School Sport VICTORIA

2026 Sovereign and Eureka Division

HOT SHOTS tennis

13 October, 2026

Ballarat Regional Tennis Center

Arrival Time 9:30am, first games 9:45am

Conclusion 2:30pm

Cost - $10 per player
(Invoices will be sent to schools after the event.)

Thank you to Jack and the Ballarat Regional Tennis Center for hosting and running this event.

Structure of Hot Shots Tennis

Entry:

Entries have now closed. Entries need to be submitted by 4pm on 18 September, 2026. Late entries will not be accepted. Each ***team*** needs to umpire their own games on the day and a supervising adult per team needs to act as the Court Supervisor on each court to support students.

Please note that registered teams withdrawing from the competition within the two weeks prior to the event will be charged 80% of the participant fee (based on a full capacity side), and 100% of the participant fee (based on a full capacity side) if withdrawn the week prior to the event. This is to ensure that all event costs are covered. If a replacement team can be sourced to fill the space and take over the costs, this fee may be negotiated. Teams that fail to attend without sufficient notice will be charged the full event fee and will be withdrawn from participation in the following event. This measure is intended to ensure fairness for all schools and to support the smooth running of each competition. Please be mindful of this when entering your teams.

Please also complete player numbers 24 hours prior to the event.

Location:

Ballarat Regional Tennis Center (BRTC) - 497 Dowling St, Wendouree, 3355

Parking:

Access to BRTC is via Dowling St and there is ample parking at the venue, please be respectful of the parking rules in the area.

Courts:

The courts and facilities being used will be tidy upon the commencement of the competition. Can you please ensure your school and students respect these facilities by picking up all of their rubbish, placing it in the bins provided and treating our venue with care.

Structure of event:

- Teams must arrive by 9:15am
- Play will commence at 9:45am
- We will be following Option 1 in the Order of Play
    - Option 1: Singles players ranked 1–4 play first, then players 5–8. Once completed, all play a doubles match (in order of ranking) at the same time (30 min)
- Players/schools need to bring their own rackets.
- Official rules are to be followed (with the exception of the above and below) and can be accessed on the SSV website.

Team Size

- Teams will consist of a minimum of eight players per team with up to two substitutes (teams can only substitute players between rounds).

- ***Boys/Mixed Teams*** General Conditions of Competition, Clause #9 reads: A Boys/Mixed Team must be made up of a minimum of one boy who is on the court for the entire game. A team that cannot field a minimum of one boy in every game does not meet the Conditions of Competition and will be ineligible to receive points or awards and will not progress to the next level of competition.

Round robin draw:

Link to the draw can be found here. Please note that the organiser reserves the right to make changes to the draw up to 24 hours prior to event so please ensure you recheck this just before the event and notify families of this.

Progression to the Region event:

The team finishing top of the ladder (note no finals will be played) will move onto the Greater Western Region Championships to be held on 10 November, 2026.

First Aid:

Competing schools are responsible for ensuring that reasonable provision is made for the treatment of injuries. No first aid providers will be present for this event. All schools participating in SSV events are required to bring their own applicable first aid kit and Level 2 First Aid trained adult (as per Department of Education requirements). Sports Tape MUST be supplied by the student/competing team. Strapping for injury prevention as required MUST be performed by the student/competing team.

Nature of the tournament:

Students are attending from in and around Ballarat to experience sport at a local level. All students are playing to enhance their own opportunities in life and to be a part of a team. In doing so we ask all students to play fairly and have fun.

Umpires:

To ensure the event is able to run, players will umpire themselves and play one singles and one doubles match per round. The Court Supervisor (one supervising adult from each school) records all the match results on the team Score Card, circling the winner of each set for that round. The server is to call out the score BEFORE each point. If there is a dispute please replay the point or ask for the Court Supervisor.

Please respect the court supervisors decisions and display good sportspersonship towards them. Under no circumstances should anyone approach the court supervisor to advise them of a perceived incorrect decision. The official process needs to be conducted under the dispute process.

Coaching:

Whilst coaching is now permitted by the appointed coach for each game in all SSV events we do ask that coaches respect the on court play and decisions of their teams and umpires. Excessively loud coaching or negativity towards umpires/other teams will not be tolerated and coaches may be asked to step away from the current game if warnings are not adhered to. If requests are ignored the Coordinator for the event reserves the right to ask the particular coach to leave the venue for the remainder of the tournament and contact will be made with the Principal of the school in mention to alert them to the issue for the follow up back at your school.

Disputes:

Any disputes regarding decisions should be first directed to the event convenor. Only team managers are permitted to voice this dispute. This can either be conducted through written complaint or verbal complaint. Whichever the case the dispute will be discussed by the event convenor and the umpires in charge of that game. A decision will be reached immediately which we ask to be respected by all parties involved.

Code of Conduct and Positive Behaviour Rule:

All SSV events follow the Sporting Schools Victoria Codes of Conduct. Please ensure staff, students, coaches and supporters familiarise themselves with these prior to the event.

In conjunction with the SSV Code of Conduct Policy and Child Safe Policy, we will be implementing the SSV Positive Behaviour Rule at this event. This is to ensure the mental and physical health of all students as well as maximum participation. This rule states:

An offence must be awarded against a team if, in the match official's (ie referee or umpire) reasonable opinion, any coach, player, team manager, spectator or any other person fails to adhere to the SSV Codes of Conduct. This includes disrespectfully calling out by any person, disputing calls, arguing with any person or for any other reason. This rule includes spectators calling out or speaking in any disrespectful way. This rule can be applied by the referee, the event convenor or SSV staff member as they see it. A Technical Foul must be awarded against a team where a breach is deemed to have occurred.

Good luck and thank you:

Wishing all our teams, staff and supporters a wonderful day! Our division events aim to provide many sporting, social and growth opportunities for everyone.

A lot of work goes on behind the scenes for these events to happen and we'd like to thank everyone involved in making this event possible.