines

### 10-12 Years Rules

- The championships are to be conducted under the International Rules of Tennis, except wherein stated.
- All matches will be played under the Tennis Australia Code of Conduct. A qualified Tennis Australia Referee will be in attendance.
  - The top 16 players in both the boys and girls draw will be seeded based on the most current Universal Tennis Rankings prior to a date determined by the Host Region and the Executive.
  - The 16 seeded players will receive a bye in the first round.
  - The remaining 32 players will be randomly drawn in the first round. Where possible, no player should meet another player from the same region in the first round, however this cannot be guaranteed in further rounds.
- There will be no coaching of players on the court while a match is in progress. Except for Teams Event (Fast 4), where Team official can go onto the court once a match to speak to their players.
- Players shall not enlist the aid of spectators in making line calls.
- Players shall wait until a point is over before walking behind a court where a match is in progress.



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- To retrieve a ball from another court or to return a ball in another court, players shall wait until the players on that court have completed a point.
- Should a ball cross a court while play is in progress and play or players are distracted then the point will be replayed.
- A player shall not leave the court area during a match without the permission of the referee or court supervisor.
- Matches will have adjudicators. If players are in disagreement, they should approach the court supervisor and request the Referee to attend.
- The Referee shall make decisions relating to “Point of Law”. They cannot decide on a line call.
- Court Supervisors are attending manager/coaches of teams. Court Supervisors can only go on court in the company of a Referee. The only exception to this is in the case of injury by either player.
- Court Supervisors should refrain from talking to the players without the Referee being present.
- Players shall be required to wear regional uniform whilst competing.
- Adjudication process: regional managers are to provide adjudicators for their assigned courts. No player from the same region is to adjudicate their own regional player’s match. Players are to call their own lines, for example, in or out at their own end. If a player disagrees when they call the ball in or out, they are to ask the adjudicator for clarification. The adjudicator will then call the ball in or out as they see it. The adjudicator is to call the score loudly and clearly after every point and record the score on the scorecard provided. If players are still in disagreement, they should approach the court supervisor and request the referee to attend.

### Individual Event Structure

- The State Championships will comprise of a main draw (Section A), and a feed-in draw (Section B) with provision for players, upon elimination from the feed-in draw, to take part in further matches (Section C), so as to determine a ranking for all competing players. The Queensland Team will consist of fourteen (14) players.
- A Regional Teams Competition will exist within this format. The Teams Competition will have three winners, a boys’ team winner, a girls’ team winner and an overall team winner.
- Winners of the Regional Teams Competition shall be decided by the final positions of each player.
- Positional placings will be totalled for all team members, and the team with the lowest total will be declared the winning team in each of the three categories.
- If there is a tie on the totalled score between two teams, joint winners will be declared.
- If all matches have been abandoned and are not played, then the competition shall be struck out for that year.
- Section A and B matches will be the best of two tie-break sets. A standard tiebreak game first to seven (7) points with a two (2) point advantage will be played if the score reaches six games all. If the score is one set each, then a super tie-break set will be played to decide the winner (first to 10 points with a 2 point advantage).
- Section C Matches will be 2 short sets (Tie breaker at 3 games all or 4 games all?) Tie breaker first to 5 points.

### “Fast 4” Teams Event

- Regional Teams will be placed into 4 pools of 3 teams (seeded results from previous years results). Matches will consist of two “Fast 4” sets. A set is complete once a team reaches 4 games. A Fast 4 tie break is played when the score reaches 3 games all.
- Play Lets: Service lets will be played, meaning a serve that touches the net, strap or band is in play. If the ball then lands in the correct box, play will continue. In this case either player on the receiving team can return the ball, for example, the ball hits the net cord and drops over the net, the non-receiver can move across and return the serve.
- No-Ad Scoring: If both players/teams have won 3 points each, the score is deuce, and a deciding point shall be played. In mixed doubles the female serves to the female and the male serves to the male.



