



Secondary Schools Team Championships Regulations

1. Team Eligibility Criteria

1.1. New Zealand Secondary Schools only may enter the Championships.

Schools composed with single-sex students are only eligible for single-sex events. Mixed teams may only be entered by schools that are co-educational from Year 9

1.2. Team Composition:

- Boys Teams – minimum 4, maximum 5 boy students
- Girls Teams – minimum 4, maximum 5 girl students
- Mixed Teams – minimum 2 boy and 2 girl students, maximum 3 boy and 3 girl students

1.3. Grade Criteria (as at close of entries):

- Boys Teams – 3 students must have a grade of S2-5
- Girls Teams – 3 students must have a grade of S2-5
- Mixed Teams – 3 students (at least 1 boy and 1 girl) must have a grade of S2-6

1.4. Team Entry: Teams must complete the online entry form and make the entry fee payment, opening 11th February and will close 22nd February. Student names and Tennis NZ Configure Ranking codes must be supplied on the online entry form (changes to this student list are allowed as per 8.5 below)

NOTE: All students must meet the Student Eligibility Criteria

NOTE: A Manager must be appointed for each team

2. Student Eligibility Criteria

2.1. Age Criteria: Students must be under the age of 19 as at 1st January 2019

2.2. Student Representation Eligibility

- 2.2.1. A student must be currently enrolled and attending the school they are to represent at the finals
- 2.2.2. Students must have been enrolled at the school at the beginning of Term 1 2019 and be in Year 9 or above
- 2.2.3. Students must fit the criteria in the 'student eligibility section (a)' of the 2019 NZ Secondary School Sports Council Rules
- 2.2.4. Students are only allowed to play for one team (boys, girls or mixed) team. Injuries would be an exception (as per 8.5 below)

3. Wild Card Application

3.1. Schools who do not meet the Team Eligibility Ranking Criteria may apply to Tennis New Zealand for a Wild Card entry, opening 11th February and will close 22nd February

3.2. Schools must submit an application outlining the selection criteria below, and Tennis New Zealand will review applications on a case by case basis:

- Results of the nominated team within the last 12 months
- Individual results of nominated students within the last 12 months
- Strength of the current eligible nominated teams



4. Administration

4.1. Except as expressly described within these regulations, Tennis New Zealand shall have the sole and absolute discretion to determine any matter relating to:

- the interpretation and/or implementation of these regulations and any matter or things arising from them; or
- the conduct and administration of the competitions the subject of these regulations

4.2. Tennis New Zealand will be solely responsible for

- Tournament Regulations
- Venue selection
- Official appointment including and not limited to Tournament Director and Tournament Referee
- Medallions and/or prizes for all placing teams

4.3. Schools will be solely responsible for:

- Supply of a Team Manager (one per team)
- Travel arrangements
- Accommodation arrangements
- Food arrangements (food options available on-site)
- All associated expenses regarding the event

4.4. A meeting of Team Managers, Management personnel and the Tournament Director/Referee shall be held at the event venue prior to the event starting. Time of this meeting will be provided in the event Fact Sheet

4.5. Tennis New Zealand reserves the right to alter or amend these rules at any time and in any way, it thinks appropriate. Tennis New Zealand will notify NZSSSC of any such changes for distribution

5. Team Composition – Order of Merit

5.1. Teams can modify the student list submitted during online entry if the new team composition meets the Grade Criteria outlined in 1.3

5.1.1. If a team alters the student list and does not meet the Grade Criteria outline in 1.3, Tennis New Zealand may not allow entry into the Championships as a Wild Card, and will place the team in the Cup event

5.2. Each Team shall provide to Tennis New Zealand at the Managers Meeting, a team list of all students in ranked order on the provided form. This order will remain for the duration of the competition

5.2.1. A student's ranking shall be determined by

- International Rankings then
- the latest Tennis New Zealand Configure Rankings based on the Singles Grade

5.2.2. If a team has two or more students of the same Configure Ranking Singles Grade, the manager must place the order of preference on the team list

