

HWIAC TENNIS PLAYING REGULATIONS

Following is a summary of HWIAC eligibility requirements for teams and individual athletes. Full details can be found in the HWIAC constitution available on the Athletics website.

- Senior age – the individual's birth certificate indicates that he/she has not reached their 19th birthday by January 1st prior to the start of the school year in which the competition is held **(2005 or later – maximum 5 years of eligibility)**.
- Junior age - the individual's birth certificate indicates that he/she has not reached their 15th birthday by January 1st prior to the start of the school year in which the competition is held **(2009 or 2010)**.
- Students must be enrolled in at least three (3) full time, day school courses in each semester. Having achieved 22 credits a student may be enrolled in at least two (2) full time, day school courses in each semester. In both cases, eligibility is subject to Principal approval.
- Students are eligible for five (5) years of participation from entry into grade nine. Therefore, students who entered grade nine prior to **September 2020** are not eligible. Students that finished grade twelve last year and have returned to the same school for a 5th year are eligible to play provided age and course requirements are met.

To be eligible for competition, all student-athletes must appear on a team eligibility list via the OFSAA Hub (<https://ofsaa.athletesystems.ca/>). A completed eligibility list must be signed by the Principal and the Phys-Ed Head and available in the OFSAA Hub by the date specified in the current year playing regulations. **Teams that do not file an eligibility list by the due date will be ineligible for competition and subject to a \$25.00 per game fine levied against the offending school.**

Late filings will result in a **\$50.00** fine levied against the offending school; if a school has not filed their team roster prior to competition, their results will be nullified. Omission of an otherwise eligible competitor will result in a **\$50.00** fine levied against the offending school; said player may be added to the team roster without further penalty.

A current Eligibility list must be complete with all relevant sections of the form filled in and a copy must be on file with the School Principal and HWDSB Athletics at all times during the competition period for teams to remain eligible.

HWDSB Athletics retains the right to review a team's eligibility list and sanction offenders at any time.

Coaching Course Completion

Prior to the coaching course completion date, one (1) coach from every registered team participating in the league must complete the *HWDSB Athletics: Intro to Coaching Course* as well as the *HWDSB Athletics: sport specific course* found using the HWDSB HUB. This course is critical to understand all necessary requirements for fielding a team within HWDSB Athletics. Should a coach not be registered for these specific courses - please contact HWDSB Athletics (athletics@hwdsb.on.ca)

HWDSB Coaches Course due date: Wednesday Sept. 18, 2024

Senior Entry & Eligibility List due date: Monday Sept. 16, 2024 (4:00 pm)

Junior Entry & Eligibility List due date: Wednesday Sept. 18, 2024 (4:00 pm)

1. SECTION 1 - TEAM ADMINISTRATION**1.1. STUDENT ATHLETE INFORMATION FORM**

***NEW* 2024 – Students must fill out the TRY OUT form prior to first tryout. Once a student makes a roster, the Student Athlete Information Form must be completed and signed prior to first practice. Both of these forms are available on the Parent Portal, or in paper copy.** The Code of Behaviour, printed on the back page of the form is to be signed and on file with the Principal. Teams are required to carry the Medical Information section for each player with them throughout the season. Any student athlete who has not returned this form with all sections complete and the necessary signature in place is not eligible to participate in any team activities.

1.2. COACHING

Non-teacher coaches must have achieved, as a minimum, “Trained” status in the Community Sport stream of the National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) or have successfully completed the Coaching In Ontario Schools program offered by OFSAA. For insurance purposes, a non-teacher coach must be registered as such with Athletics. An NCCP registration number will be required.

1.3. ONTARIO PHYSICAL ACTIVITY STANDARDS IN EDUCATION (formally OPHEA Safety Guidelines)

Coaches must be familiar with and be prepared to follow the provincial safety standards for schools (OPASSE) and ensure the team and its members function within the requirements of the standards. Each coach **must** review prior to practice and games commencing. Visit <https://safety.ophea.net/> for the most current standards.

1.4. WATER BOTTLES

Teams are prohibited from providing shared containers for fluid replacement to participants in HWIAC sanctioned activities. This is in accordance with provincial safety guidelines which require schools to inform participants that they should provide their own containers and not share them with other participants.

1.5. REPORTING GAME RESULTS

During tournament play, there will be a central reporting area designated for all game results. It is the responsibility of the winning team to report the game score immediately after the game is complete.

