



National Teams Event Player Selection Process



The following document is to provide you with information on the 2010 Tennis Central National Teams Event Player Selection Process.

This process has been designed to incorporate the elements of self selection and transparency as well as ensuring selected players have the necessary preparation, in terms of tournament play, in the months leading up to the National Teams Events.

2009 National Teams Event Information

Age Group	Teams Event Date	2009 Venue	Age Eligibility
12's	17-20 January	Hamilton	Players must be 12 or under as at 31 st January 2010
14's	8-11 January	Auckland	Players must be 14 or under as at 31 st January 2010
16's	17-20 January	Christchurch	Players must be 16 or under as at 31 st January 2010

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- Expressions of interest forms sent out to the associations to forward onto players.
- Players who wish to be considered for the 2010 Tennis Central National Teams Event team to complete form and return by 16 August 2009.
- Players who have registered their interest to then compete in the Tennis Central closed RPC tournament, 29-30th August, Masterton.
- It is then highly recommended that players compete in at **least two** of the following tournaments:

- Hutt Valley Winter Tournament: 4-8 July 09
- Manawatu Junior Open: 14 -17 July 09
- Indoor National Events: July 2009 (*double points events*)
- Manawatu Junior Spring Open: 28 Sept – 2 Oct 09
- Slazenger Wellington Spring Open: 5 Oct – 9 Oct 09
- Taranaki Junior Open: 24-26 Oct 09
- Strike Wellington Labour Weekend Tournament 24-26 Oct 09

If players compete in any other tournament between 4th July and 27th Oct, this may be considered as one of the players' points race tournaments', however, this would be at the selection panel's discretion.

5. Tennis Central Ladder Points Race

The following points ranking system will be associated with the tournaments outlined in point 4. Players, depending on the size of the draw and which round they reach, will have the opportunity to gain ranking points to qualify them for a

position at the Tennis Central Invitational Weekend, 7-8 November 2009 in Wanganui.

TENNIS CENTRAL POINTS RANKING SYSTEM

SINGLES			DOUBLES		
Minimum Draw Size	MD Round	Points	Minimum Draw Size	MD Round	Points
48+	RD16	5	N/A		
32+	QF	10	16 +	QF	2.5
16+	SF	20	8 +	SF	5
8+	RU	30	4 +	RU	7.5
	W	40		W	10

JUNIOR ITF POINTS COMPARISON

X 5 per junior ITF point gained

NB: No points to be awarded to a player unless they win a round. Progression through a bye or a walkover in the first round will not be equivalent to winning a round. Progression through retirement after the match has commenced will be equivalent to winning a round.

Key

MD = Main Draw

RD 16 = Round of 16

QF = Quarterfinals

SF = Semi finals

RU = Runner Up

W = Winner

ITF = International Tennis Federation

Example One

Jessica Richie was a singles semi finalist (32 draw) and doubles winner (16 draw) in the Taranaki Junior Open. This would mean she would gain 30 points from the tournament.

Example Two

Tom Clarkson lost in the round of 16 (32 draw) in singles and was a doubles quarter finalist (16 draw) in the Taranaki Junior Open. Tom would receive no singles ranking points but would gain 2.5 points for his doubles result.

All players will start the 2009/10 Tennis Central Ladder Point's Race on zero, except players who have junior ITF rankings. These players will have the number of junior ITF points they currently hold multiplied by 5 to determine their start point.

The Tennis Central points table will be regularly updated and displayed on the Wellington Tennis Inc website (junior section), after 16 August, as well as at the nominated Tennis Central tournaments.

6. Tennis Central Teams Event Invitational Camp

The top eight players per gender/ age group based on their **combined top three tournament ranking points** by 27th October 2009 are then invited to a Tennis Central Teams Event Invitational Weekend/ Camp on 7-8 November 2009. Two

wildcards per gender/ age group will also be available, to be used at the selection panel's discretion.

This event will be compulsory to attend for those wishing to be selected for January as this event is where selection will be ultimately determined for the Tennis Central team. Exceptions to this will be:

- Injury, illness and bereavement factors etc will be considered, if necessary, for players who played consistently well through out the points race, to ensure the best team is selected.
- World ranked players competing on an ITF tour at the time of the invitational weekend, who would have otherwise been selected for the camp, will automatically be selected into the teams event team.

The match play portion of this event will involve round robin play. The entry fee for this event will be \$30.00 per player.

7. Final selection

Tennis Central National Teams Event Teams will then be announced the following week, 9-13 November 2009.

Please note that the format and number of players per Regional team for the National 16s, 14s and 12s Teams Event for 2010 will be confirmed by August following the Tennis NZ Operations Advisory Meeting.

Selection Panel to include Clint Packer, Jen Burrige and the coach that has been selected for that age group/ gender team (if appointment made by November).

Anticipated scenarios' and answers

What if a player wants to be considered for two age groups for the National Teams Event?

As players will only be allowed to play one age group in some of the nominated points ranking tournaments, we suggest that the player competes in the older age group for the tournament/s and applies for a wildcard into their own age group's invitational camp. Please get in contact with the selection panel to discuss this scenario before the RPC tournament if this applies to you.

What if I want to play up an age group in a nominated tournament, that only allows me to play one age group, to further my development, but then I am unlikely to gain as many points overall?

It is recommended to get in contact with the selection panel in this instance as if you do not rank in the top eight in your age group by 27th October 2009, the only way to get into the invitation weekend is through a wildcard. However, we certainly want to encourage more competitive play for those who generally make the finals of their age group tournaments.

What if I get injured or sick and am unable to compete in three of the nominated tournaments to gain maximum ranking points?

In this instance you will need to get in touch with the selection panel to make them aware of your situation.

If I am a semi finalist in a draw with only 12 people in it do I still get the 20 ranking points because it was a 16 draw?

Yes

If I play up an age group (i.e 14U) and if I reach a points round, will these points count towards my 12U points race ranking?

No – only points gained within 12U tournaments that you play (in this example) would qualify towards the Tennis Central Points Race.