

**Revised Sept 2009
SOSSA INC. TENNIS
PLAYING REGULATIONS**

1. Date:

The SOSSA INC. Tennis championship will be held in the Fall of each year on a date set by the convenor not less than one week before the OFSAA Championship.

2. Eligibility:

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.

SOSSA INC. tennis will involve three divisions:

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 divisions for Senior.

(a) Open Division: any player who has won at least two rounds (does not have to be in the same tournament) in any 3 star Ontario Tennis Association (OTA) tournament or higher or equivalent (USTA, European championship) in the three years prior to the beginning of the school year, or who has ever played in the Canadian Junior Nationals or any player that has ever played in any provincial championships shall also be considered a ranked 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.

3. Tournament Structure and Procedure:

Each Zone is allowed two entries in each category.

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

A competitor may enter only one event.

The SOSSA INC. Tennis Tournament is to be a modified double elimination.

(a) winner is not required to play off.

(b) first round losers will be placed in the consolation draw. The winner of the consolation draw is the equivalent of fifth place.

(c) second place will come from the winner of the match played between the losers of the semi-finals from which that winner will challenge the finalist of the championship if the two competitors have never previously met.

(d) if a team advances as a result of a first round default or bye then loses in the second round they will be placed in challenge draw for second place.

4. Expenses for SOSSA INC. championships see Article IV.

A fee may be charged to cover costs. The SOSSA INC. convenor shall forward a financial statement to the SOSSA INC. Secretary-Treasurer at the conclusion of the tournament.

5. Scoring:

(a) The SOSSA Tennis Championship structure shall be an eight (8) game pro-set, no advantage scoring with a twelve (12) point tie breaker at seven (7) all. The consolation side of the draws will be a 6-game pro-set, no advantage scoring with a (12) point tie breaker played at 5 games all.

(b) The convenor may modify the structure of the Championship if there is a lack of court availability or inclement weather.

6. Rules and Officials:

Tennis Canada Rulebook, the *Rules of the Court 2008*.

Unofficial matches will follow a modified version to be explained on site the day of the competition.

7. Uniforms:

In order to be allowed to play, competitors must dress in proper tennis attire which covers the midsection. This includes the school's P.E. uniform T-shirt and short. Student-athletes must remain fully clothed in the appropriate attire in the competition area, AND use the designated locker room or change area to change to and from competition attire. No sport club insignia on uniforms shall be permitted. 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.

8. Awards:

Medallions shall be awarded to winners of each event.

9. Deportment:

See Article X and XI

10. Medical Personnel:

Coaches shall provide all consumable medical supplies (ie. tape, bandaids) for athletes.

11. Appeals and Protests:

See Article IX.