

2022 CLUB TOURNAMENT RULES & REGULATIONS

The following rules and regulations will be strictly enforced. Please note that these rules have always been in effect but may not have been enforced in the past. For those of you that play other external tournaments, you'll know that most of these rules have been around for a long time.

Email will be the primary method of Tournament communication.

Entry & Registration:

You may enter online only if you are a Tennis BC member but you still are required to nominally fill in the Entry Form (downloadable from the club website). Make sure you provide an **email address** on the form & submit it along with any applicable Entry Fees. If you enter online, you are also acknowledging that you have read the Rules & Regulations, and the Code of Conduct, and that you will abide by them.

If you are **not** a Tennis BC member, please fully complete the Entry Form (downloadable from the club website). Make sure you provide an **email address** on the form, **sign** at the bottom right of the form that you have read the Rules & Regulations and abide by the Code of Conduct, and submit it along with any applicable entry fees.

Full payment of your Entry Fees & a signed Entry Form must be received before you play your first match or you will be defaulted.

If you have been the Club Champion of a "3.5 & below" event in any of the past 3 years you will not be allowed to enter this category & you are encouraged to enter the "4.0 & above" event. **For the Doubles events, if either player has been a Champion, even if they had a different partner, this restriction still applies.** This rule is being put into effect to make these events more competitive and fair.

In addition, for the same reason, if you have been a finalist in a "4.0 & above" event in any of the past 3 years, you will not be able to enter an "Age Event" (for example 60+) of that category.

Scheduling:

The Tournament website is listed below. It can also be accessed with a useful smart-phone App: Search "Tennis Canada" for the iPhone App or "Tennis Canada Visual Reality" for an Android device. Access the links on the Club website.

<<insert link here>>

Draws will be posted online. It is advised that you check your draws daily, & especially before leaving for the Club for your match as there may be changes to the schedules due to weather etc.

If you are scheduled for a doubles match, it is recommended that you check with your partner before the match to give them a heads-up.

Avoidances:

Obviously it is much easier to schedule and complete matches when players have no restrictions. We do understand that members have lives outside of the club so we will accept **reasonable** avoidances (due to work for example) but ask that you limit them as much as possible. Please be aware that for each event you enter, you'll be playing a minimum of 2 matches (if there is a consolation round) and at least 3 or 4 matches if your event is a round robin. Therefore, the more events you are entered in, the less avoidances you should have. Please consider this when entering the tournament. **All avoidances must be included on your entry form and cannot be added later and especially not after your match has been scheduled.**

Although we will try to accommodate all avoidances, when we are reviewing the entry forms and discover that your avoidances cannot be accommodated, you may be asked to either reduce your avoidances or limit the number of events you play.

- A maximum of 5 complete days of avoidances over the length of the tournament will be permitted.
- If you wish to enter the **maximum of 3 events**, you can only have avoidances for one of the first two weekends of the tournament (August 26 - 28 or September 2 - 4). If you require avoidances for both those weekends, then you may only enter 2 events.
- You must be available for a minimum of 1 day out of the 3 final days (Friday, September 9, Saturday, September 10 & Sunday, September 11) of the tournament. **No exceptions.**

Match Regulations:

Matches will be a regular best of 3 sets, with standard 7-point tie-breakers played at 6 games all.

Match warm-up to be limited to 7 minutes.

Each player must have a new can of tennis balls, either Penn or Wilson. The winner of the match will get the new can & the loser keeps the balls used in the match.

A match will be defaulted to the player(s) in attendance if the other player(s) is more than 15 minutes late for the scheduled match. An exception **may** be granted if notification is received before the scheduled match start time.

At the discretion of the Tournament Organizing Committee a match referee may be designated for Semi-Finals & Finals matches.

Rescheduling matches:

Matches must be played as scheduled, and will only be rescheduled due to rain. If the weather is questionable, please make every attempt to get your match in. With a little use of the squeegees, the courts can dry very quickly.

Unfortunately, injuries are not grounds to delay or reschedule a match. If a player is unable to play due to injury, they must forfeit the match.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding these rules, feel free to email the Tournament Organizing Committee, at tournamentdirector@nwtennis.com

Let's have a fun, fair and competitive tournament.