



**Junior Match Chairperson**

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**Dear Junior Club Secretary, Parents & Players,**

**WRTA are entries are now open for players to apply to play Tennis Victoria Association Junior Pennant 2025/26. There are several changes across the competition this year, please read the below information carefully.**

This competition is organised by Tennis Victoria and is played throughout the Melbourne Metropolitan area (and some outer areas) on **Sunday mornings and afternoons**. This will depend on your team. Teams are organised by age and gender. The teams available are Open Age Group (formerly 16 & 18 & under groups), 12&Under boys & girls' teams, 14&Under boys' and girls' teams with each team containing a minimum of 4 players.

**Players must be of age 22 MARCH 2026 this is set by Tennis Victoria.**

All teams are graded by player UTR singles scores, as per Tennis Victoria guide for Associations.

1. Junior Pennant season will span 10 home and away rounds, as well as a Grand Final for the two highest ranked teams in each at the end of the home and away season.
2. Grades A & B will be played on Sunday afternoons, and C Grades will play Sunday mornings.  
Please note: we do not have the starting times, these will be set on Match Centre accounts before the matches.

**SEASON INFORMATION**

| Date                          | Round                                                      |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sunday 12 October 2025        | Regional Team Event #2                                     |
| Sunday 19 October 2025        | Round 1                                                    |
| Sunday 26 October 2025        | Round 2                                                    |
| Sunday 2 November 2025        | BYE – Melbourne Cup Weekend                                |
| Sunday 9 November 2025        | Round 3                                                    |
| Sunday 16 November 2025       | Round 4                                                    |
| Sunday 23 November 2025       | Round 5                                                    |
|                               | Representative Team Event Weekend                          |
| Sat 29 & Sun 30 November 2025 | TBC – Wayne Arthurs Cup (10/u) and Alicia Molik Cup (12/u) |

| Season Break            |                                                                 |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sunday 1 February 2026  | Round 6                                                         |
| Sunday 8 February 2026  | Round 7                                                         |
| Sunday 15 February 2026 | Round 8                                                         |
| Sunday 22 February 2026 | Round 9                                                         |
| Sunday 1 March 2026     | Round 10                                                        |
| Sunday 8 March 2026     | BYE – Labour Day Long Weekend                                   |
| Sunday 15 March 2026    | Grand Finals                                                    |
| Sunday 22 March 2026    | Back Up Grand Final Date                                        |
| Sunday 29 March 2026    | Victorian State Teams Championships (inc. Pat Cash Cup) VENUE & |

4. No play will take place during for Melbourne Cup long weekend (November 4, 2025) or Labor Day Long Weekend (8 March 2026).

### **Tennis Victoria Player eligibility & Qualifying**

To be eligible to participate in AJP players must meet one of the following criteria-

- a. have played at least six team matches for their club in their association's junior or senior competition within any 12-month period from September 2022 through to 31 August 2025 (this excludes Tennis Victoria Pennant matches).
- b. for players that are only playing school competitions, these players are eligible to represent the association that they last participated in (no matter in what year that this occurred)
- c. have played at least three matches in the preceding AJP season. (washouts do not count to matches played)
- d. Regional players are eligible to participate for a metro-based Association on the proviso that they have played at least six team matches in their regional Association within any 12-month period from September 2022 through to 31 August 2025 (this excludes Tennis Victoria Pennant matches).

**Associations** with players who do not meet the criteria will not be eligible to participate as a Base or Reserve player unless exceptional circumstances are approved by Tennis Victoria.

It is the responsibility of all Associations to ensure that eligibility is met by all players prior to team entry, as well as any emergency players that are used throughout the season.

***Please note: The decision of the WRTA Selection Committee is final, and no correspondence will be entered into regarding the selection of team members. If a player withdraws from a team after being chosen, the WRTA Junior Committee reserves the right to suspend the player from future team events representing WRTA.***

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me on 0419 533 435 or Steve Whitford 0417 156 595.

