



Thames Valley Regional Athletics

RULES OF PLAY: TENNIS

1.0 Organization of Competition

In reference to schedule 5, Organization of Competitive Groupings, Seasons and Practice Restrictions, TVRA Tennis will be divided into two (2) conferences:

Tri-County

Arthur Voaden
Glencoe DHS
West Elgin
Central Elgin
East Elgin
Parkside
College Ave
Lord Dorchester
Tillsonburg
Woodstock
Huron Park
Ingersoll DCI
Holy Cross
St. Joseph's
St. Mary's
Notre Dame
Providence RC
Strathroy DCI
North Mid. DHS

Central

Montcalm
Westminster
South
Clarke Road
Central
Medway
Oakridge
Laurier
Lucas
Beal
Saunders
Banting
St. Andre Bessette
Gabriel Dumont
London DCSS
Mgr. Bruyere
Catholic Central
Regina Mundi
St. Thomas Aquinas
John Paul II
Mother Teresa

- 1.1 Site for Regional Championships will be determined by Convenor.
- 1.2 In TVRA Central, team matches during the season will be organized by the convenor. A team championship will occur among the top four (4) teams, following the completion of this schedule. The TVRA Central individual championship will determine qualification to WOSSAA. Schools are not required to enter full teams to be eligible for this competition.
- 1.3 In TVRA Tri-County, matches will be contested in single competition, where both team and individual results will be awarded.

2.0 Eligibility

- 2.1 Refer to the TVRA Agreement Schedule 6 as well as the following:
- 2.2 Conference Entries and eligibility lists must be submitted to the Conference convenor four (4) days prior to the Conference Championship.
- 2.3 A student may only play on one team of the same sport (team or individual) during a school year. As per the TVRA Participation agreement, students may combine tennis with other TVRA spring sports, at the discretion of the school.



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2.4 A player may compete in only one event in the same competition.

3.0 Competition

3.1 Rules of Tennis Canada shall govern play at TVRA Conference Championships.

3.2 A school may only enter one (1) entry per event in TVRA Central and two (2) entries per event in TVRA Tri-County at the Championships.

3.3 Events include: Singles - boys/girls; Doubles - boys/girls; Mixed Doubles.

3.4 For regular season team matches played among schools:

- Matches will begin at times determined by the convenor.
 - Players/Teams who arrive 15 minutes after the scheduled start time will be defaulted.
 - Each competition consists of five matches; Boys Singles, Girls Singles, Boys Doubles, Girls Doubles and Mixed Doubles.
 - To win a match, a school must win three of the five matches.
 - Warm-up for each match is no longer than 10 minutes.
 - All matches are 8 game pro-sets with no-ad scoring (if the score goes to deuce, the winner of the next point wins the game).
 - At deuce, the service returner chooses which side they will receive serve. At deuce in mixed doubles, the server must serve to their same-sex opponent.
 - At 7-7, a tie-breaker will be played (up to 7 points, win by two).
 - Players should switch sides of the court every odd numbered game (ie after 1st, 3rd, 5th game, etc).
 - Coaching is permitted ONLY during changeovers during TEAM matches, and only by a designated coach.
- 3.5 Matches are 8 game pro-sets with no-ad scoring at both the TVRA Central and Tri-County Championships. Coaching is not permitted at any time during the Individual Championships, WOSSAA or OFSAA.
- 3.6 Changeovers should not exceed 90 seconds in length.
- 3.7 A Competition Committee of three (3) persons (convenor + two (2) other coaches or designate) will act as tournament officials for the conference Championship event.

4.0 Uniforms, Sportsmanship and Equipment

4.1 Players must exhibit good sportsmanship and behaviour at all times during competition. All players must wear appropriate athletic attire for all matches (no jeans/cut-offs, shirts must be worn at all times). Shoes with non-marking soles must be worn. Players must keep score and call their own lines. Racquet/ball abuse, inappropriate language and arguing will not be tolerated and could result in default.

5.0 Scheduling

Schools must notify the convenor, through the co-ordinator of their intent to



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participate in a schedule of meets. This schedule of meets will be available at the respective divisions pre-season meeting.

6.0 Home Team Responsibilities

- 6.1 Supply new balls for each match
- 6.2 Report score to league convenor and enter on web site
- 6.3 Contact the opposing coach before 1:00 pm in cases of inclement weather
- 6.4 Rescheduling cancelled matches as soon as possible

7.0 Coaches' Responsibilities

- 7.1 Provide Eligibility list to convenor (for team competitions, prior to first match. For Individual competitions, 4 days prior to championships).
- 7.2 Notifying the convenor of any ranked players before WOSSAA and provide documentation proving a player's ranked/unranked status (applicable to ANY player who has ANY OTA tournament experience). Documentation includes a hardcopy of the OTA player profile (tournament experience). If the player is not longer and active OTA member, they should contact the OTA and they will receive a copy of their tournament history. The definition of a ranked player is *"any player who has won at least two rounds 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. 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 an Open player. (A bye, defaulted or retired match in an OTA event does not constitute a win)."*

8.0 Advancement to WOSSAA, OFSAA

- 8.1 The top 4 finishers from each Individual Championship shall advance to WOSSAA.

9.0 Awards

- 9.1 Individual Awards:
 - Gold Medallions for 1st place finishers
 - Ribbons for 2nd – 6th place finishers
- 9.2 Team Awards
 - TVRA Central Tennis Team Champions (9x12 plaque)
 - TVRA Tri-County Tennis Team Champions (9x12 plaque)
- 9.3 **PLAYER AWARDS** will be awarded at the end of the season. An awards committee will be created to determine the winner of each of the awards.

ROB SCHMIDT MEMORIAL AWARD - *Awarded annually to the London high school player who has excelled in the sport of tennis and has demonstrated a willingness to share their passion for tennis with others.*



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JOHN HATCH AWARD - *Awarded annually to the female player who has demonstrated excellence in their play and good sportsmanship over their high school career.*

BRUCE LIBBY AWARD - *Awarded annually to the male player who has demonstrated excellence in their play and good sportsmanship over their high school career.*

10.0 Convenor Responsibilities – As outlined in the TVRA Sports Agreement - section 5.6 and schedules 3 through 8.

10.1 Convenor Coverage

- a) There is 1 day of supply coverage available for convening in TVRA Central.
- b) There is 1 day of supply coverage available for convening in TVRA Tri-County.