

## BOYS' AND GIRLS' TENNIS

**2016-2017**

### 1. SEASON OF PLAY

Zone and SOSSA Tennis takes place in the fall. OFSAA tennis takes place in the spring.

### 2. LEVELS OF COMPETITION

SENIOR OPEN          SENIOR          JUNIOR

### 3. EVENTS

Boys' Singles	Girls' Singles	
Boys' Doubles	Girls' Doubles	Mixed Doubles

### 4. ELIGIBILITY

A minimum of 10 school team practices must be attended by tennis student-athletes.

A school team must conduct a bona fide high school program consisting of a minimum of six (6) practices during a one (1) month period in the current school year, under the supervision of a teach-coach as certified by the school principal.

Each school may submit ONE (1) entry per event (singles, doubles and mixed doubles) per the two categories.

A competitor may enter only one (1) event.

Tennis shall be open to any student in the school as long as the individual's birth certificate indicates that he/she has not reached his/her 19th birthday by January 1<sup>st</sup> prior to the start of the school year in which the competition is held.

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 an open 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. ELIGIBILITY SHEET**

Eligibility sheets must be received by the Convener at least 2 days before the first zone competition. Substitutes will be allowed if the name(s) is listed on the eligibility sheet. However, no entrants will be permitted to change from one category to another unless the convener is notified the day prior to the Tournament.

## **6. START TIME**

For a one day tournament starting times will be determined by the Convener.

## **7. TOURNAMENT/LEAGUE AND CHAMPIONSHIP FORMAT**

NRHSAA and NCAA plays on the same day at the same location.

Both play in a tournament format with NCAA and NRHSAA champion and runner up determined in each division and category.

NCAA schools placed in top half of draws. NRHSAA schools in bottom half of draws. 1st place NCAA plays 1st place NRHSAA for first zone entry into SOSSA. 2nd place NCAA plays 2nd place NRHSAA. Winner of 2nd place game has the right to challenge runner up of 1st place game for second zone entry into SOSSA if the two teams have not met previously in the competition.

## **8. RULE BOOK**

The Canadian Lawn Tennis Association Rule Book shall be the official rule book.

## **9. GENERAL POLICIES**

- a) The coach or designated person must be present during the entire tournament.
- b) The tennis "uniform can either be 90% whites or a recognized PE/school tennis uniform." It is the responsibility of the Coaches to see that teams are properly attired. Headgear or track pants for religious reasons are allowed in consultation with the Convener. Doubles and mixed players must wear similar uniforms. Smooth-soled shoes must be worn.
- c) The convener has the right to remove any player who is exhibiting poor behavior or sportsmanship or wearing inappropriate clothing.

## **10. ZONE ENTRIES AND ADVANCEMENT TO THE SOSSA COMPETITION**

Junior and senior winners advance to SOSSA.

## **11. SOSSA BOYS' AND GIRLS' TENNIS**

The championship will be held in the fall. OFSAA WILL BE HELD IN THE SPRING. Entry to a tennis festival will be only through associations. Check [www.sossa.on.ca](http://www.sossa.on.ca) and [www.ofsaa.on.ca](http://www.ofsaa.on.ca) for dates.

# ZONE 3/4 - TENNIS ENTRY FORM

SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_

ZONE 3: \_\_\_\_\_

ZONE 4: \_\_\_\_\_

Circle one ONLY: **JUNIOR** or **SENIOR (OPEN)** or **SENIOR (HIGH SCHOOL)**

(below - **1 NAME/BOX/DIVISION**)

MALE SINGLES >		
FEMALE SINGLES >		
MALE DOUBLES >		
MALE DOUBLES >		
FEMALE DOUBLES >		
FEMALE DOUBLES >		
MIXED DOUBLES >		
MIXED DOUBLES >		

COACH - \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE #: 905 - \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

ENTRIES and ELIGIBILITIES (use APPENDIX E). **MUST BE RECEIVED BY:**

SENIORS	2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday after Labor Day in September - 5 PM
JUNIORS	3 <sup>RD</sup> Friday after Labor Day in September - 5 PM
TO:	TENNIS CONVENER

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