

Coach Support – Summer Tournaments 2011/12

Dear Players & Parents,

The Summer season of tournaments are coming into full swing, and while we are sure many of you will want to take a well earned break by the beach, there may be some days/weeks that fit to participate in one of the many Junior Tennis Tournaments around. The schedule of tournaments can be seen below that we would recommend, and please continue to read on about the coach support being offered (if sufficient interest).

Tournament	Date	Venue	Type	Age Groups
Waikato Xmas Tournament*	Dec 7 – 12	Waikato Tennis Centre	Regional	10s to 18s
NZ 18s Nationals	Dec 11 – 16	Albany Tennis Centre	National	
Auckland Xmas Tournament	Dec 19 – 23	Scarbro Tennis Centre, St Johns	Regional	10s to 18s
Northern Xmas Open	Dec 27 – 30	Albany Tennis Centre	Regional	10s to 18s
NZ 14s Nationals	Jan 4 – 8	Auckland	National	
Otumoetai Juniors*	Jan 11 – 12	Otumoetai Tennis Club	Regional	10s to 18s
NZ 12s Nationals	Jan 14 – 18	Wellington	National	
WBOP Papamoa*	Jan 20 – 23	Papamoa TC	Regional	10s to 18s
Emblems Hamilton*	Jan 27 – 29	Waikato Tennis Centre	Regional	10s to 18s
Sunsmart 18&U Champs	Jan 23 – 28	Ashburton	G4 ITF Junior (International)	
NZ 18&U Summer Champs	Jan 30 – Feb 4	Auckland	G3 ITF Junior (International)	
Central Champs	Feb 6 – 11	Wellington	G4 ITF Junior (International)	
Whakatane*	Feb 18 – 19	Whakatane TC	Regional	10s to 18s

***Great as a first Regional Tournament experience – for those in Development/Performance Squads that wish to step up/complement their interclub play, or for top level Grasshoppers players.**

For clarity, essentially the pathway a player would take is *Grasshoppers Tournament* → *Interclub* → *Regional Tournaments* → *Nationals* → *Junior ITFs* (this could well be over a 10 year period!)

Please do consider playing in at least one of the above tournaments, as it is a great tennis experience, good fun, a great chance to meet and play new players, maybe go to a town you haven't seen before, and they all count toward your NZ tennis ranking!

How To Enter: www.tenniswaikatobays.co.nz then click on the tab 'Tournaments' then click Regional or National to correspond with the above. For tournaments outside of the Waikato, go to www.tennisnz.com, 'Tournaments' then click on tournament websites link.

Previously we have had good numbers at the Regional Tournaments which makes for a great team atmosphere, fun times and good support during matches. Where possible, we now want to add a new level of professionalism for our players, by offering a Coach Support option at all the above tournaments.

Coach Support Option

The aim of this is to provide a more professional, co-ordinated and team approach to the tournaments where the players can get to know each other off-court better and feel part of a team/community environment. It is also to help give an insight into professionalism at tournaments and learning the importance and benefits of warming up at the right times, preparing properly and reviewing matches properly so that we can all become better players. This should also help give some more maturity at future tournaments as well.

The Coach Support will include

- help with transport to the venue and back (where required).
- physical and hitting warm up prior to commencing of play each day.
- talk with coach leading up to match(es) regarding tactics, preparation etc.
- review of match(es) with coach - to learn and build for the following matches
- coach at the grounds of the tournament until our final player has finished (usually in doubles).
- balls provided for warm up each day
- support for all singles and doubles matches
- accommodation option (where necessary/required – usually Nationals/ITFs)

Cost – From \$25 per player per day. This is usually the cost for a local Regional tournament. The cost for coach support at Nationals and ITFs is priced up on a 'per event' basis due to the varying locations, accommodation options and lower numbers participating.

So for the 2011/12 Summer Season of tournaments, please consider playing in them and let us know which ones you enter so we can keep track of how our players are doing. It is a great experience travelling to tournaments and competing, and many happy times are had as a result! There is also no obligation to take the Coach Support option, as for various reasons you may not require it. We just want to offer it as part of our service to help raise the game and professionalism of our players!

If you are keen to enter a tournament and wish to look into the coach support option, please email me at ian@progressivetennis.co.nz and we will keep you updated with the overall interest and what services may be offered.

Good luck in your Summer tournaments and we look forward to seeing you on court!

Best regards,

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