

Mini Tennis Player Passports Rules

Player passports, which are managed by the Talent Performance Teams, are awarded to players who have achieved strong competition results and whereby receiving one, would benefit their progress and overall game development. This is reviewed as part of the on-going regional and national camp program.

Mini Tennis Player Passports are awarded to players based on the criteria below:

Competitive profile

Players will need to be demonstrating that they are competing to a high level in grade 3s and 2s. They will also be demonstrating behaviours such as:-

- Spirit, determination and a fair attitude to match play
- A willingness to compete positively when under pressure

Great approach to training

Players will be demonstrating that they are the strongest players attending regional camps and or inter-regional/national camps. Behaviours to observe would include:

- Great work ethic
- Listening well and responding positively to instruction
- The ability to focus on the process of training
- Great attitude to chasing every ball, challenging themselves to never let the ball bounce twice.

Players are nominated by the Regional Performance Co-ordinators and Talent & Performance Manager and are reviewed by the Head of Performance, Talent & Performance Managers and Age Group Captains.

8U RED PLAYER GIVEN 9U ORANGE BALL PASSPORT:

This player will be given an Orange Level 4 rating and will be able to compete in Red and Orange Ball competitions.

In Orange Ball Competitions any matches played and won against Orange players will count for a passport player's Orange rating in line with the mini tennis ratings system.

In Red Ball competition matches and wins will not count towards this player's Orange rating. For opponents, Red 1,2,3 and 4 rated players, matches played will count as 'participation' matches and, if relevant, as 'wins'. If an Orange player plays another Orange player in Red Ball competition the match will not count as a 'participation' match or 'win' for either player.

9U ORANGE PLAYER GIVEN A 10U GREEN BALL PASSPORT:

First Season Passport

Where the player is in their first season and is playing in green ball competition with a passport and orange rating, matches played at green ball will be for experience only. For opponents, these matches will count as 'participation' but not 'wins'.

In Orange Ball competition matches and wins will still count as 'participation' matches and, if relevant, as 'wins' towards both player's orange rating.

Second Season Passport

Where the player is in their second season and is playing in green ball competition with a passport and Green ball rating, matches played and won against Green players will count for both players' mini Green rating in line with the mini tennis ratings system.

In Orange Ball competition matches and wins will not count towards this player's Green rating. For opponents, Orange 1*, 1, 2, 3 and 4 rated players, matches will count as 'participation' matches and, if relevant, as 'wins'. If a Green player plays another Green player in Orange ball competition the match will not count as a 'participation' match or 'win' for either player.

10U GREEN PLAYER GIVEN A 12U YELLOW BALL PASSPORT:

First Season Passport

Where the player is in their first season and is playing in 12U yellow ball competition with a passport and green rating, matches played at 12U yellow ball will be for experience only. For yellow ball rated opponents, these matches will not count as qualifying wins or qualifying losses.

In Green Ball competition matches and wins will still count as 'participation' matches and, if relevant, as 'wins' towards both player's green rating.

Second Season Passport

Where the player is in their second season and is playing in 12U yellow ball competition with a passport and yellow ball rating, matches played and won against 12U yellow players will count for both players' yellow ball ratings in line with the British Tennis ratings system.

In Green Ball competition matches and wins will not count towards this player's 12U yellow ball rating. For opponents, Green 1*, 1, 2, 3 and 4 rated players, matches will count as 'participation' matches and, if relevant, as 'wins'. If a yellow ball passport player plays another yellow ball passport player in green ball competition the match will not count as a 'participation' match or 'win' for either player.

Players awarded a Yellow ball passport may only compete in 12U events. Players may not request manual entries into any other events.

For National Tour events, players allocated a passport will be treated the same as a 1* rating when they compete in their own ball colour for seeding purposes only. Acceptance will remain using their current rating.

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The Talent Performance Team reserves the right to issue a passport and/or rating to a player in exceptional circumstances contrary to the criteria stated above.