

## SUMMARY OF CHANGES FOR 2025

The following pages provide a summary of the key changes to the 2025 Australian Competitive Play Junior and Open Regulations. These are not the regulations. The full regulations are on the Tennis Australia website in the [Regulations section](#).

Changes made from the previous year (2024) made for the start of 2025 are shown in underlined text.

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Tennis Australia will also implement pilot activities and trials of regulations at specific tournaments in 2025. These trials will be advertised by the tournament before commencement of play.

- **No-Let Rule Pilot (Juniors Only)**

This alternative is play without the service let, whereby a serve that touches the net, strap or band is in play (continuous) when landing within the correct service box.

The No-Let rule will be piloted at the following tournaments:

- J1000 Australian Championships
- The corresponding state / territory qualifying tournaments for the J1000 Australian Championships
- Any J500 Signature Series tournaments that lead directly into the J1000 the previous week. For 2025 these will be the **J500 ACT Championships** leading into the Claycourt Championships and the **J500 VIC Championships** leading into the Grasscourt Championships.

- **Off-Court Coaching Pilot (Juniors Only)**

Providing the following rules and procedures are followed, off-court coaching will be allowed during play in a nondisruptive manner.

- Off-court coaching will only be permitted for matches where a chair umpire is adjudicating the match
- Coaching is only allowed from the designated coach seats.
- Best efforts will be made to locate the designated coach seats near the baseline or back area of court on the same end as the player's seat.
- Brief and discreet verbal coaching is allowed only when the player is at the same end of the court as their designated coach seats.
- Subtle, non-verbal coaching, defined as hand signals or gestures that do not hinder the opponent is allowed when the player is at the same end of the court as their designated coach seats.
- Coaches may NOT speak to their player when the player leaves the court for any reason (except as permitted during a rain delay).
- Players may NOT approach their coach or engage in conversation with their coach at changeovers or set breaks. Exceptions – players may approach their coach or engage in conversation with their coach ONLY during the opposing player's medical time out (including the time period when the Physiotherapist was called, and the player is waiting for the Physiotherapist and during the evaluation time) or a Bathroom break / change of attire break or during the last 90 seconds of a heat break.
- If a Coach's verbal coaching, hand signals, or gestures begin to interrupt play or become a hindrance to

the opponent(s), the Referee will notify the coach of the escalation prior to action being taken against the player. Should the distractions persist, the player may be subject to coaching penalties.

- A coach can coach more than one player during a tournament, but coaching is only allowed from the designated coach seats of the relevant court.
- A player may be penalised under the Code of Behaviour: Competitive Play if there is failure to meet the trial procedures. Off-court coaching is not permitted where an off-court official is required to go on court to umpire the remainder of a match.

The Off-Court Coaching rule will be piloted at the following tournaments under the following conditions:

- J100 Australian Championships
- Any support team member (parent, friend, fellow competitor etc) authorised by the player to sit in the 'designated coach seat' must comply with the conditions outlined above. In this circumstance they are deemed as a 'coach'.
- Any coach who sits in the designated coach seats must be an accredited coach and wear the official tournament accreditation.

#### • **Competitive Player Profile (Juniors & Open)**

This process will assist Tennis Australia with providing results from all endorsed tournaments on the Competitive Play Calendar to:

- Universal Tennis for the purpose of the UTR Rating calculation, and
- The ITF for the purpose of the ITF World Tennis Number

#### • **Tournament Responsibilities (Juniors & Open)**

The Tournament Director shall:

- Be familiar with the Australian Organisational Requirements

#### • **Singles Main Draw – Match Play (Juniors & Open)**

Will only be conducted for those events offering single elimination draws. Players accepted into two singles events that are both providing single elimination draws, will only have the ability to sign-in for one match play opportunity not both. This ruling goes across both Junior and Open events at the same tournament.

All tournaments conducting round robin, monrad and compass draws – players will automatically feed into the next relevant round until the completion of the draw. In this instance, players are not required to sign in for match play. Players accepted into a second event, that is a single elimination, will be ineligible to sign-in for the match play of this event, as they are still committed to the round robin, monrad or compass draw. This ruling goes across both Junior and Open events at the same tournament.

#### • **Rest Breaks (Juniors & Open)**

Whenever it is necessary to schedule more than one match in the same day such player shall, unless they are in the singles and doubles final to be played consecutively, be given the following minimum rest periods between

matches:

- Matches lasting less than 2 hours = 30 minutes rest
- Matches lasting between 2 to 3 hours = 1 hour rest
- Matches lasting more than 3 hours = 1½ hour rest

If a player is involved in the singles and doubles finals, they shall be allocated a rest period of 30 minutes. The Referee/Venue Supervisor can extend this time within reason.

A player may play before the end of the rest period if all participants are in agreement. Under no circumstances are players to be forced to play inside their allocated rest period unless they voluntarily choose to do so.

- **De Minaur Junior Tour – Small Draw point’s reduction (Juniors Only)**

Main Draw singles and doubles draws with less than four (4) competing players / teams will receive 50% of the advertised Australian Junior Tour points.

- **De Minaur Junior Tour – Match Play events (Juniors Only)**

Main Draw singles match play draws will only award points if there are four (4) or more players in the main draw.

- **Toilet Breaks / Change of attire (Juniors & Open)**

In any match (singles or doubles) played with a reduced match format of two tiebreak sets and a match tiebreak, a toilet break/change of attire break is permitted before the match tiebreak.

- **Australian Progress Series Finals (Open Only)**

The top 16 players on the leader board at the end of the season will qualify for the \$50k Australian Progress Series Finals to be played TBC 2025.

Apart from prize money, the winners and finalists will also be awarded wildcards into future Australian Pro Tour tournaments.