

CWOSSA Co-Ed Tennis

Playing Regulations

I. Date and Time

The second Friday of October (actual date will be published in the CWOSSA calendar). Start time of 8:30 am (unless otherwise specified).

II. Convener

The Convenor will be identified by the Association meeting and published in the annual CWOSSA calendar.

III. Championship Structure

1. Events

i) The CWOSSA Tennis Championship shall provide competition in Open and High School divisions. Classification of divisions is as follows:

(a) An Open Division player must have won a minimum of two rounds in total (one round or more in a tournament and/or at a later date wins a round in another tournament) in 3 star Ontario Tennis Association (OTA) tournaments or higher or the equivalent (USTA, European championship) in the three 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.

ii) The events to be run in both High School and Open Divisions:

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

2. Tournament Structure

- i) A modified Double Elimination draw will be set.
- ii) The consolation winner will challenge the winner on the championship side if and only if they have not met in the tournament play. If this match occurs, one set will be played.
- iii) Tournament matches will be regular sets to 6 (six) games with no-ad scoring and a 12 point tie breaker at 5-5.
- iv) The championship game and consolation championship game will be regular sets to 6 games with ad scoring and a 12 point tie-breaker at 6-6.
- v) If the consolation winner has not yet played the championship winner, they will play one pro-set to 8 games with ad scoring and a tie breaker at 7-7 to determine first and second place.
- vi) Challenge and consolation matches will not have "ad scoring". Only the championship game would go to 6-6 with "ad scoring".

- vii) Districts 4/10, 5, 6/11, 8, 9, 10 and will begin play at 8:30 a.m. District 1/7 will not be scheduled to play before 9:30 a.m.

3. Seeding

Seeding (for first and second place) shall be done in the first round of each event by the convener(s). Coaches are to indicate prior CWOSSA and/or provincial successes on the entry form.

4. Entry

- i) A player may compete in one event only.
- ii) The CWOSSA entry forms will require that every player be designated as an Open player or a High School player. It is the responsibility of the coach to ensure that this information is correct. The signature of the Principal will verify this. As a result, the CWOSSA entry form should include a place for the coach to make this designation.
- iii) It must be checked and verified by the sending school to declare each player as truly "O" or they must compete at "HS". If an athlete or coach declares an athlete as "O" and they are not, they will be disqualified from the CWOSSA tournament.
- iv) Districts 5, 9, and 8 send one entry per event. Districts (1/7), (6/11), (4/10) send two entries per event
- v) If only one school in a district is interested they must compete in the closest district tournament.
- vi) Entries must be received by the Friday night prior to the Friday tournament.
- vii) AELS eligibility lists signed by the principal and coach must be given to the convenor at the tournament.
- viii) A teacher must accompany the teams representing each school.

5. Playing Rules

- i) The rules of the Canadian Lawn Tennis Association shall govern play.
- ii) All matches will not be officiated.
- iii) Coaches are to refrain from coaching when a match is in progress. It is the coach's responsibility to ensure that players are aware of rules pertaining to the tournament.
- iv) In the case of controversy, and at the request of a competitor, the convenor(s) may intervene as an umpire.
- v) If a team does not arrive within 15 minutes of their game being called, they will be defaulted for that match only. This includes the 8:30am start time for all districts, except 1, 7 and 9 that have a start time of 9:30 am. The registration table will make the default call and keep time from when a game is called to when the default occurs. (record time on score sheet when called on PA).

6. Substitutions

- i) If a singles player, who has qualified at his/her district level to play at CWOSSA, is unable to compete - the next qualified player from the district must fill his/her position. This may mean a player from a different school. The district convenor is responsible for contacting the coach of that player to try to fill the entry and then for contacting the CWOSSA convenor with the change.
- ii) If one member of a doubles team is unable to compete at CWOSSA for educational, disciplinary or medical reasons only, then a substitution player from the same school will be allowed to play. The new player **MUST** be listed as a substitute/alternate on his/her school team eligibility list in order to qualify.

7. Uniforms

- i) Competitors must wear appropriate tennis attire and shoes. They are to be advised that their second service ball **MUST** be kept in a ball clip, pocket or held prior to the first serve.

8. Awards

- i) The CWOSSA plaque will be presented to the **SCHOOL** with the highest point total. Point allocations are indicated on the draw sheet.
- ii) A CWOSSA silver medal will be presented to the finalist(s) and a CWOSSA gold medallion will be given to the winner of each event

IV. Sponsorship Policy and Uniforms at CWOSSA Championships

1. All competitors are expected to dress in uniforms that are neat, clean and which maintain the integrity of the school's name, colours and logos.
2. No sport club insignia on uniforms or equipment shall be permitted in the competitive area. A sport club is defined as a community, provincially or nationally based organization whose primary purpose is participation in organized competition in single or multi-sport programs.
3. Sponsorship recognition is permitted to be visible but must conform with the placement guidelines outlined in By-Law 6. Section 2(h) of the OFSAA By-laws. This criteria must be met both on and in the immediate vicinity of the competitive area and during the awards ceremonies.