5.2.3. Tennis New Zealand reserves the right to determine the ranking of students that need a ranking correction (including but not limited to,



playing overseas or injury). A Team may make a request for a ranking correction before the event

5.2.4. Tennis New Zealand reserves the right to reposition students in the Order of Merit if it is believed that students are not ranked correctly. The teams' Manager may appeal any repositioning at the Managers Meeting with the final decision resting with the Tournament Director

6. Draw Composition

6.1. The draw shall be released prior to the event, but subject to change, before being confirmed at the Managers Meeting

6.2. Four, five or six teams – 1 Round-Robin Group

6.2.1. Each team will compete against all other teams

6.3. Seven, eight, nine or ten teams – 2 Round-Robin Groups

6.3.1. Seeded teams 1 and 3 or 4 in Group A

6.3.2. Seeded teams 2 and 3 or 4 in Group B

6.3.3. Semi-Final 1: Winner Group A v 2nd Place Group B

6.3.4. Semi-Final 2: Winner Group B v 2nd Place Group A

6.3.5. Final: Winner Semi-Final 1 v Winner Semi-Final 2

6.3.6. 3rd Place Play-Off: Loser Semi-Final 1 v Loser Semi-Final 2

6.3.7. Additional Play-Off: the bottom teams will play further matches against the remaining teams from the other Group

6.4. 11 teams – 3 Round-Robin Groups

6.4.1. Seeded team 1 in Group A

6.4.2. Seeded team 2 in Group B

6.4.3. Seeded team 3 in Group C

6.4.4. Semi-Final 1: Draw will be composed after the Round-Robin stage

6.4.5. Final: Winner Semi-Final 1 v Winner Semi-Final 2

6.4.6. 3rd Place Play-Off: Loser Semi-Final 1 v Loser Semi-Final 2

6.4.7. Additional Play-Off: the bottom teams will play further matches against the remaining teams from the other Groups

6.5. 12 teams – 4 Round-Robin Groups

6.5.1. Seeded team 1 in Group A

6.5.2. Seeded team 2 in Group B

6.5.3. Seeded team 3 in Group C

6.5.4. Seeded team 4 in Group D

6.5.5. Semi-Finals: Draw will be composed after the Round-Robin stage

6.5.6. Final: Winner Semi-Final 1 v Winner Semi-Final 2

6.5.7. 3rd Place Play-Off: Loser Semi-Final 1 v Loser Semi-Final 2

6.5.8. Additional Play-Off: the bottom teams will play further matches against the remaining teams from the other Groups

7. Determining Results

7.1. Round winner will be determined by the number of matches won. If the result is equal on matches, a count-back of sets and then games will occur

7.2. Round-Robin placings will be decided by the following

7.2.1. The team that has won the most Rounds in the Round-Robin



7.2.2. If two (2) teams win an equal amount of Rounds, the head-to-head result between the teams shall decide the winner

7.2.3. If three (3) or more teams win an equal amount of Rounds, the following procedure will be used to break the tie

- The number of matches won played against all teams in the pool shall decide the winner
- If matches won are equal, the percentage of sets won of sets played against all teams in the pool shall decide the winner
- If percentage of sets won is equal, the percentage of games won of games played against all teams in the pool shall decide the winner

NOTE: When three (3) or more teams are tied, head-to-head results are not to be used to determine the overall places

7.3. Semi-Finals winner will be determined by a doubles match-tiebreak if the result is equal on matches, sets and games

7.4. Championship winner will be shared if the Finals result is equal on matches, sets and games

7.5. If the final round is effected by inclement weather, and after every endeavour as per 8.3.3 has been made to complete the final round, a result has not been achieved by 6pm or the latest finishing time agreed at the start of the tournament and play is not possible at that time, the match shall be abandoned, and the Championship will be shared

7.6. No team once gaining a result (e.g. four (4) singles wins) may default the remaining matches of the Round, unless in accordance with 8.3.3

7.7. Should more than the scheduled matches be completed without consulting with and agreement of the Tournament Director and Referee then the offending matches will be declared void and will be replayed the following day

