

TENNIS BY-LAWS

A. LEAGUE FORMAT

There will be Jr. and Sr. Divisions 1 and 2. Jr. will consist of Jr. age players while the Sr. division will consist of Sr. age players

OTA provincially ranked players must play Sr. Division 1.

Schools will enter their teams, Jr. and Sr., entered in either Division 1 – more intermediate or Division 2 – more beginner

B. EVENTS:

Girls' Singles Jr and Sr
Boys' Singles Jr and Sr
Girls' Doubles Jr and Sr
Boys' Doubles Jr and Sr
Mixed Doubles Jr and Sr

THE NCSSAA TENNIS IS A TEAM SPORT:

Teams must have a complete team consisting of 8 players listed on their Eligibility List and *at each match*- 4 Boys and 4 Girls are required for a complete team. A school may have a Jr. or Sr. team, or both.

Incomplete teams may not enter the league.

All players must have played in two matches in the regular season to proceed to the championship tournament.

Players must have played at least once in an event in the regular season that they are entered in for the championship tournament.

C. ELIGIBILITY

Any team who plays an ineligible player will forfeit all matches in which said player participated. League standings will be adjusted accordingly. The player and/or coach may be sanctioned by the NCSSAA.

D. PLAY

1. Five minutes for warm-ups.
2. Each set is a 6 game pro set with no ad scoring. A tiebreaker will be played at 5 games all in any set. When the game is deuce (game point) the receiving team chooses which side is to receive the serve. In the mixed doubles set, the serve must be gender to gender.
3. Teams must submit the starting lineup before play of each set.
4. Each championship tournament match is same as regular season. Each set is a 5 game pro set with no ad scoring.
5. Service decided by a spin of the racquet.
6. Coaching is not allowed in the Championship Tournament.

7. The home team supplies 1 new can of balls per court/match.
8. All names of players who played in the match must be entered on the score sheet in the games they played and faxed or emailed to the convenor within 24 hours.
9. Matches that are rained out must be played within 1 week of the original scheduled date of the match (exceptions allowed only under exceptional circumstances with the permission of convenor/Athletic Coordinator) or that match will be a forfeit.

E. SCORING

Winner of the match will be the team that wins the most sets.

F. DEFAULTS

There is a 15 minute default rule. If a player has not arrived within 15 minutes of the start time, that set will be a forfeit and the other team wins that set 6-0. If a whole team defaults, the team that is present and ready to play wins 30-0.

G. CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

Championship Tournament will conform to league play format .Format to be developed by the Tennis Convenor and Athletic Coordinator. The team's player roster for the championship must be submitted to the convenor 48 hours prior to the championship.

F. OFFICIATING AND SUPERVISION

It is mandatory that the Tennis coach or another member of the teaching staff be present with the players at all tournaments. Teams without a coach **WILL NOT** be allowed to participate and will therefore lose by default.

All matches will be monitored by a coach. The convenor will arrange/schedule this responsibility. This coach will settle disputes and monitor player conduct.

***** During the regular season the coach must submit the score sheet for each match, with player's names on it, to the convenor within 24 hours of the match taking place.**

A teacher must be present for the entire day of the Championship Tournament (as per N.C.S.S.A.A. Constitution).

G. DRESS

- Players must be dressed in appropriate tennis attire. Acceptable dress includes school uniforms (T-shirt and similar shorts) or **PLAIN** T-shirt and shorts. School or **PLAIN** sweats may be worn as the weather dictates.
- Proper tennis footwear is expected.
- School or **PLAIN** **headwear** is permitted.
- There will be **ZERO TOLERANCE** for any infractions. They will result in disqualification.