

**2024 Tennis 12 Years and Under  
School of Sport Education NT Championship Rules.**

**12 Years and Under Championship Model:**

Sport Education NT provides educational opportunities through the medium of sport.

- Compulsory components: Round Robin matches, PD sessions, Pool Matches, Opening and Closing Ceremonies. Skills session and Mix and Match Activity can be incorporated into warm up, excursion or PD session.
- Teams to play a Round Robin against each other each. If too many teams, each will play a minimum of 5 Round Robin games.
- Pools will be determined to accommodate 2 groups of most similar ability – Pools do not need to have similar numbers of team in each – all teams will play against each other in their Pool.
- There will be no finals or play offs.
- If a small number of nominations, a full round robin could be played with no Pool games.
- Mix 'n Match activity which may or may not be related to the sport. The purpose is to mix all competing players into composite teams to encourage socialisation. This may be incorporated into the skills session.
- Skills Session will be coordinated by the interstate Coach.

**Codes of Conduct:**

- Sport Education NT Codes of Conduct will apply to students, officials and spectators throughout the event.
- At all Sport Education NT events coaching should be used to enhance the individual's skill development and improve gamesmanship at the moment of need.

**Safety:**

- Appropriate footwear to be worn.
- Caps or hats must be worn.
- Sunsmart and Blood Rule information is provided in the Development and Interstate Selection Camp Program.



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- In all Sport Education NT programs, positive coaching is permitted only from the “specific sports” designated area by the appointed team officials. Coaching should be used to enhance the individual's skill development and improve gamesmanship at the moment of need.

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**Team Size:**

- Region teams 4 up to 5 students, mixed gender. Teams should have two boys and two girls.
- Regions may enter up to 4 teams.

**NB** Interstate selection will be for 14 students, 7 girls and 7 boys. Up to 7 may turn 13 in the second half of the year of competition.

**Age:**

- Ages are to be calculated as at 31 December in the year of competition.
- Students must be a minimum of 10 years – i.e., born no later than 2014, and a maximum of 12 years – i.e., born no earlier than 2012.
- As Sport Education NT has been granted age dispensation by School Sport Australia up to 2 players of the team of 4/5 may turn 13 in 2024 between 1 July and 31 December i.e., born in 2011.

**Equipment / Playing area:**

- Tennis courts and nets.
- Tennis balls.

**Playing Rules:**

- The Sport Education NT policy that all players have equitable playing time shall apply.
- Each student must play on each day of the Championship.
- Each round will consist of 6 sets. There will be 4 singles and 2 doubles.
- Sets will be the first to 6 games – there will be no tie break.
- The 12 Years & Under Championship will be conducted in accordance with the Tennis Australia Rules and Regulations except as outlined below:
  - There is to be no coaching during games.
  - Players may move a maximum of two places above or below their original seeding position, but only one place at a time in consecutive matches.
  - Doubles seeding will be determined by the total of the player's singles rankings. If two or more doubles pairs have the same total, then the pair with the player who has the highest singles rank shall be the higher-ranking doubles pair.
  - The winning team for each tie is the team with the most sets won. Then if equal on sets, the team winning most games will be declared the winner. If teams are equal on games the tie will be declared a draw.

**Points:**

Pool Game points are as follows:

Win	3
Draw	2
Loss	1

**Team Trophies/Medallions**

**Pool A:** Sport Education NT perpetual trophy  
Sport Education NT medallions for winning team members – players and officials

Round Robin points do not carry over to Pool matches.

**Pool B:** Sport Education NT perpetual trophy  
Sport Education NT medallions for winning team members – players and officials

Joint winners apply as differentiating by percentages, goal differences, extra times etc. are not within the 12 Years & Under Championship philosophy.

One team will receive the Sportsmanship Award. Each team will vote after discussion between players and officials for the team they believe showed the best sportsmanship and attitude, on and off the field of play.

**Individual Awards:**

Not applicable within the 12 Years & Under Championship Philosophy.

**Officials:**

- The Convenor will schedule matches.
- Players will need to score their own games.
- The Convenor will arrange a briefing for all team officials each morning/afternoon.

**Judiciary:**

All breaches of the Sport Education NT codes of conduct by student, team officials, volunteers, parents etc. shall be referred to the judiciary, which is established at the pre-event meeting.