8. Playing Conditions

8.1. Team Seeding

Seeding shall be determined based on the combined Configure Ranking points of the top four (4) students

8.2. Schedule of Rounds

Rounds will be played as follows:

Day 1 – Round 1 plus Round 2 Singles

Day 2 – Round 2 Doubles plus Round 3

Day 3 – All Semi-Finals (Round 4) plus 3rd-4th and Play-Off Singles (Round 5)

Day 4 – Championship Finals (Round 5) plus 3rd-4th and Play-Off Doubles (Round 5)

8.3. Order of Matches

Matches within a Round shall be played as follows, unless under instruction by the Tournament Director

8.3.1. 2 courts per round (1 shared)

- Tie 1 – No. 4 Singles, No. 3 Singles then No 2 Singles, No 1 Singles followed by 2nd Doubles then 1st Doubles
- Tie 2 (Doubles first) – 2nd Doubles then 1st Doubles followed by No. 4 Singles, No. 3 Singles then No 2 Singles, No 1 Singles



- 8.3.2. 2 courts per round
 - No. 4 Singles, No. 3 Singles followed by No. 2 Singles then No. 1 Singles followed by both Doubles matches commencing concurrently
- 8.3.3. 3 courts per Round (1 shared)
 - No. 4 Singles then No. 3 Singles when shared court is available followed by No. 2 Singles then No. 1 Singles when shared court is available followed by 2nd Doubles match then 1st Doubles match (either court)
- 8.3.4. 3 courts per Round
 - No. 4 Singles, No. 3 Singles and No. 2 Singles followed by No. 1 Singles followed by both Doubles matches commencing concurrently
- 8.3.5. Playing to a result
 - No. 4 Singles, No. 3 Singles followed by No. 2 Singles then No. 1 Singles only
 - If results are 2-2 after Singles, then Doubles matches to commence concurrently when possible
- 8.4. Submission of Team Sheet
 - 8.4.1. Each member of the team shall not play more than one singles and one doubles or mixed doubles match in any Round
 - 8.4.2. Student 1 for the Round must compete in the 1st Doubles match (top Doubles combination)
 - 8.4.3. Thirty (30) minutes prior to the scheduled commencement of a contest, the team Manager must submit the nominated Singles students for the Round. The Doubles pairings may be named at any time but must be nominated within 5 minutes of the completion of the four (4) singles matches
 - 8.4.4. If between naming the singles students and the commencement of the Round a student is injured or becomes ill, a student substitution (subject to below) may occur. Both teams will be given the opportunity to re-nominate their students
 - 8.4.5. The name of the Coach/Manager nominated to speak to students on court for the Round, shall be included on the team sheet
- 8.5. Student Substitution
 - Substitution may not occur during any Round
 - 8.5.1. The Referee may sanction the substitution of another student of the same team for any Round in the place of any student who, in the opinion of the Referee, is incapacitated by injury, illness, accident or other unavoidable hindrance
 - 8.5.2. A substitute for singles matches shall not be a student who has already competed in a singles match in the Round
 - 8.5.3. If a student is substituted in a Round as per above, the student must be replaced for any subsequent matches in that Round
 - 8.5.4. If a student retires during a match, the student cannot be included in the team for any the remaining matches of that Round or in any further matches to be held on the same day



NOTE: When a School has two or more teams in either the Championships or Cup, the reserve student can be nominated for multiple teams, but is eligible only to compete in one team

