



TENNIS COUNTRY



2024 TENNIS COUNTRY SERIES

RULES AND REGULATIONS

(Opens Event)

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1. Tennis Country Series

The Tennis Country Series (TCS) events are a NSW Tennis Country administered circuit of events available to all players, (Metro and Country) broken down and run exclusively in areas defined as NSW Tennis Country (Northeast, Northwest, Northumberland, Central West, Southwest & Southeast). These events are designed for Opens based players of an intermediate to early advance level with a minimum UTR of 6 for men and 5 for women that will give players diverse and targeted competition in a competitive match play environment by utilising a point ladders in conjunction with UTR dependant on each events results to determine who advances to the series finals.

This series consist of up to Twelve (12), 2-day events throughout the year allowing for multiple opportunities to progress through to the Tennis Country Series Finals played in December of each year. The 2024 Tennis Country Series will be run throughout 2024 within venues determined by NSW Tennis Country on dates the Committee so determine and published in the event/tournament calendar.

The following set of rules (Rules) will be in place and applicable to the running of all events associated with the Tennis Country Series and should be read in conjunction with the Tennis Australia Competitive Play Opens Regulations. In the event of an inconsistency between these Rules and Regulations and the Tennis Australia Competitive Play Regulations, these Rules and Regulations will prevail to the extent of the inconsistency.

2. Playing Eligibility

All players need a Tennis registration (ID) number to enter the Tennis Country Series events. A player's registration number is an 11-digit number starting with 66. If players do not have an ID number, they should visit <https://www.tennis.com.au/competitiveplay/competitive-player-profile> if a player has trouble after visiting the website you can contact Tennis Australia Customer Service or via email customersupport@tennis.com.au or on 1800 PLAY TENNIS (1800 752 983)

All entries are subject to review and approval by Event Director and/or NSW Tennis Country and both the Event Director and NSW Tennis Country hold the authority, in their absolute discretion, to deny entry to any player who has been in their opinion have been found to have offended any provisions of a Tennis Australia or Tennis NSW policy or procedure, any rules and regulations relating to the TCS events or any other endorsed NSW Tennis Country, Tennis NSW or Tennis Australia event/s or competitions.

3. Entry Eligibility

Players participating in this event must meet the following criteria in order to be accepted into the event.

- ✚ 3.1. Born on or before the year 2011. (13th birth year)
- ✚ 3.2. Minimum UTR 6 (male) and UTR 5 (female)

4. Exemption

Players who do not meet the age eligibility requirement outlined in clause 3, may apply for an exemption into an event. Exemptions need to be emailed to NSWTournaments@tennis.com.au.

- ✚ 4.1. NSW Tennis Country will retain the sole authority to determine applications for an exemption.

5. Wildcard

Players who do not meet the UTR Requirement for this event as outlined in clause 3 or those who wish to be considered for a discretionary seeding may apply for a wildcard. Wildcard requests need to be email to NSWTournament@tennis.com.au.

- ✚ 5.1 NSW Tennis Country in consultation with the Tournament Director will hold authority to determine wildcard applications.

6. Entry Fee's

For the 2024 Tennis Country Series, the follow entry fees will be applicable:

Mens & Women's Singles	\$80.00	Mens & Women's Doubles	\$35.00
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7. Refunds

Players will receive a full refund if they withdraw before the withdrawal deadline, there will be no refund if withdrawal occurs after the withdrawal deadline.

8. Format of Play

The 2024 Tennis Country Series the following formats will be played:

Mens & Women's Main draw Singles	2 Sets to 6 with Tiebreak at 6 All + 10 Point Match Tiebreak
Mens & Women's Conso Singles	2 Sets to 6 with Tiebreak at 6 All + 10 Point Match Tiebreak or 2 Short Sets to 4 with Tiebreak + 10 Point Match
Mens & Women's Doubles	2 Sets to 6 with Tiebreak at 6 All + 10 Point Match Tiebreak No Ad Deuce

- ✚ 8.1. NSW Tennis Country reserves the right to amend the format of play in limited circumstances that require in the best interest of the event for the format to change.

9. Draw Sizes

The draw and draw sizes for the 2024 Tennis Country Series is as follows:

Mens and Women's Singles	32 Person Elimination.
Mens and Women's Doubles	16 Pair Elimination.

- ✚ 9.1. Tennis NSW Country reserves the right to amend the draw sizes in situations where there are less than anticipated player numbers to ensure the effective deliver of the event.
- ✚ 9.2 Tier 2 May be offered in certain events when the host venue has sufficient courts to cater for the additional tiers.

10. Points Ladder

Points for the Tennis Country Series will be awarded based on the following scale,
Points will be earned based on a player's final position in each event and totalled across the series of events.

Winner	20
Runner Up	15
Semi Finalist	10
Quarter Finalist	5
Participation	1

- 10.1 In the situation where an event is unable to be completed, for whatever reason, points will be allocated based on the current position of players at the time of the suspension of play.
- 10.2 Should a Tier 2 or 3 be added to the event, participation points will be awarded consistent with the above however the Tier 2 & Tier 3 winner will receive 2 points
- 10.3 In the scenario whereby an event does not commence due to adverse weather conditions, all players will be awarded 1 participation point, and this will count towards the participation requirement for final eligibility.

11. Consolation/Match Play

Tennis Country Series will offer Consolation/Match Play on all events for 2024. Players who lose their first match in the 2024 Tennis Country Series will be eligible for entry into the Conso/Match play event and can do so by signing in at the tournament desk.

In the event the host venue has sufficient courts, NSW Tennis Country may be able to offer Conso for those who lose a match in the first 2 rounds, however this will be on an event-by-event basis, subject to court availability.

12. Series Finals

The 2024 Tennis Country Series finals will be determined by both the points ladder as displayed at the completion of the last event in the series and a participation minimum.

At the conclusion of the last event the top 30 players based exclusively on the points ladder who have played 3 or more Tennis Country Series events will qualify for invitation to the series finals.

NSW Tennis Country will hold the remaining 2 position in the finals open for discretionary wildcards to be given in each gender. Should there be less than the required wildcards issued, players in position 31 or 32 will also be invited.

In the event a player in the top 30 declines the invitation to the final, the next eligible player will be offered a place in the draw and this process will repeat until the draw is full.

13. Prize Money

Prizemoney for the 2024 Tennis Country Series (Excluding Finals) will be awarded in the following formula.

Singles Winner	\$ 600.00
Singles Runner Up	\$ 300.00
Singles Semi Final	\$ 150.00
Doubles Winner (Per team)	\$ 300.00
Doubles Runner Up (Per team)	\$ 150.00

13.1 Players will need to submit a prize money form to their tournament director including their bank details to receive their prize money, which will be transferred to their nominated account, no cash payment will be paid under any circumstances.

13.2 NSW Tennis Country reserve the right to reduce the prize money if the event draws are not full based on the following formula.

8-12 Players	50 % Reduction
12-16 Players	35 % Reduction
16-24 Players	25 % Reduction
24+ Players	Zero Reduction.

13.3 if an event has less than 8 players NSW Country reserves the right to not run the event.

Prizemoney for the 2024 Tennis Country Series finals will be awarded in the following formula.

Finals Winner	\$ 2000.00
Finals Runner Up	\$ 1000.00
Finals Doubles Winner	\$ 600.00
Finals Doubles Runner Up	\$ 300.00