

JUNIOR REGIONAL LEAGUES JUNIOR REGIONAL PREMIER LEAGUES

Attention: Munster Affiliated Clubs, Registered Coaches, Parents/Guardians

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Significant new competitions for Juniors were announced by Munster Tennis in November/December last year. The competitions remain open online for entries but the closing dates for all are fast approaching. Please go to the Munster Tennis page on Tournament Software to enter and for more details including all rules. There is also further info on the Munster Tennis Juniors Page.

The new Munster Tennis Junior competitions will cover all parts of the Province and are regionalised.

They include events tailored towards a "Tennis for Life" Stream which are the **Munster Tennis Regional Junior Leagues** and others more towards a "Competitive" stream which are the **Munster Tennis Regional Junior Premier Leagues**.

As previously advised the **Munster Tennis Regional Junior Premier Leagues** are open to all players who wish to play in them.

The **Munster Tennis Regional Junior Leagues** are open to all players outside the top 150 in the Tennis Ireland Junior Rankings. We have WTN in as a guide for this year, WTN will be monitored however to ensure that there are no obviously very strong players playing outside the Junior Premier Leagues.

In the Under 12 events there is an additional "Green Ball" event that is aimed more at beginners or players who haven't transitioned to Yellow Ball in clubs. It is important that coaches in particular give guidance on which under 12 events are suitable for specific players. There will be a review after the finals of the Leagues which will help us formulate any adjustments for future events. The Junior Leagues like the Adult Leagues will be run every year.

The events are regionalised to reduce the travel required up until the Semifinals and Finals stage.

The winner of each regional league will qualify for the semi finals and then finals will be played to see who are the Munster Champions. If there are smaller numbers of teams in an age group in a particular region teams may play home and away to ensure that the minimum participation for a player would be 4 individual ties and 8 matches.



Again the overall idea is one of inclusion and the Junior Leagues are intended as additional events and are not designed to replace any existing events in the province.

In years to come we hope to have junior leagues in the province as large, as successful and as strong as the Munster Tennis Senior Adult Leagues.

To achieve this and grow our sport it will take cooperation between Munster Tennis, affiliated Clubs, registered Coaches and Parents from all 3 regions in the Province.

Together we are stronger.

Should you require any further information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact the Munster Tennis office.

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