

SOSSA TENNIS

PLAYING REGULATIONS – revised May, 2020

1. Date

The SOSSA Tennis championship will be held in the fall of each year on a date set by the convener. If possible the date will be available by the SOSSA AGM in June of the previous school year.

2. Location

The location of the SOSSA tennis championship shall be determined by the SOSSA convener.

3. Eligibility

As per Article VII and Article VIII of SOSSA Constitution.

4. Classifications

Please see Article VII, Section 7.03 and 7.05 of the SOSSA Constitution.

SOSSA 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.

5. 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 Tennis Tournament is to be a modified double elimination.

(a) the 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.

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 convener may modify the structure of the Championship if there is a lack of court availability or inclement weather.

6. Entry.

Each Zone is allowed two entries into each event. Entries shall be submitted by the Zone tennis convener or the Zone athletic coordinator only.

7. Expenses

Please see the Article IV of the SOSSA Constitution.

A fee shall be charged to cover costs. Tennis is an activity which is not covered as per the constitution. The SOSSA convener shall forward a financial statement to the SOSSA administrative director at the conclusion of the tournament.

8. Rules and Officials

Please see Tennis Canada Rulebook, the Rules of the Court most up-to-date version available.

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

9. 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.

10. Awards

Medallions shall be awarded to winners of each event.

11. Deportment

See Article X and XI of the SOSSA constitution. Competitors must be under the control of a staff member of the school they represent.

12. Medical Personnel

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

13. Appeals and Protests

If a school(s) wishes to proceed with a protest, see Article 9 of the SOSSA constitution.