

FACT SHEET

The National Indigenous Tennis Carnival is the pinnacle event of the Indigenous tennis pathway in Australia, celebrating First Nations culture both on and off the court. The event brings together hundreds of individuals and groups to celebrate youth, music, art, food and health through tennis, cultural activities and workshops.

Watch the [NITC 2023 Highlights](#) video to get excited for the **2024 National Indigenous Tennis Carnival!**

DATE:	Thursday 8 to Sunday 11 August
VENUE:	Darwin International Tennis Centre
MANAGERS:	Tania Tandora & Sam Giess
TENNIS LEAD:	Ben Dew
REFEREE:	Jennifer Roe
SURFACE:	Plexipave
ELIGIBILITY:	First Nations players 12 – 18 years of age at the end of August 2024.
EVENTS:	NITC Showdown (14&U and 18&U singles & doubles tournament) NITC Future Stars (Yellow/Green Ball Teams Competition) NITC Hot Shots (Red Ball Teams Competition)



KEY STATE/TERRITORY CONTACTS

The following contacts are the state/territory team managers and will be the primary contact for participants. There will also be more than thirty staff from around the country helping to support and manage the participants at the carnival.

STATE/TERRITORY	NAME	MOBILE	E-MAIL
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TENNIS INFORMATION

ASH BARTY CUP (Overall winning State/Territory)

The culmination of all tennis results from across the carnival will see one state/territory team finish on top to claim the prestigious **2024 Ash Barty Cup**.



SHOWDOWN (14&U and 18&U Tournament)

This tournament showcases the top Indigenous tennis talent in the country with a 14&U Singles event (8 boys and 8 girls draw) and an 18&U Singles event (8 boys draw and 8 girls draw) with the winners being crowned the **2024 National Indigenous Tennis Carnival Singles Champions**.

This year we are also introducing a Doubles event for those competing in the Showdown with pairs decided by singles seedings (1&8, 2&7, 3&6, 4&5).

FORMAT: **Singles** – Round Robin (with playoffs)
 Doubles – Round Robin (first past post)

ACCEPTANCE: Based on UTR rating (also see Wildcard details for those without reliable UTR rating)

SCORING: **Singles** – Two tiebreak sets (tiebreak at 6-6), with a 10-point match tiebreak
 Doubles – One tiebreak set (tiebreak at 6-6), no-ad scoring

WILDCARDS: Nominations submitted by Team Managers with relevant results from lead-in events

BALL: Dunlop Australian Open ball



FUTURE STARS (Yellow/Green Ball Teams Competition)

The Future Stars competition provides a platform for up and coming Indigenous tennis players to hone their skills in a team environment and transition into the Showdown stream.

FORMAT: Round Robin (with playoffs)

TEAMS: 4 to 7 players per team (team can use up to 5 players per tie)

SEEDINGS: Team Supervisors seed players 1 - 5 before each tie (in order of ability)

SUBS: A player can be substituted during a round for the doubles but must keep their relative seedings i.e. If Player 3 is substituted for Player 5, then Player 4 would move up to 3 and Player 5 would become the new Player 4

SCORING: One short tiebreak set (tiebreak at 4-4). No-ad scoring
Teams score 1pt for each rubber won + championship points for each tie won

EACH ROUND: Consists of 6 rubbers (approx. 1hr per round)

BALL: Yellow Ball – Singles 1 & 2 and Doubles 1
Green Ball – Singles 3 & 4 and Doubles 2

COURT 1

Singles 1 (No. 1 v No. 1)

Singles 3 (No. 3 v No. 3)

Doubles 1 (1 & 2 v 1 & 2)

COURT 2

Singles 2 (No. 2 v No. 2)

Singles 4 (No. 4 v No. 4)

Doubles 2 (3 & 4 v 3 & 4)



HOT SHOTS (Red Ball Teams Competition)

The Hot Shots competition focusses on driving participation in NT and other remote areas at the grass roots level with players forming community-based teams during the event.

FORMAT:	Round Robin (with playoffs)
TEAMS:	8 to 10 players per team (can rotate players between matches)
SEEDINGS:	Team Supervisors seed pairs 1 to 4 before each tie (preferably in order of ability however pairing with friends is fine)
SCORING:	8min timed sets with numeric scoring (14-16 etc.), teams score 1pt for each set won
EACH ROUND:	Consists of 8 doubles rubbers (approx. 20min per round)
BALL:	Stage 3 Red Ball

Rotation 1: (8min)

Doubles 1 (Pair 1 v Pair 1)
Doubles 2 (Pair 2 v Pair 2)
Doubles 3 (Pair 3 v Pair 3)
Doubles 4 (Pair 4 v Pair 4)

Rotation 2: (8min)

Reverse Doubles 1 (Pair 1 v Pair 2)
Reverse Doubles 2 (Pair 2 v Pair 1)
Reverse Doubles 3 (Pair 3 v Pair 4)
Reverse Doubles 4 (Pair 4 v Pair 3)



FLIGHTS & ACCOMMODATION

Travel Details:

Flights for participants and supervisors will be booked and covered by Tennis Australia

- Teams arrive on Wednesday 7 August
- Teams depart on Sunday 11 August
- This may vary for some teams, for exact travel details please contact your Team Manager

Accommodation:

Accommodation will be booked for all participants & team supervisors at the following locations. Parents/family will need to make own accommodation arrangements at another location.

Club Tropical Resort Darwin

622 Lee Point Rd, Lee Point NT 0810

+61 8 8944 8500

<https://clubtropicalresortdarwin.com.au>

Check-in: Wednesday 7 August

Check-out: Sunday 11 August

Participants will be in share rooms (same gender)

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

WHAT IS PROVIDED

- All meals (breakfast, snack, lunch and dinner) and water
- Accommodation
- Travel to carnival and daily transport to and from venue
- All equipment including racquets, if anyone has their own racquet they'd like to bring that is fine
- Participant Gift Pack
- Uniforms – participants and supervisors will receive two team shirts (in your state/territory colour)
- A range of cultural workshops and activities
- Supervision throughout the event (including during travel periods)
- Participants will be invited to participate in a range of cultural activities at the carnival;
 - Dance / Music
 - Health Education
 - Sports Leadership
 - Indigenous Food
 - Arts / Craft Creation

WHAT TO BRING

- Appropriate clothing for Darwin, it will be hot and humid:
<https://www.worldweatheronline.com/darwin-weather/northern-territory/au.aspx>
- Playing gear including shoes, socks, shorts
- Bathers
- Towel
- Hat
- Sunglasses
- Underwear
- Pyjamas
- Casual clothes
- Sunscreen
- Toiletries
- Water bottle
- Spending money (optional)

KEY DATES

MONDAY 3 JUNE	Team Entry Deadline
WEDNESDAY 5 JUNE	Showdown Acceptance List released (14&U and 18&U)
MONDAY 10 JUNE	Teams finalised and participants notified
FRIDAY 21 JUNE	Accommodation & flight details confirmed
WEDNESDAY 7 AUGUST	Arrive in Darwin
SUNDAY 11 AUGUST	Depart Darwin

