

BOYS AND GIRLS TENNIS

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1.0 DATE

The WOSSAA tournament is held during the last week of May.

2.0 LOCATION

A suitable location is to be determined by the convenor. It is suggested that there be at least six courts available for play.

3.0 EVENTS

The following events will be contested:

- Girls Singles
- Boys Singles
- Girls Doubles
- Boys Doubles
- Mixed Doubles

4.0 TOURNAMENT STRUCTURE AND PROCEDURES

4.1 All matches shall be two out of three sets. The 12 point tie-breaker will be used. New balls will be provided for each match. If conditions are a problem, the WOSSAA convenor, in consultation with the coaches, may decide to shorten matches. The tournament will be single elimination.

4.2 It shall be the responsibility of the WOSSAA convenor to notify the Conference convenors of the date, time, location and fees for the WOSSAA tournament.

5.0 SEEDING

5.1 It shall be the responsibility of the WOSSAA convenor to do the draw for the tournament based on the input of the coaches regarding seeding. It is recommended that the draw be set up so that teams from the same conference be placed on opposite sides of the draw as long as seeding is not disrupted. It is further suggested that byes be given to the top seeded teams to help ensure that weaker teams have a chance for more than one match.

5.2 It shall be the responsibility of the Conference convenors to check and inform the WOSSAA convenor of any "ranked" players.

A player is considered ranked if the player has won at least two rounds in a three star OTA tournament or higher or equivalent (USTA or European championship) in the 3 years prior to the beginning of the school year. Any player who has ever played in the Canadian Junior Nationals or any player that has ever played in any provincial championship shall also be considered a ranked player. A bye, defaulted or retired match in an OTA event does not constitute a win. If one player on a doubles team is ranked, the entire doubles team is ranked.

6.0 ENTRY AND FEES

- 6.1** It shall be the responsibility of the Conference convenors to phone in their representatives as soon as conference play is completed. Each Conference convenor shall also supply the WOSSAA convenor with data for seeding purposes. The Conference convenors shall also ensure that a coach is designated to represent the Conference at a WOSSAA tournament if the Conference convenor is not in attendance.
- 6.2** Each conference has two entries in the WOSSAA tournament; 2 from Huron Perth; 2 from Oxford Elgin; 2 from London and 2 from Middlesex. Therefore there are eight entries in each event.
- 6.3** The convenor will set the entry fee per person based on expenses.

7.0 ELIGIBILITY

- 7.1** Each player must be eligible for competition under the WOSSAA Constitution.
- 7.2** Each player must have competed in his/her conference championships.
- 7.3** Each player who qualifies for an event at the conference championship may compete only in that same event at WOSSAA.
- 7.4** No player may enter more than one event.
- 7.5** If eligible players are unable to compete at WOSSAA, the next highest conference finisher may be substituted. Any change to entries must go through the conference convenor and must be passed on to the WOSSAA convenor.

8.0 RULES AND OFFICIALS

- 8.1** The rules of the Ontario Tennis Association shall govern play at the WOSSAA championship except as stated in this constitution.
- 8.2** Players are to call their own lines. If there is a problem, then a player can request a lines person to be drawn from the pool of neutral coaches in attendance.

9.0 UNIFORMS

Proper tennis apparel and proper shoes are required. A player shall not wear anything that discredits the game, his/her opponent, or his/her self.

10.0 EQUIPMENT

- 10.1** A reputable ball shall be used for all matches (ie. Dunlop, Wilson, Penn, Slazenger).
- 10.2** New balls shall be provided for each match.

11.0 AWARDS

Individual - WOSSAA medallions to champions and Finalists in each event.

12.0 OFSAA ENTRY

- 12.1** There are both Ranked and Unranked Divisions at OFSAA - 2 entries are allowed from WOSSAA per event per division. Players must advance to semifinals to be considered for entry into OFSAA. Playoff games to determine OFSAA qualifiers may be required (ie: one ranked player is the WOSSAA Champion and an unranked player is the finalist). Playoff games should be pro set games (ie: first player to eight games wins) with no-add scoring (ie: first point after deuce wins). A 12 point tie breaker will be used only at 7-7.
- 12.2** For deciding the two (2) OFSAA Qualifiers in each event for both ranked and unranked divisions the following tie breaker procedures shall be used:
- a) results in finals then semi finals
 - b) Champions in conference is next tie breaker
 - c) if still tied; first to 8 game playoff match with no-add scoring
- 12.3** The WOSSAA convenor must send entries and collect/pay the entry fees to OFSAA for the entire association.