1.6. COMMUNICATION

The primary method of communication throughout the season and playoffs will be email. Game changes, playoff details and any other relevant information will be sent directly to coaches this way. Please be sure all individuals that are to receive this information are registered with the Athletics Department. Standings and playoff information will also be available on the Athletics website.

1.7. TOURNAMENT DATES

- Junior Tennis Championship @ Rosedale Tennis Club – Sept 25 (26), 2024
- Senior Tennis Championship @ Rosedale Tennis Club – Sept 23 (24), 2024

1.8. ENTRIES

Entries are to be RECEIVED via the online entry system no later than the following dates

- Senior entries – **Monday Sept. 16, 2024 (4:00 pm)**
- Junior entries – **Wednesday Sept. 18, 2024 (4:00 pm)**

*NOTE: Late entries will **NOT** be accepted; Athletics also prefers entries sent well before the deadline (Early is good!)*

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- [Senior Entry Form](#)
- [Junior Entry Form](#)
- [Open Entry Form](#)

Each school will be permitted two (2) entries in each of the following events (Junior and Senior according to the categories defined below)** no additional entries will be permitted:

- Men's singles
- Men's doubles
- Women's' singles
- Women's' doubles
- Mixed doubles

NOTE: HWIAC/SOSSA/OFSAA provides competition in ranked and unranked divisions. Classification of divisions is as follows:

- a. **Updated 2023**** An Open Division player must have won a minimum of two rounds in total (one round or more in a tournament and/or at a later date wins a round in another tournament) in a 3 star Ontario Tennis Association (OTA) tournament or higher, a Level 6 or lower United States Tennis Association (USTA) tournament or the equivalent (European championship) in the three years prior to the beginning of the school year. Any player who has ever played in the Canadian Nationals or any player that has ever played in any U-14, U-16 or U-18 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.

No player is permitted to enter more than one event. Junior players with an O.T. A. tennis card must be entered as a senior.

1.9. SCORING

OFSAA Update 2023** Short format is **two short sets followed by a match tiebreak**.

- A **short set is played to four games** instead of six.
- A set is therefore won at 4-0, 4-1, 4-2, etc.
- We are still playing **no-ad scoring** at **deuce** That is, at 40-40 the next point wins the game. The receivers can choose which player receives the serve (regardless of whose turn it is). Mixed Doubles server must serve to member of the same sex
- At 3-3, a **5 point tie break is played**: i.e. first to 5 points wins, with 2 points clear. If it gets to 4-4, next point wins. Change ends when score adds up to 4.
- Service Rotation in the 5 point tie-breaker will be as follows:
 - Player/Team A - serves first 2 points
 - Player/Team B - serves next 2 points
 - Player/Team A - serves next 2 points

- Player/Team B - serves next 3 points

NOTE: In a 5 point tie-breaker, you do not have to win by 2 points. 4-4, next point wins.

At one short set all, a **Match Tiebreak** is played.

- Match Tiebreak is played first one to 10 points, must win by 2 points. Switch ends every 6 points.
- Typical score of a Short Set match could be 4-3(2), 2-4, 10-6

The following scoring system will be used to determine a team champion:

- match winner – 10 pts
- finalist – 7pts
- semi-finalist – 5 pts
- quarter-finalist – 3 pts
- second round – 1 pt

These points are cumulative for each player (for example, the winner would receive 1 + 3 + 5 + 7 when reaching the finals and an additional 10 points for winning the match for a total of 26 points). The total of all players' points will determine final team standings.

1.10. **COACHES RESPONSIBILITIES**

Coaches are responsible for the supervision of participants at all times throughout the tournament. A meeting of coaches will be convened in the clubhouse at 8:00 a.m. At that time all issues related to the tournament will be discussed. Coaches are responsible for having their players ready to start promptly at 8:30 (if scheduled to do so) and ready for subsequent matches throughout the day, as the schedule requires. This is important for the effective running of the tournament.

1.11. **WEATHER CANCELLATION**

For both the HWDSB tournaments coaches are asked to check the www.hwdsb.on.ca/athletics for cancellation notice. Any change or cancellation will be listed at that location. For SOSSA and OFSAA please refer to their websites for more details.

1.12. **QUALIFYING TO SOSSA**

Top two entries from junior and senior HWIAC tournaments will advance to SOSSA. HWDSB Athletics will forward entries and associated fees to the SOSSA convenor.