

## BOYS' AND GIRLS' TENNIS

### 1. SEASON OF PLAY

Zone = Fall Season    SOSSA = Fall Season    OFSAA = Spring Season

### 2. LEVELS OF COMPETITION

Junior                  Senior                  Senior Open

### 3. ELIGIBILITY

a) School/Team Eligibility: To represent a school in any SOSSA/OFSAA bound sport coordinated by the NCAA, a school must:

- I. Conduct a 'bona fide' school program consisting of a minimum of six (6) practices and/or competitions during a one (1) month period in the current school year, under the supervision of a teacher as certified by the school principal.
- II. Use only eligible student-athletes in any competition during the school year or the school forfeits the right to participate in the NCAA Tennis Championships.

b) Individual Student Eligibility: To represent a school in any activity coordinated by the Federation a student must:

- I. Be eligible for competition under the NCAA Constitution, By-Laws, and Playing Regulations of the NCAA.
- II. Be certified as eligible by the principal of the school.
- III. Meet the following age requirement: Senior: The individual's birth certificate indicates that she has not reached her 19<sup>th</sup> birthday by January 1<sup>st</sup>, prior to the start of the school year in which the competition is held. Junior: The individual's birth certificate indicates that she has not reached her 16<sup>th</sup> birthday by August 31<sup>st</sup>, prior to the start of the school year in which the competition is held. Only students in their first two years of high school, based on the date they entered grade nine, will be eligible for junior team competition. EXCEPTION: a student who has been accelerated one year in elementary school shall be allowed to play at the junior level for a maximum of two (2) consecutive years in the first three (3) years of his/her high school career. The student shall meet the above age requirement and documentation of the acceleration shall be provided with the eligibility sheet.
- IV. Be in Grades 9 – 12.
- V. Be eligible under the OFSAA Transfer Policy (OFSAA By-Law, Section 4(f)).
- VI. Be eligible for no more than five (5) consecutive years from date of entry into Grade 9 (OFSAA By-Law 5, Section 4(g))

### 4. ELIGIBILITY LIST

Eligibility lists are to be entered in the OFSAA HUB and emailed to the Tennis Convenor no later than 5 full school days prior to the date of the NCAA Championship. Substitutes will be allowed if the name(s) is listed on the eligibility sheet. No entrants will be permitted to change from one category to another unless the Tennis Convenor is notified the day prior to the NCAA Championship Tournament.

## 5.START TIME

For a one (1) day tournament start times will be determined by the Tennis Convenor and communicated to all coaches via email and will be published on the NCAA website.

## 6.ENTRY TO NCAA

Each school may enter a maximum of one (1) competitor in each event in each category.

The events shall be girls' singles, boys' singles, girls' doubles, boys' doubles, and mixed doubles.

Each competitor may enter only ONE (1) event.

NCAA Tennis Tournament will involve three divisions:

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

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

The NCAA Championship Tournament shall provide competition in Senior Open and High School divisions. Classification of divisions is as follows:

a) 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.

## 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 (2<sup>nd</sup>) place match, if the two (2) winners have not met previously.

## 8.RULE BOOK

Please see [Tennis Canada Rulebook](#), the Rules of the Court most up-to-date version available.

## 9. GENERAL POLICIES

The coach or designated person must be present during the entire tournament.

The tennis “uniform can either be 90% white or a recognized H&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 Convenor. Doubles and mixed players must wear similar uniforms. Smooth-soled shoes must be worn.

The convenor has the right to remove any player who is exhibiting poor behavior or sportsmanship or wearing inappropriate clothing.

## 10. ADVANCEMENT TO 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.

| NCAA TENNIS ENTRY FORM  |  |                     |  |
|---|--|---------------------|--|
| School:   |  |                     |  |
| COACH INFORMATION   |  |                     |  |
| Coach Name  |  | Coach Name          |  |
| Coach Phone Number  |  | Coach Phone Number  |  |
| Coach Email Address   |  | Coach Email Address |  |
| PLAYER INFORMATION  |  |                     |  |
| Check One ONLY  | <input type="checkbox"/> JUNIOR    OR <input type="checkbox"/> SENIOR (OPEN)    OR <input type="checkbox"/> SENIOR (HIGH SCHOOL) |                     |  |
| <b>Below – 1 NAME/BOX/DIVISION</b>  |  |                     |  |
| MALE SINGLES  |  |                     |  |
| FEMALE SINGLES  |  |                     |  |
| MALE DOUBLES  |  |                     |  |
| MALE DOUBLES  |  |                     |  |
| FEMALE DOUBLES  |  |                     |  |
| FEMALE DOUBLES  |  |                     |  |
| MIXED DOUBLES   |  |                     |  |
| MIXED DOUBLES   |  |                     |  |
| <b>Entries and eligibilities sent to Tennis Convenor Mike Robinson <a href="mailto:mjracketman@yahoo.ca">mjracketman@yahoo.ca</a> by:</b> |  |                     |  |
| Seniors   | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday after Labour Day in September – 5 PM  |                     |  |
| Juniors   | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday after Labour Day in September – 5 PM  |                     |  |