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Dear Region Affiliate, Coach and/or Junior Coordinator

### **NEW JUNIOR TOURNAMENT CIRCUIT**

Clubs are invited to apply for the conduct of open junior tournaments in the coming 2004/2005 summer season.

At the 2004 region annual general meeting it was resolved to introduce the **Tennis East Gippsland Junior Tournament Circuit** with the following motion:

*THAT Tennis East Gippsland Region establish an open junior tournament circuit consisting of a minimum of six tournaments over a twelve month period with points allocated culminating in a Masters tournament in April each year. Clubs can nominate for the sanction of the Region to conduct one or more of these tournaments during each twelve month period. The entry fee into each tournament will be set at \$7 per player, with \$2 per player being paid to Tennis East Gippsland, and \$5 retained by the administering club to cover all costs of conducting the tournament.*

Tournaments will be prescribed feed-in events, with 10/U and 12/U being 6 game sets with tiebreaker at 5-all, and 14/U and 16/U being 8 game sets with tiebreaker at 7-all.

Tournament entry forms (draft enclosed) will be circulated, and points will be allocated to participating players, with the top eight cumulative points scorers in each age group qualifying for a Masters Tournament in April each year.

Officials and coaches from all clubs will be encouraged to persuade their juniors to compete in these tournaments at all administering clubs.

The tournaments will be played on designated Sundays, and will not clash with the existing four monthly winter Traralgon junior tournaments or *Prince* Masters tournament in September.

Where clubs have insufficient courts to conduct a full eight event tournament on one Sunday, they may seek approval to split their tournament into two Sundays within the same month.

For the coming inaugural season, there will be a minimum of three tournaments culminating in a Masters Tournament at Bairnsdale Tennis Club in April 2005.

Tournaments will comprise singles only in boys and girls age groups of 10/U, 12/U, 14/U and 16/U as at 30<sup>th</sup> April 2005.

Clubs can nominate to be allotted a tournament on the enclosed application form.



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In calculating court usage for an application, Club administrators need to be aware of the number of matches to complete one feed-in event:

<u>Entrants</u>	<u>No. of Matches</u>
4	4
8	12
16	32
32	80

For example, if a club runs a tournament of 8 events with 8 players in each draw, and 30 minutes is allowed for each match, the 96 matches to be played will require:

<u>Available Courts</u>	<u>Time Slots</u>	<u>Hours of Play</u>
4	24	12 hours say 8 am – 8 pm
6	16	8 hours say 9 am – 5 pm
8	12	6 hours say 9.30 am – 3.30 pm
12	8	4 hours say 9.30 am – 1.30 pm
14	7	3.5 hours say 9.30 am – 1.00 pm
16	5+	2.5 hours say 9.30 am – 12 noon

Please find enclosed:

Application for approval to conduct tournament(s)  
Conditions governing approval and conduct of tournament(s)  
Draft Entry Form (*Club name inserted upon approval*)

Available tournament dates for allotment to clubs in the inaugural season are:

November 2004 - 21<sup>st</sup>  
December 2004 - 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>  
January 2005 - 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>  
February 2005 - 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>  
March 2005 - 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>

The First Masters will be played in April 2005 on a Sunday to be allocated.

Yours faithfully

**Julie Glynn**  
Secretary  
Development Officer

Encl.