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- Fast 4 Tie=break at 3 games all: In a tie-break the team who wins 5 points shall win the set. (Sudden death at 4 points all)
- The serving order in a tie-break shall be as follows. Teams alternate serving every 2 points, starting on the right-hand side of the court with the player whose turn it was to serve at the start of the tie-break (Player A) to serve two (2) points. The opposing player (Player B) will then serve the next two (2) points. Players change ends after 4 points. Player A's partner will then serve the next 2 points. Player B's partner will then serve the next 2 points. If the score reaches 4 all, then Player B's partner will serve the final point of the tie-break (the last player will serve 3 points in a row). Players do not change ends.
- Breaks: Players should be ready to play within 60 seconds of the previous game's completion. Players are not permitted to sit down at the change of ends during a set.
- Pairs will be named in order of ability at the Pre-Carnival Meeting. with the strongest pair playing as number 1 pair to the weakest pair being number 4. Pairs will play the opponents' same numbered pair.
- After the first round of matches, regions can change pairings (must be done through Championship convenor), but they must continue to play in order of ability from 1-4. From then on, the pairings will remain the same for all future matches
- If a team does not have the full number of players available, they will be required to forfeit any matches where they do not have the correct player pairings and the score will be recorded as 4-0, 4-0 to the opposing team. Where possible, an exhibition match should still be played to ensure full participation of the opposing team members.
- At the completion of each rubber, managers will record scores on the sheet supplied with both pairs checking and signing that the score written is correct.
- Placings will be decided on total rubbers won. If rubbers are equal, then the highest number of sets will win. If rubbers and sets are equal, then the highest number of games will win. If rubbers, sets and games are equal then the winner will be decided by the head-to-head match between the two teams. If they are still equal, then teams will choose one boy and one girl to play a short tie-break (the boy and girl need not have played together previously)
- "Fast 4" matches will have no adjudicators.

### Seed replacement procedures

- If a seeded player withdraws 7 days or more before the commencement of the championship, then a complete redraw will occur.
- A complete redraw will only take place within 7 days of the commencement of the championship if there is an administration error or if it is in the best interest of the championship as determined by the committee executive in consultation with the tournament director.
- If a seeded player withdraws within 7 days of the commencement of the championship, the seed replacement procedure below should be followed. This must occur before the start of the first round match.
- If the withdrawal is among seeds 1 to 4, the 5th seed is moved up. The first 4 seeds are then placed in the draw according to Tennis Australia tournament rules and regulations. The 9th seed is moved into the 5th position and the 17th seed is moved into the 9th position. The replacement player will fill the vacancy left by the 17th player or a bye will occur if there is no replacement player.
- If the withdrawal is among seeds 5 to 8, the 9th seed is moved into the open position and the 17th seed is moved into the 9th position. The replacement player will fill the vacancy left by the 17th player or a bye will occur if there is no replacement player.
- If the withdrawal is among seeds 9 to 16, the 17th seed is moved into the open position. The replacement player will fill the vacancy left by the 17th player or a bye will occur if there is no replacement player.



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#### Teams Event

- Four players per team are required for each teams' event match. Players are to be ranked (one to four) for singles play. This is the published order. Each team must play in this order unless a change is made at the meeting prior to the commencement of the tournament. If a team plays out of order, the games won by the most successful player will be forfeited.
- Play will commence at the advertised time each day unless advised by the Tournament Director.
- Each match will consist of six sets – four singles and two doubles (played first). If circumstances prevent the doubles being played first, the order of matches may be changed with the approval of both managers or the referee or tournament director. Sets are first to six games with a set tiebreak (first to seven with a two point advantage) at five games all. A 'second deuce, short deuce' is played in both singles and doubles in teams' events. Doubles combinations must be declared prior to the commencement of the play and retained for that match. The no.1 ranked singles player must play in the no.1 doubles combination. Combinations may be changed for subsequent matches.
- Matches will be decided on the most games won. Where games are level, sets will be considered. In round robin matches, if games and sets are equal then the match will be deemed a draw. In the event of a draw between two teams on the ladder, the winner will be determined by who won the match in the preliminary round. In the event of a draw in the preliminary round, a Bob Campbell shoot out will determine placings (each team will select a doubles pairing and play a set tie break).
- Points will be awarded as follows:
  - Win - 3 points
  - Draw - 2 points
  - Loss - 1 point
- Where possible, two courts and four new balls are allocated for all teams' matches.
- Where wet weather causes interruption to matches, no points will be allocated for a round unless all matches are able to obtain a result.
- In the event of a championship fielding an uneven number of teams, finals format for the final three places will be altered at the discretion of the match committee to accommodate participation by all players on the final days play.
- During an injury time out any two managers may go on court to assist the trainer and referee in deciding the next appropriate course of action.
- A team official may provide coaching assistance to players once through the match (of teams events) to their player/players.

#### Singles events

- Seedings for the individual draw of the State Championships will be determined according to Australian Ranking Regulations used by Tennis Queensland.  
[www.tennis.com.au/tournaments/regulations](http://www.tennis.com.au/tournaments/regulations).
- Singles Championship events consist of the Main Draw and a Consolation Draw.
- Singles main draw Championship matches will consist of two tie break sets. A set tie break (first to seven with an advantage of two) to operate at six games all, and a match tiebreak (first to ten with an advantage of two) to be played if a third set is necessary.
- The Consolation Draw will comprise of two 'Short Sets' (first to four, or if 3-3, first to 5. If 4-4, first to 7 tie break). If a set all, a Match Tie break will be played to decide the match.
- Matches may be played under lights where required.
- Any player who withdraws from a match may only continue play in other events after a written medical clearance has been provided.
- The Match Committee's decision is final. All disputes must be in writing and lodged with the tournament director by the completion of the day's play. Disputes will be dealt with by the match committee. Where a member of the committee is involved in the dispute, the Tournament Director will appoint a replacement.