Regards,  
 Marlene Russell  
 Junior Chairperson - Western Region Tennis Association

**General Competition Details for All Age groups:**

**Entry Due Date:** 16 August 2025

**Fee:** \$75 per player.

**Fees can be paid direct to WRTA, Bendigo Bank, BSB: 633000 Account no. 144331493 Ref: Players Name. All cheques should be made payable to the 'Western Region Tennis Association'.**

**Team Structure:** Each team contains a minimum of 4 boys or 4 girls.  
Each team is based on the age groups of 12&under, 14&under and Open Age Group.  
Each player is ranked in order of merit based on players singles UTR.

Teams will utilise a WRTA clubs as their home base – please note that this club may not be the player's own club.

**IMPORTANT CHANGES:**

**Singles Format:** The order of merit for singles will now be based on live UTR rankings, similar to the Melbourne Pennant system implemented this year.

**Doubles Format:** The top-rated doubles player will now compete in the first doubles set

**All 2025-26 Association Junior Pennant Rules and Conditions can be found on Tennis Victoria website**

### **2025-6 WRTA Association Junior Pennant Entry Form**

|                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                   |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Player Name                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                   |
| Date of Birth                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                   |
| Gender<br>(Male / Female)                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                   |
| Full Address including<br>postcode.                                                                                             |                                                                                                                   |
| Phone Number                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                   |
| Email Address                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                   |
| Club & Current Section<br>& Team Position                                                                                       | <b>Club:</b><br><b>Section:</b><br><b>UTR: Singles:</b><br><b>Player Position in the team:</b><br><b>Doubles:</b> |
| Tennis Id Number                                                                                                                | 66333                                                                                                             |
| I agree to abide by all Tennis Victoria/WRTA rules, regulations and all DHHS, Association and club guidelines for Covid Safety. |                                                                                                                   |
| Player Signature                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                   |
| Parent / Guardian<br>Name                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                   |
| Parent / Guardian<br>Signature                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                   |
| Is the parent / guardian prepared to act as Team Manager? Yes / No                                                              |                                                                                                                   |
| <i>Team Manager co-ordinates the team and organises access to club.</i>                                                         |                                                                                                                   |

### **PHOTO/IMAGE DISCLAIMER FOR WRTA**

Participants, and their parents/guardians who are playing in the Western Region Tennis Association (WRTA) consent to WRTA using their image for promotion of tennis competition and further agree that any such photographs, images or video footage may be used by WRTA in resources and reports, and in the promotional advertising or marketing materials, without any further notice or payment to you or the junior participants.

Name of Child.....

Signed ..... Parent/Guardian

Date.....

**PTO. SHIRT ORDER MUST BE COMPLETED & RETURNED WITH ENTRY**

Please select/circle the appropriate shirt size, THESE SIZINGS ARE A GUIDE ONLY,

| <i>Kids Size</i> | <i>Chest Measurement (approx.)</i> | <i>Ladies Size</i> | <i>Chest Measurement (approx.)</i> | <i>Men's Size</i> | <i>Chest Measurement (approx.)</i> |
|------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------------|
| 8                | 40 cm                              | 8                  | 46.5 cm                            | Small             | 52 cm                              |
| 10               | 42 cm                              | 10                 | 49 cm                              | Medium            | 55 cm                              |
| 12               | 44 cm                              | 12                 | 51.5 cm                            | Large             | 58 cm                              |
| 14               | 46 cm                              | 14                 | 54 cm                              | Extra Large       | 62 cm                              |
| 16               | 49 cm                              | 16                 | 56.5 cm                            |                   |                                    |

PLEASE RETURN WITH ENTRY FORM.

Entry and shirt order Form by 16 August 2025 to:

WRTA AJP Entry  
C/O Marlene Russell M. 0419 533 435  
Email: marlrus@hotmail.com