



## Tournament Info

# BNP Paribas RCS Rising Star Tennis

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A national primary schools tournament to find the best boys and girls school tennis teams in the country.

### 1. Key contact details:

The following are the co-ordinators for this event and will be liaising and working closely with the appropriate schools tennis structures in each region and province:

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### 2. Structure of the new event:

There are 3 phases and they apply equally to the respective boys' and girls' events:

Phase	What	When
<b>Phase 1</b>	14 regional finals (based on the 14 schools 'inter-pro' regions) to determine a winner and second placed team from each region who will both advance to the play-offs.	A weekend in each region <b>between August and September 2019.</b>



<b>Phase 2</b>	4 x play-offs – teams to be allocated based geographic proximity - consisting of 14 regional winners and 14 regional runners up, as well as wild card teams (see the transformation section of this document for more info on the wild card teams).	A weekend/s in <b>October 2019</b> .
<b>Phase 3</b>	National final in Gauteng consisting of 4 play-off winners and 4 play-off second place team from each play-off as well as two wild card teams (see the transformation section of this document for more info on the wild card teams).  For the avoidance of doubt the boys competition will consist of 10 teams and the girls competition will consist of 10 teams.	<b>February 2020</b> . This date is because the national primary schools final is being linked to (and played at) another new high-profile event – this event will be unveiled in the coming months

- Entry is open to ALL primary schools in South Africa. However, schools must be in good standing with their district/regional or provincial tennis body to participate.
- Entry to the event will be free for participating schools, furthermore key tournament expenses (tennis balls and officials) will be provided at no cost by TSA.
- Travel and accommodation support will be provided to participating schools for the play-offs (phase 2), as well as for the national final (phase 3).
- A venue hosting fee will also be paid to each host of a regional final or a play-off.
- Trophies will be awarded to phase 1, 2 and 3 winners.
- Non-cash prizes (e.g. tennis balls) will be awarded to the various phase winners.

### 3. Regional incentives:

In order to generate enthusiasm for the event, as well as to assist in driving participation, TSA will be dividing the 14 tennis regions into rural regions and metropolitan regions, respectively, and offering the following cash incentives to the best performing regions - based on the following criteria:

#### Metropolitan region:

- With the most teams participating in their regional final: R15 000 (one award).
- With most teams from historically under serviced communities participating in their regional final: R15 000 (one award).

#### Rural region:

- With most teams participating in their regional final: R15 000 (one award).
- With most teams from historically under serviced communities participating in their regional final: R15 000 (one award).

In the event of a tie in any of the above-mentioned prize categories, then the money



will be shared between the tied parties. The money will be paid to the relevant provincial tennis body in that province or region.

#### 4. Transformation:

- The four TSA/Growthpoint National Development Centres will be eligible to enter teams.
- Schools from historically disadvantaged areas will be allowed to combine to enter teams.
- Selected schools from historically disadvantaged areas, who perform well in the regional events, will receive a fixed number of wild cards into the play-offs and from there potentially the national final as well. The wild cards will be decided by the tournament organising committee, with input from the relevant provincial or district structures.

#### 5. Tournament rules:

Below is a high-level overview of the rules and structure of the event. Some elements may be subject to change:

- The event will consist of a boy's competition and a separate girl's competition. Co-ed schools can enter appropriate teams in both competitions. Schools will be allowed and encouraged to enter more than one team.
- Only schools in good standing with their district, region and/or provincial tennis body will be allowed to participate.
- This is a team tennis event and the players, and a coach OR manager will be allowed to sit on the court.
- **A team will comprise of four players in grade six or below, born in 2007 or later. If you are good enough you are old enough. Each player must be a full time "bona fide" learner at the school and must be on the attendance roll at the school on the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2019. This is because the national final will be played in early 2020.**
- A tie (i.e. school A versus school B) will consist of three matches i.e. one doubles match and two singles matches. Two of the players will play doubles and the other two will play singles.
- Doubles players are not allowed to play singles and singles players not allowed to play doubles. In other words, all four players must compete in the tie. The team must be confirmed 15 minutes before a tie. No substitutions are allowed. Any illness or injury during a match will result in the opponent getting the match point. The players playing doubles or singles may be changed from tie to tie.
- A match will be best of 3 sets, first 2 sets will be short sets, starting at 2-2 with a 7-point tie breaker at 6-6 and 3rd set will be a match tie or super tie i.e. first to 10 points with a lead of 2 points.
- On court coaching is only allowed during change overs. The official coach or manager is the only one allowed on court.
- The coach / manager must be a registered coach in good standing with TSA or a full-time teacher on monthly salary with a valid SACE registration.
- The TSA Code of Conduct will be enforced, and no unsportsmanlike behaviour will be tolerated.
- The same four players that competed in the inter region competition must represent the school in the national final. Should a player be injured or have left the school a request for a substitute may be made to the organising committee who shall have the final say.