Tennis Summer Slam 2027 – Rules & Regulations

Junior Singles Competition · Friday 22 January 2027 · Sydney Uni Sport & Aquatic Centre

The Summer Slam is a social-but-competitive day of tennis: every player gets plenty of matches, and there are trophies on the line in each division. We ask everyone to play hard, play fair and have fun.

(A) General

1. Sydney Uni Sport will manage the format, structure and conduct of the event. Organisers' decisions on all matters are final.
2. The Summer Slam is a singles-only competition, conducted in the following 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)
3. Players may only enter one division. Where a player is eligible for more than one division, they should choose the level that best matches their current playing stage. Organisers may move a player to a more suitable division to keep matches even and enjoyable.
4. Final divisions and draws will be determined by the number of registrations received. Capacity is 24 players (8 per division).
5. Matches will be played across six outdoor courts: three hard courts and three synthetic grass courts. Two courts will be allocated to each division, and players may play on either surface during the day.

(B) Competition Format

1. All matches will be played in accordance with the ITF Rules of Tennis, unless otherwise stated in these rules.
2. Each division will be split into two groups of four players, with each group based on its own court.
3. **Round robin:** each player plays every other player in their group (3 matches).
4. **Finals:** after the round robin, every player progresses to a finals match, so all players are guaranteed a minimum of 4 matches:
   - **Semi-finals:** 1st Group A v 2nd Group B, and 1st Group B v 2nd Group A
   - **Plate semi-finals:** 3rd Group A v 4th Group B, and 3rd Group B v 4th Group A
   - **Grand Final:** semi-final winners play for the division title
   - Other semi-final and plate semi-final players will play placement matches if time permits
5. Throughout the round robin, Sydney Uni Sport will track the number of **sets won** and the number of **games won** by each player. Group positions will be determined by:
   a. Sets won (a set is won by winning more of the 6 games, e.g. 4–2 or 6–0)
   b. Total games won
   c. Head-to-head result (where two players are still tied)
   d. If still tied, a 7-point tiebreak will be played between the tied players to decide the final position.
6. The match schedule and court allocations will be displayed at the control tent and on each division's courts on the day.

(C) Match Rules & Scoring

1. Each match is **one set of 6 games**. All 6 games are played, no matter the score.
2. A set can finish as a win, loss or draw, for example:
   - 6–0, 5–1 or 4–2 – a win to the player with more games
   - 3–3 – a draw (no set is awarded to either player; both players keep their 3 games)
3. **Finals:** if a finals match (including semi-finals) finishes 3–3, a 7-point tiebreak will be played to decide the winner.
4. **No-ad scoring** applies: at deuce (40–40) the next point wins the game, and the receiver chooses which side to receive from.
5. Each match must be completed before the next match on that court begins.
6. Players have a **5-minute warm-up** before each match, including serves.
7. Players spin a racquet to decide who serves first or chooses ends.
8. Players change ends after the first game and then every two games (odd games).
9. Lets on serve are replayed.
10. Organisers may reduce the number of games per match if the day is running behind schedule or due to heat or weather. Players will be advised before their match starts.

(D) Self-Scoring & Line Calls

1. All matches are self-scored by the players. Roving Sydney Uni Sport court supervisors will be on hand to help.
2. **The server calls the score** clearly before every first serve.
3. Each player calls the lines on their own side of the net. If you are not sure whether a ball was in or out, it is **in** – the point goes to your opponent.
4. Out calls should be made quickly and clearly (verbally and/or with a hand signal).
5. If players disagree on the score, they should go back to the last score both players agree on.
6. If a dispute cannot be resolved, players should stop play and ask a court supervisor. The supervisor's decision is final.
7. Parents, coaches and spectators must not make line calls or get involved in scoring.
8. **Reporting results:** at the end of each match, **both players** report the score (games won by each player) to the control tent together.

(E) Player Entry & Eligibility

1. Registrations close on Friday 15 January 2027 (one week before the event). Players select their division at registration through Xplor.
2. The registration fee is $130 per player, which includes a minimum of 4 matches and event inclusions.
3. Yellow Stage players must hold a UTR of 2 or above. Organisers may request a player's UTR profile at registration.
4. Players must be the correct age for their division as at the event date, unless approved by organisers.
5. Registrations are not transferable to another player without organiser approval.

(F) Arrival, Check-In & Punctuality

1. All players must check in at the control tent on arrival, no later than **30 minutes before** the first scheduled match.
2. After check-in, players will be directed to their allocated courts. A warm-up court will be available where possible.
3. Players must be ready on court at their scheduled match time. Players who are more than 10 minutes late for a match may forfeit that match.
4. A forfeited match will be recorded as a 6–0 win to the opponent.
5. Players who need to withdraw during the day (e.g. due to injury or illness) must let staff at the control tent know.

(G) Player Equipment & Dress

1. Players must bring their own tennis racquet.
2. Non-marking tennis shoes must be worn at all times on court.
3. Players should wear comfortable sports clothing, a hat or cap, and sunscreen.
4. Players must bring a filled, named water bottle. A drinks station will be available to refill.
5. Match balls (orange, green or yellow as appropriate) will be provided by Sydney Uni Sport on each court.

(H) Supervision, Spectators & Coaching

1. Sydney Uni Sport staff will supervise players throughout the event. Parents/guardians are not required to stay, but are welcome to stay and watch.
2. 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, and spectators must not enter a court during play.
3. Coaching from parents, coaches or spectators is not permitted during matches. Encouragement between matches is welcome.

(I) Behaviour & Sportsmanship

1. All court supervisor and organiser decisions are final.
2. Players, parents, coaches and spectators must treat each other, opponents and Sydney Uni Sport staff respectfully at all times.
3. Players are expected to shake hands (or racquet tap) with their opponent at the end of every match.
4. Unsportsmanlike behaviour – including racquet or ball abuse, bad language, deliberately poor line calls or gamesmanship – may result in:
    a. A warning
    b. A point penalty
    c. A game penalty
    d. Removal from the match or event
5. Sydney Uni Sport reserves the right to remove any player, parent or spectator from the event for serious or repeated misconduct.

(J) Prizes

1. Trophies will be awarded to the **Champion** and **Runner-up** in each division.
2. All players will receive a giveaway on the day.
3. Prizes will be presented at the end of each division's Grand Final.

(K) Health, Safety & Weather

1. Qualified first aid staff will be on site throughout the event. Any injury must be reported to the control desk.
2. Parents/guardians must disclose any relevant medical conditions (e.g. asthma, allergies) during registration process online.
3. **Heat:** the event will follow Sydney Uni Sport's extreme heat policy. Organisers may add extra drink breaks, shorten matches, change the schedule, or suspend play in high temperatures.
4. **Wet weather:** play will be suspended during rain or when courts are unsafe. Matches resume from the score when play stopped.
5. If the event is cancelled before it starts, players will be offered a credit for a future Tennis camp competition, or any Sydney Uni Sport programs.