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### General competition rules

- Players are to abide by the “*Code of Behaviour*” as set down by Tennis Australia. Such abuse of this code may disqualify any player from subsequent Queensland team selection.
- If required, a judiciary including, but not limited to, an Executive Member, Championship Convenor, host RSSO and QRSS officer can deal with QRSS Code of Conduct issues.
- Players involved in non-umpired matches should abide by the TA guidelines (<https://www.tennis.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/Procedures-for-Matches-played-without-a-Chair-Umpire-V19.3.pdf>)
- Players should ensure that the scorecard is kept up to date during the match. Both players should check the card constantly to verify the accuracy of the score.
- 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.
- In the event of inclement weather or other issues which may prevent the completion of events in the format previously outlined, the Match Committee may use the following guidelines to best complete the scheduled matches to benefit of both the selection of the Queensland Team and player equity.
  - Extend the duration of the day, subject to Tennis Queensland Competition guidelines. This may include starting earlier, and/or finishing later.
  - Reduce the match duration of the Singles Championship and Consolation using the following. Championship Main Draw – 2 short sets and a match tie break decider, and Consolation – one set, first to 6.
  - In extreme conditions, further measures may be taken including further reducing match duration and/or cancelling aspects of the singles or Teams event.
  - Every effort will be made to maximise students’ opportunities for performance.

## Draft Draws

The draft draw each year will be developed in collaboration with Tennis Queensland through Tournament Planner.

## Selection process and criteria

### Process

#### Prior to the Championship

1. Queensland Representative School Sport advertises for Team Official positions.
2. Successful applicants must complete the mandatory training prior to the State Championship.
3. QRSS will communicate the Chair of Selectors to each region.
4. Region will send the final team lists to the Chair of Selectors.

## Sport Specific Selection Processes

A student must participate at the Queensland State Championships to be considered for selection except in the event of an exemption form which must be received by Host RSSO before the State Championships pre carnival meeting.

### 10-12 years

The criterion for selection shall be performance and conduct of the students at the Queensland State Championships. The Queensland State Championships result in a rank order of all participants from 1 – 48.



## Queensland Representative School Sport

The final position may be filled by:

- The 7th ranked player at the conclusion of the state championship.
- A student who has applied for an exemption prior to the state championship.
- When considering the final position in the team, the selection panel may seek additional information from tennis.
- In the event of unforeseen interruptions to the match schedule, the judiciary may opt to shorten or cancel matches. All matches within the round must be completed under the same conditions. Some options may include (not in any given order): Reducing the Mixed Doubles to one Fast Four Set, Cancelling Mixed Doubles Team Event, Shortening C draw matches to first to 6 with a tiebreak at 5 all, Shortening A and B draw matches to 2 short sets with a tiebreak at 4 all with a super tiebreak first to 10 points with a 2-point advantage, Cancelling C draw matches.
- In the case of inconclusive results due to extreme weather or any other reason the selection panel will choose a team based on available evidence from the championship to that point.
- In the case of championship cancellation, the selection panel will choose a team based on seedings of championship draw.

If all matches have been abandoned due to extreme weather or any other reason, then the competition will be struck out for the year.

### 13-19 years

Queensland Team selection policy and procedures

- Performance in the Queensland 13-19 years Schools Championships and Consolation events are the major determining factors in the selection of the Pizzey Cup Team. The eight players for each of the Boys' and Girls' teams will be selected as per the following criteria:
- Subject to QRSS guidelines where 'Absent Competitors' may potentially be considered, the four semi-finalists from the Main Draw Championship and the four semi-finalists from the Consolation Draw will be invited to form the Queensland Team for Pizzey Cup.
- In the event of Absent Competitors, additional play-off rounds of the Consolation Draw may be necessary.
- Player behaviour during the duration of the Championships may also be a consideration for selection of players.
- In the case of incomplete results due to rain, selectors will choose a team based on available evidence from the tournament to that point and available UTRs in consultation with Tennis Queensland.
- In the event of cancellation of the State Championships, selection of the Queensland team will be based on the top eight seeds for the year

Queensland captain – Selection Criteria

- Player should be an experienced tournament player of a high standard
- Player should be a 'senior' player in the team
- Player should possess and exhibit good leadership qualities
- Player should possess and demonstrate good communication skills
- Player should share a positive relationship with team members and team management
- Player should be able to handle captaincy responsibilities without it affecting their playing performance



