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2008/09 Tennis East Gippsland Junior Circuit Masters Finals

The Tennis East Gippsland junior tournament circuit Masters finals were played at Bairnsdale on Sunday with 45 players participating for a spot on the region circuit honour board.

During the summer season, juniors competed in a series of lead-in tournaments in 10 and under, 12/U, 14/U and 16/U age groups collecting points to become eligible for invitation into the 5th Masters finals for their age group.

Annual hosting clubs were Sale and Maffra, with the Bairnsdale event in December being washed out. Lakes Entrance successfully conducted their first regional junior event in February with a number of their juniors competing at this level for the first time.

The lead-in events attracted players from Traralgon and Yarram during the season as well as clubs in the municipal shires of Wellington and East Gippsland, with players also seeking to back up their claims for selection in various regional teams to compete intrastate, with a chance to ultimately make an interstate team.

All age groups were fiercely contested with the following results:

Age Group	Boys		Girls	
	Winner	Runner-up	Winner	Runner-up
10/U	Mitchell Dignan Maffra	William Bodman Yarram	Rebecca Ingram Maffra	Johanna Allman Maffra
12/U	Deven Costigan Bairnsdale	Cohan Schuback Sale	Kate Ingram Maffra	Brianna Dignan Maffra
14/U	Jordan Lai Bairnsdale	Tom Deller Bairnsdale	Elizabeth Shanahan Bairnsdale	Megan Harrison Sale
16/U	Grant Jamieson Bairnsdale	Steven Goodluck Lakes Entrance	Regina Virgo Bairnsdale	Chloe Sperti Bairnsdale

Next summer's circuit kicks off in October with venues to be announced at the Tennis East Gippsland annual general meeting on Sunday 24th May at Bairnsdale.