

NRHSAA BOYS' AND GIRLS' TENNIS 2023 - 2024

1. SEASON OF PLAY

Zone and SOSSA Tennis takes place in the fall. OFSAA tennis takes place in the spring.

2. LEVELS OF COMPETITION

SENIOR OPEN SENIOR JUNIOR

3. EVENTS

Boys' Singles	Girls' Singles	
Boys' Doubles	Girls' Doubles	Mixed Doubles

4. ELIGIBILITY

A minimum of ten (10) school team practices must be attended by tennis student-athletes.

A school team must conduct a bona fide high school program consisting of a minimum of six (6) practices during a one (1) month period in the current school year, under the supervision of a teach-coach as certified by the school principal.

Each school may submit **ONE (1)** entry per event (singles, doubles and mixed doubles) per the two (2) categories.

Each competitor may enter only **ONE (1)** event.

Tennis shall be open to any student in the school as long as the individual's birth certificate indicates that he/she has not reached his/her 19th birthday by January 1st prior to the start of the school year in which the competition is held.

Tennis will involve two (2) age classifications:

Junior - the individual's birth certificate indicates that he/she has not reached his/her 15th birthday by January 1st prior to the start of the school year in which the competition is held.

Senior - the individual's birth certificate indicates that he/she has not reached his/her 19th birthday by January 1st prior to the start of the school year in which the competition is held.

There are two (2) divisions for Senior:

(a) **Open Division:** An Open Division player must have won a minimum of two (2) rounds in total (one (1) round or more in tournament and/or at a later date wins a round in another tournament) in a three (3) star Ontario Tennis Association (OTA) tournament or higher, a Level six (6) or lower United States Tennis Association (USTA) tournament or the equivalent (European Championship) in the three (3) years prior to the beginning of the school year.

Any player who has ever played in the Canadian Nationals or any player that has ever played in any U-14, U-16 or U-18 provincial championships shall also be considered an open player. A bye, defaulted or retired match in an OTA event does not constitute a win.

(b) **High School Division:** Any player who has not met the above criteria for an Open player.

5. ELIGIBILITY SHEET

Eligibility sheets must be received by the NRHSAA Convener at least five (5) days prior to the Zone tournament. Substitutes will be allowed if the name(s) is listed on the eligibility sheet. However, no entrants will be permitted to change from one category to another unless the convener is notified the day prior to the Zone tournament.

6. START TIME

For a one (1) day tournament starting times will be determined by the Convener.

7. TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONSHIP FORMAT

A modified double elimination will determine the top two (2) entries to SOSAA. The runner-up of the championship match will be challenged by the winner of the second (2nd) place match, if the two (2) winners have not met previously.

8. RULE BOOK

The Canadian Lawn Tennis Association Rule Book shall be the official rule book.

9. GENERAL POLICIES

- a) The coach or designated person must be present during the entire tournament.
- b) The tennis "uniform can either be 90% whites or a recognized PE/school tennis uniform." It is the responsibility of the Coaches to see that teams are properly attired. Headgear or track pants for religious reasons are allowed in consultation with the Convener. Doubles and mixed players must wear similar uniforms. Smooth-soled shoes must be worn.
- c) The convener has the right to remove any player who is exhibiting poor behavior or sportsmanship or wearing inappropriate clothing.

10. ZONE QUALIFICATION TO THE SOSSA TOURNAMENT

The top 2 in Junior, Senior and open divisions will advance to SOSSA.
The SOSSA championship will be held in the fall.
The OFSAA championship is held in the SPRING.

ZONE 3/4 - TENNIS ENTRY FORM

SCHOOL: _____

ZONE 3: _____

ZONE 4: _____

Circle one ONLY: **JUNIOR** or **SENIOR (OPEN)** or **SENIOR (HIGH SCHOOL)**

(below - **1 NAME/BOX/DIVISION**)

MALE SINGLES >		
FEMALE SINGLES >		
MALE DOUBLES >		
MALE DOUBLES >		
FEMALE DOUBLES >		
FEMALE DOUBLES >		
MIXED DOUBLES >		
MIXED DOUBLES >		

COACH - _____

HOME PHONE #: 905 - _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

ENTRIES and ELIGIBILITIES (use APPENDIX E). *MUST BE RECEIVED BY:*

SENIORS	2 nd Friday after Labor Day in September - 5 PM
JUNIORS	3 RD Friday after Labor Day in September - 5 PM
TO:	TENNIS CONVENER

MIKE ROBINSON CONVENER: mjracketman@yahoo.ca