



**EASTERN REGION**  
**TENNIS**  
GRASSROOTS COMPETITION

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## **2023 ASSOCIATIONS JUNIOR PENANT (AJP)**

### **INFORMATION SHEET**

Associations Junior League is a competition conducted by Tennis Victoria and is played between the metropolitan Associations, including Geelong, Berwick and Peninsula Tennis Associations.

The main features of the competition are:

- Competition is on **Sunday mornings** commencing on **Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> August** and concluding on **Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> November 2023**, finishing with a finals match (top two teams in each section) on **Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> November**.
- **Matches** commence at **8.30am** and finish (no later than) **1.00pm**.
- Format of matches to be 4 singles rubbers followed by 2 doubles rubbers.
- 10 and under section will be an open section – any combination of boys and girls permitted. The 12 & 14s will be gender teams. **There will this year be a combined 15 – 18 year old gendered section which will be graded on ability.** Age is determined as at 31 December 2023.
- Teams consist of five or 6 players (if selection permits), four to play each week.
- Each member of the team plays one singles rubber (2 sets with deciding 10 point match tiebreak at 1 set all) and one doubles rubber (8 game set) per match.
- Tennis Victoria usually stages a ‘blockbuster round’ during rounds 6 & 7, for the 12 & unders, with a guest speaker. This has been confirmed for this year.
- Player of the Year Awards in all grades and divisions.

**ELIGIBILITY** –All players are required to have played 4 matches for their club in ERT’s association competition over the winter 2022 to winter 2023 seasons (this does not include Tennis Victoria pennant matches). However we will seek dispensation for any players short of their 4 qualifying matches due to injuries or special circumstances.

From entries received, the Tournament & Development sub-committee will select the teams for 2023. Limited trials may be held to assist with selection, but grading of teams will primarily be governed by Universal Tennis Rating of players. If necessary, a trials evening will be held on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2023, with a possible further trial date of Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June if required because of inclement weather or for positions within teams etc..

**A COMPETITION FEE OF \$50 must accompany nominations.**



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**GUIDELINES FOR STANDARD OF PLAYERS TO NOMINATE – based on Saturday competition.**

**Most players will be playing regularly, having coaching and playing tournaments.**

10 & under	Born 2013 or later	No restriction on section played
12 & under	Born 2011 or later	OR 1-16 JOSD 1 – 4 BSD 1-4 GSD 1- 3
14 & under	Born 2009 or later	OR 1-10 JOSD 1-2 BSD 1- 2 GSD 1-2
Junior Open	Born 2005 – 2008	OR 1-4 JOSD 1 BSD - 1 GSD- 1

**\*And comparable Sunday & Senior grades for all ages.**

- Parents should submit a completed Parental Consent form and pay the Team Fee for each player **by FRIDAY 16 JUNE 2023**. This is done [online](#).
- Players must be committed to being available for the whole 10-week season (plus 1 week of finals if required). That means you don't have to play every week, there is a roster, but you must be available for most weeks of the season.
- No refund payable to any player withdrawing from a selected team - with the exception of injury prior to commencement date of Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> August 2023.
- The wearing of Eastern Region Tennis uniform is compulsory. A Uniform purchase and Team Manager night will be advised at the first night of trials or via your Junior Convenors and posted on the web site.

**NOMINATIONS CLOSE FRIDAY 16 JUNE 2023.**

➤ Online at <https://mantontech.com/ert/>

Trial dates, venues and times will be confirmed through your email and posted on the Eastern Region Tennis web site [www.ertinc.org.au](http://www.ertinc.org.au)

Successful players will be advised directly of team details and teams will be posted on the web site.

If you have a query regarding the Eastern Region Tennis Association Junior League program, please contact a member of the Tournament/Development Committee:

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**SOME SPECIAL POINTS FOR 2023**

- You may have noted that the name has changed to Associations Junior ***Pennant*** (no longer ***League***)
- Each week will be more flexible – up to 6 players can participate, so some can only play doubles and some only singles. This is not mandatory, just an option for those who want to utilise it.
- The **Pat Cash Cup** next year will have a name change, to **State Team Championships**. To be eligible for selection in the ERT team at those Championships, Tennis Victoria will insist that you must have played at least **three matches** in the Junior Pennant this year.
- The 16 & under and 18 & under age groups will be replaced this year with a **Junior Open Boys and Girls respectively**, open to players 15 - 18. Selection for the A section of this event will be determined by your UTR score, a minimum of 7 for the Boys' section and 5 for the Girls.

**SCHEDULE OF DATES FOR THIS YEAR 2023**

Round	Date
1	August 20
2	August 27
3	September 3
4	September 10
5	October 1
6 (Blockbuster)	October 8
7 (Blockbuster)	October 15
8	October 22
9	October 29
10	November 12
GF	November 19

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