



## YORK REGION ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION TABLE TENNIS PLAYING REGULATIONS



1. Season of Play: Spring

2. Divisions: BOYS – Varsity GIRLS- Varsity

- A) The minimum number of teams to run a league will be 4. If less than 4 teams declare for a league, the convenor(s) of the league may appeal to the executive for an exception. Appeals must be heard before the pre-season meeting for that sport.
- B) If a sport declares less than 4 teams three years in a row, the sport will no longer be offered as an option by the YRAA.

3. Eligibility:

a) See YRAA eligibility and transfer form.

b) AGE DIVISION CATEGORIES

**Varsity      School Year: 2024-25**

**Year of Birth must be no earlier than: 2005**

**Date of Entry to grade 9 must be no earlier than August of: 2020**

c) The team roster must be completed on-line prior to the commencement of the competition, or as indicated in the particular sport playing regulations.

4. Conference:

a) Zone play will precede the York Region Championship Tournament.

b) The zone alignment will be determined on a yearly basis by the convenors in consultation with the Athletic Coordinator.

5. Governing Rules:

a) The rules of the game will be those set out by the Ontario Table Tennis Association. The convenor will designate a tournament referee to whom any contentions will be addressed and whose decision will be final.

b) Zone and York Region Championship Tournament Play:

i) A team will consist of no more than 5 groups of two per division. Schools hosting events may decide on the number of groups each participating school may bring. Availability of tables and space are determining factors. Substitutions of groups or an individual in a group are not permitted once a group starts their first match.

ii) A group consists of two players. A match between two groups consists of a possible five (5): 4 singles sets (cross over for the third and fourth sets) and one doubles set. (The doubles set will be played as the third set in the match. A match is usually considered over once one (1) group has won three (3) sets (out of a possible five (5)).

iii) The singles sets consist of best two (2) out of three (3) games to eleven (11) points (win by two (2) points). The doubles set consists of one (1) game to twenty-one (21) (win by two (2) points), switching server-receiver when the first group reaches eleven (11) points. All sets will use the two (2) serves rotation.



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### 6. Season Structure:

#### a) Zone Tournaments:

- i) Each school may enter up to five (5) groups in their zone.
- ii) First, second, third and fourth place finishers in each zone advance to the York Region Championship tournament.
- iii) Fifth place must be determined in the event of a possible default by a group, which has qualified for the York Region Championship tournament.
- iv) In order to determine fifth place, if the two (2) groups have previously met in the zone play, the winner of the match is the fifth place finisher. If the groups have not met previously, then a new match must be played.

#### b) York Region Championship Tournament:

- i) Final tournament.
- ii) The convenor will organize the seeding according to the following examples depending on the year:

For FOUR (4) zones;

EVEN YEARS			
1A, 4B, 2C, 3D	1B, 4A, 3C, 2D	1C, 4D, 3B, 4A	1D, 4C, 3A, 2B
ODD YEARS			
1A, 2D, 3B, 4C	1C, 4A, 3D, 2B	1B, 4D, 3A, 2C	1D, 4B, 3C, 2A

For THREE (3) zones;

EVEN YEARS		
1A, 3A, 4C, 2B	1B, 3B, 4A, 2C	1C, 3C, 2A, 4B
ODD YEARS		
1A, 3A, 4B, 2C	1B, 3B, 4C, 2A	1C, 3C, 4A, 2B

### 7. Tournament Play:

- a) Coaching is allowed during the breaks between sets, but not during play.
- b) At the zone level the tournaments will be a modified double elimination. The winner of the winning/right side final will place first in the zone. There will be no challenge from the winner of the consolation/left side.
- c) At the York Region Championship tournament, the format will be a modified double elimination. The consolation/left side winner can challenge unless the winning/right side has beaten the consolation/left side winner in a previous match at the York Region Championship tournament. Play must occur to place the top six (6) groups for team points.



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- d) The points for placings at the York Region Championship tournament are as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup> place	8 points
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	6
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	5
4 <sup>th</sup> place	3
5 <sup>th</sup> place	2
6 <sup>th</sup> place	1

- e) At the York Region Championship tournament, in the event of a tie for the overall team championship, the tie will be broken by awarding the title to the school with the team with the highest ranking.
- f) Bill Crothers Secondary School is ineligible to win the above team awards for overall boys and overall girls. For scoring purposes, Bill Crothers SS team and individual results will be omitted after the competition scoring has been done. Final results for events will be posted with Bill Crothers SS student-athletes included in the results.

8. Dress:

- a) Competitors must wear rubber-soled shoes and the school designated uniform or athletic/physical education uniform bearing the school colours.
- b) No sport club insignia shall be permitted on uniforms.
- c) It is the responsibility of players and coaches, not the convenor, to make certain all players are properly attired. Inappropriately dressed competitors will not be allowed play and must forfeit the match.
- d) Allowances may be made to accommodate religious and cultural practices.

6. Supervision of Teams/Individuals:

- a) All teams or individuals must have on site supervision by a member of the teaching staff or retired teacher from the school that they represent.
- b) This teacher shall be responsible to the YRAA for the conduct of his/her team and shall be the only person involved in all exchanges with officials, opposing teacher/coaches and members of school staffs.
- c) A non-teacher (community volunteer, parent, etc.) is permitted to assist in the coaching of an individual or team provided that a teacher is present and responsible.
- d) The teacher must be present on the bench for team sports or in the immediate vicinity for all other sports
- e) Unless the staff member (as defined in Section 1 a) – above) of the competing school is present, the opposing teacher/coach and/or convenor shall not allow the game to begin or an individual to compete and the competition shall be forfeited.
- f) No teacher/coach shall officiate a game involving his/her team.



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### 8. Inclement Weather Protocol:

- a) In the event of inclement weather, games may be cancelled and rescheduled if:
  - i) the transportation company (bus) cancels the booking OR
  - ii) the school principal determines that the weather is unsafe for teams to travel OR

Whenever possible, it is recommended that a decision to cancel a game due to inclement weather be made by 1:00 p.m. the day of the game.
- b) Once this has happened the coach or AD of the school canceling shall:
  - i) notify the school(s) being played that they will not be able to play due to inclement weather
  - ii) contact the YRAA that the game is being cancelled due to inclement weather.
  - iii) make arrangements with the school(s) involved to reschedule the game(s) at a date that is acceptable to all parties and fits within the established master schedule. Should a mutually agreeable date to reschedule not be found within 48 hours, the convenor will assign a date that fits in to the master schedule.
- c) The YRAA Office will:
  - i) keep a record of cancelled games in order to ensure that they are rescheduled
  - ii) notify the referee assignor that the games are cancelled and will be rescheduled so that unnecessary travel by officials can be avoided.

### 9. Costs:

The tournament convenor will levy a fee to each school participating to cover the costs of table tennis balls and other provisions for zone and the York Region Championship tournament..

### 10. Awards:

The YRAA will provide the following awards for the York Region Championship tournament::

- a) First, second and third place medallions – two (2) awarded for each group in each division.
- b) Championship pennants for Overall Boys and Overall Girls team.
- c) Fourth place ribbons – two (2) awarded for each group in each division.
- d) Overall Boys and Girls trophies.

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