8.6. Match Conditions

- 8.6.1. Play shall continue each day until, in the opinion of the Referee and Tournament Director, conditions become unstable. If matches are scheduled after 6pm, students involved shall have a minimum 12 hours between the end of their match and the commencement of their next match (singles or doubles) the following day, unless otherwise determined due to weather
- 8.6.2. The Referee shall have sole authority to decide, if called upon by the team Manager of any team, whether or not a match or matches in progress shall be stopped due to the state of the weather, the state of the courts, darkness or other unavoidable hindrance
- 8.6.3. Furthermore, the Referee, in consultation with the Tournament Director, has the authority to require teams to use additional courts, alternative court surface, floodlights and to amend the order of play to complete Rounds interrupted by weather
- 8.6.4. A maximum of fifteen (15) minutes is allowed between the completion of the Singles matches and the commencement of the Doubles in a Round. A maximum of thirty (30) minutes is allowed between the completion of one (1) Round and the commencement of the next Round. On the request of the Referee or the Tournament Director, commencement of the next Round may be immediate for students not involved in the last match of the previous Round
- 8.7. All students shall be in attendance at the event venue at the time set for the commencement of play each day
- 8.8. Play shall be continuous except for the rest periods allowed under Rule 30 of the Rules of Tennis. During the 120 seconds (2 minutes) set break and ninety (90) seconds change of end break, students may not leave the court (unless authorized by the Referee), but may be spoken to by the nominated Manager/Coach if requested by the student
- 8.9. Team managers or coaches who are nominated on the Rounds scorecard, may sit (not stand) courtside or by the umpires stand and may advise any student involved in a match, during the change of ends (this excludes the first game of a set or the tiebreak changeovers). Maximum time allowed for advice is 60 seconds on end changes and 90 seconds at set breaks. Managers/coaches sitting courtside are subject to the TNZ code of conduct including not using electronic devices and may be removed by the referee for breaches of the code. Additionally, it will not be permitted for the nominated person to use any electronic device at all during matches
- 8.10. Parents, coaches and team managers shall not be allowed courtside at any time during matches in progress, except as allowed in Rule 8.12. The Tennis NZ Code of Conduct shall be applied and students may be penalised, through the Code, should parents, coaches and/or team managers encroach into the court area and surrounds or otherwise interfere with a match in progress



- 8.11. One pair of new balls shall be used per match
 - 8.12. Singles matches shall have an adjudicator nominated by the team manager chosen from the team members. The adjudication shall be shared equally - set about (there will be two matches at one time between the two teams; the first set of each match will begin by being adjudicated by one person from each of these two teams). Students shall continue to call their own lines. Doubles matches will not be umpired or adjudicated, unless otherwise determined by the Tournament Referee. Students shall call their own lines and keep their own scores
 - 8.13. Each team shall wear their designated School team uniform for all matches and official functions, including presentations
 - 8.14. Any dispute arising from the competition except as herein before provided, shall be determined by Tennis New Zealand, whose decision shall be final and binding on all parties
9. Scoring Format
- 9.1. Round Robin Singles: best of two tiebreak sets and 3rd set match tiebreak (up to 10, with a margin of 2) if required, with sudden-death deuce
 - 9.2. Semi-Finals and Finals Singles: best of three tie-break sets
 - 9.3. Doubles: best of two tiebreak sets and 3rd set match tiebreak (up to 10, with a margin of 2) if required, with sudden-death deuce, receivers choice
 - 9.4. Inclement Weather: in the event of delays due to weather events, the following scoring reductions shall be taken when deemed necessary, in order
 - 9.4.1. Singles: introduce best of two tiebreak sets and 3rd set match tiebreak (up to 10, with a margin of 2) if required
 - 9.4.2. Doubles: introduce two 'short-sets' – first to four (4) games, standard tiebreak at 4-4, and 3rd set match tiebreak (up to 10, with a margin of 2) if required
 - 9.4.3. Singles: introduce two 'short-sets' – first to four (4) games, standard tiebreak at 4-4, and 3rd set match tiebreak (up to 10, with a margin of 2) if required
 - 9.4.4. Singles: introduce no ad scoring
 - 9.4.5. Rounds: Singles matches to be played only. If results are 3-3, then Doubles matches to commence concurrently when possible or in order of Boys Doubles, Girls Doubles, then Mixed Doubles
 - 9.5. Rule 30 of Rules of Tennis applies, however the Referee/Tournament Director has the right to alter a match format if deemed necessary
10. Results
- All match results will be recorded for Configure Rankings