

**SUPERIOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
TENNIS
PLAYING REGULATIONS**

1. Season of Play

The SSSAA tennis season will begin March 1st or at the end of the previous season's regular season, whichever is later and will end after by the first weekend in June.

2. Competitive Dates

An OFSAA qualifying tournament will be held the week prior to the May long weekend.

The SSSAA tennis championship will take place in the last meet of May or the first week of June depending on the date of the OFSAA Tennis Festival

3. Tournament Format

A double elimination tournament format will be used to determine a champion. Normal starting times for tournament play will be 9am. A coaches meeting will take place prior to the start of tournament play. All coaches must be in attendance.

The competition will include the following events: girls' singles, boys' singles, girls' doubles, boys' doubles and mixed doubles. Each team/player is guaranteed two games.

4. Rules of Play

The Tennis Canada rule book will govern play with the exception/addition of the following rules:

No player may compete in more than one event (i.e. boys singles, boys doubles, etc.)

All competitors must wear a school issued uniform top and shorts.

Each side must report with a can of balls. The losing side keeps the open can and the winning side takes the new can.

Warm-up time before matches will be limited to five (5) minutes.

The tournament draw is only a framework and game times may change significantly depending on circumstances that develop throughout the event. Teams and individuals are expected to be on-site and ready to play for the duration of the competition. Matches are considered a default if a team or individual is more than five (5) minutes late.

The honour system shall be employed except where an umpire has been requested or assigned.

The seating available between courts is for coaches only. No spectators including student-athletes are allowed in this area.

The club professional will settle all disputes. Consultation with all concerned coaches and players will take place before a final decision will be made.

5. Scoring

Each match will consist of an 8-game 'pro set'. Scoring will be no-ad in all matches. First player to 4 points, no deuce.

6. Eligibility

Eligibility forms fully completed with proper signatures must be faxed into David Pineau at 623-7848 two (2) days prior to the school's first match.

Student-athletes may compete in only one division (i.e. junior or senior). No spares are allowed to fill in once the competition has begun.

7. Awards

The school with the highest overall point total will be awarded the overall team championship. Team points will be awarded as 2 points per victory on the championship side of the draw and 1 point per victory on the consolation side of the draw. A bonus point will be awarded for the champion in each division.

The SSSAA Team Championship trophy will be awarded to the overall team champion.

8. Supervision

A coach designated by the school must be present and responsible for the behaviour of his/her competitors for the duration of the event. Coaches are asked to assist in recording winners on the tournament draw sheet and to make sure that matches are being played on open courts.