

SUPERIOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
TENNIS
PLAYING REGULATIONS
(April 2025)

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

OFSAA Qualifier (Tennis Tournament)

The OFSAA Qualifier will be round robin format and will possibly be pooled if the number of entrants in any one category is excessive.

The competition will include the following events: girls' singles, boys' singles, girls' doubles, boys' doubles and mixed doubles. Currently there is a ranked/open division and a high school division at OFSAA and this division will be followed.

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A double elimination tournament format will be used to determine a champion. Normal starting time 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.

A case of tennis balls will be available to all players and coaches will sort out who gets which tennis balls. The case is to be purchased and brought to the site and the cost divided up by the schools and paid to the purchaser.

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 not to be used. No spectators, including coaches or student-athletes, are allowed in this area.

Coaches will settle all disputes. Consultation with all concerned coaches and players will take place before a final decision is 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.

- Score recording?

6. Eligibility and Entries

Entry forms fully completed with proper signatures must be sent in to joseph_newhouse@lakeheadschoools.ca by the date and time specified on the calendar at SSSAA.com.

Eligibility must be submitted through the OFSAA HUB system one day prior to a school's competition.

Substitutions are allowed at the beginning of the SSSAA tournament to a team if there are injuries/no shows and an alternate is available.

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.