TENNIS SUMMER SLAM – FAQ'S

Registration + Event Format

When do registrations close?

Registrations close on Friday 15 January 2027 (one week before the event), or earlier if all spots are filled. Spots are limited to 24 players (8 per division), so we encourage players to register early through Xplor.

How much does it cost and what's included?

The registration fee is $130 per player. This includes a minimum of 4 matches, match balls, and a giveaway for every player on the day.

What divisions are available?

The Summer Slam is a singles competition with three divisions:

- **Orange Stage** – ages 8–10 (orange ball, modified court)
- **Green Stage** – ages 10–12 (green ball, full court)
- **Yellow Stage** – ages 11+ with a UTR of 2 or above (yellow ball, full court)

My child fits more than one division – which one should they enter?

Please choose the division that best matches the stage your child currently plays at in lessons or competition. If you're unsure, please contact us at sportscamps@sport.usyd.edu.au, before registering and we can help. Organisers may move a player to a more suitable division to keep matches even and enjoyable.

How many matches will my child play and for how long?

Every player is guaranteed a minimum of 4 matches. Players start in a group of four and play everyone in their group (3 matches), then everyone goes into a finals match. Each match is 6 games and takes around 30 minutes, including a short warm-up.

How does the scoring work?

Each match is 6 games, and all 6 games are played no matter the score, so a match can finish 6–0, 4–2 or even 3–3 (a draw). No-ad scoring is used, so at deuce (40–40) the next point wins the game. If a finals match finishes 3–3, a 7-point tiebreak decides the winner.

How are the finals decided?

Group positions are based on the number of sets (matches) won, then the total number of games won. If players are still level, head-to-head results are used, then a 7-point tiebreak if needed. The top two players from each group go into the semi-finals and play for the trophy. The other players go into the plate competition, so everyone keeps playing.

Will there be umpires?

No – players score their own matches and call the lines on their side of the net. If they're not sure, the ball is in. Sydney Uni Sport court supervisors will be on hand to help with any questions or disputes, and will explain this in the morning prior to play commencing.

Are there prizes?

Yes! Trophies are awarded to the Champion and Runner-up in each division, presented after each division's Grand Final. Every player will also receive a giveaway on the day.

Can I transfer my entry to another player?

Registrations can't be transferred to another player without organiser approval. Please email us at sportscamps@sport.usyd.edu.au as soon as possible if your child can no longer attend.

I've registered – what's next?

Closer to the event, you'll receive an email with pre-event information, including the check-in time and the division schedule. Please make sure any relevant medical conditions (e.g. asthma, allergies) are included in your online registration.

On the Day

What time should we arrive?

Please check in at the Sydney Uni Sport control tent at least 30 minutes before your first scheduled match. Check-in opens from 8:15am. After check-in, players will be directed to their allocated court.

What should my child bring?

- Their own tennis racquet
- Runners/trainers/non-marking tennis shoes
- Hat or cap and sunscreen
- A filled, named water bottle
- Snacks and lunch

Match balls are provided on each court.

Do parents/guardians need to stay for the day?

No – Sydney Uni Sport staff will supervise players throughout the event. Parents/guardians are welcome to stay and watch.

Where can parents/guardians watch from?

Spectators must watch from the allocated seating on the outside edges of the courts, including when watching a middle court. The space between courts must be kept clear at all times for player safety.

Can I coach my child during their match?

Coaching from parents, coaches or spectators isn't permitted during matches, and spectators can't make line calls or get involved in scoring. Encouragement between matches is welcome!

What happens if we're running late?

Please let the control tent know as soon as possible. Players who are more than 10 minutes late for a scheduled match may forfeit that match, which is recorded as a 6–0 win to their opponent.

Are there food and drink options available?

We recommend players bring their own lunch, snacks and a filled water bottle for the day, and a drinks station will be available for refills. There is also a café at the Sydney Uni Sport & Aquatic Centre, but players must be accompanied by a parent/guardian to visit it.

What happens in hot or wet weather?

The event follows Sydney Uni Sport's extreme heat policy, so organisers may add drink breaks, shorten matches or adjust the schedule. In wet weather, play will be paused until the courts are safe, and matches will resume from the score when play stopped.

What happens if the event is cancelled?

If the event is cancelled before it starts, players will be offered a credit for a future Tennis competition or any Sydney Uni Sport program.

Is first aid available?

Yes, qualified first aid staff will be on site throughout the event. Any injury should be reported to the control tent.

Who do we speak to if there is an issue during the day?

A Sydney Uni Sport control tent will be operating throughout the day, where our staff and competition organisers can help players, parents and spectators.

Venue + Facilities

Where is the event held?

Sydney Uni Sport & Aquatic Centre, Cnr of Codrington St and Darlington Ln. Matches are played across six outdoor courts (three hard courts and three synthetic grass courts), and players may play on either surface during the day.

Is there parking available?

Yes, parking is available around the Sydney Uni Sport & Aquatic Centre. Allocated drop-off and pick-up spots will be available for parents/guardians, and time-limited parking can be found in the surrounding streets.

Can we bring chairs or shade?

Seating is provided in the allocated spectator areas. No additional seating or marquees can be brought into the venue.