



**YORK REGION ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
BOYS' AND GIRLS' TENNIS PLAYING REGULATIONS**

1. Season of Play:

Co-ed Fall Sport

2. Divisions:

Senior – High School and OPEN – Tier 1

Junior – High School – Tier 2

3. Events:

Girls' Singles

Girls' Doubles

Boys' Singles

Boys' Doubles

Mixed Doubles

4. Eligibility:

a) Age Division Categories:

Junior

School Year: **2025-26**

Year of Birth must be no earlier than: **2010**

Date of Entry to grade 9 must be no earlier than August of: **2021**

Senior

School Year: **2025-26**

Year of Birth must be no earlier than: **2006**

Date of Entry to grade 9 must be no earlier than August of: **2021**

b) Any athlete participating in an OFSAA championship or an OFSAA qualifying event must have participated in a minimum of six (6) practices with their high school team as a member of a bona fide high school program during the current season under the supervisions of a teacher/coach as certified by the school principal.

c) A student/athlete must be on the team roster at the proper age group (Jr/Sr) for a specific sport and tier, to be eligible to participate in that sport. The team roster must be completed on-line by the deadline established at the preseason meeting.

d) 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.

5. Governing Rules:

a) Refer to the current OPHEA safety guidelines for this sport

b) Ontario Tennis Association



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- c) i) Tournament Play: The tournament will be held at an indoor club at a shared cost per student. If an indoor facility is not available, then the convenor will try to find an outdoor facility.
- a) All matches will be best of three short sets up to 4, no ad scoring, tie-breaker up to 5 at 3 games all. In the event of a third set, a match tie breaker to 10 points will be played to decide the winner. NOTE: All 10 point tie-breakers must be won by 2 points
- b) 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.
- ii) The tournament structure shall be a single elimination tournament.
- NOTE: If time permitting, the tournament convenor will try and schedule a 2nd friendly match for competitors during the first round of tournament play.
- iii) Zone play will precede the York Region Championships
- iv) There will be 4 zones of approximately 6-8 schools in each regional zone
- v) Each school may enter one team per event. The coach will rank each individual/team based on a 1-5 scale to help the convenor create even draws (1 = poor, 5 = excellent)
- vi) First and second place finishers from the regional zones will qualify for the York Region Tennis Championships. Under no circumstances are substitutions allowed once they have qualified for the York Region Championships. Only the players who competed in the previous tournament and qualified to advance may play in the following tournament. If one member of a doubles team has to withdraw, then his/her partner is also automatically withdrawn from the tournament.
- vii) For the York Region Tennis Championships, the tournament convenor will organize the seeding as follows:
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| Top Half of the draw | Bottom half of the draw |
| Region 1 1st vs. Region 2 2nd | Region 1 2nd vs. Region 2 1st |
| Region 3 1st vs. Region 4 2nd | Region 3 2nd vs. Region 4 1st |
- viii) The first and second place finishers in each of each draw will advance to the OFSAA Tennis Championships. The tournament convenor will pass on the names of the competitors to the OFSAA Tennis Convenor.
- ix) To create fair and equitable competition, there will be a three year rotation on which regions will play each other in the first round of the York Region Tennis Championships



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Region	Year 1 (2027)	Year 2 (2028)	Year 3 (2026)
1	North	North	North
2	East	West	Central
3	Central	Central	East
4	West	East	West

- d) **Ties:** In the event of a tie for the team championship, the team with the highest number of player(s) who have advanced the farthest will be declared the winner. (e.g., if one team's best result is the two (2) finalists and the other team's best result is the champion, then the team with the champion will be declared the winner.)
- e) **Dress:** Tennis clothes or school gym uniform, with non-marking running shoes, is the only acceptable dress.
- f) **Entry Fees:** To cover facility rental, tennis balls and miscellaneous expenses.
- g) **Date:** "The date of the YRAA Championships will be between the third week of September and the last week of October, depending on court availability.
- h) **Team Scoring:** Points for Placing
 - 1st Place = 8 points
 - 2nd Place = 5 points
 - 3rd Place = 3 points

5. 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 member 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 sorts 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.



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- f) No teacher/coach shall officiate a game involving his/her team.
- g) It is the teacher/coaches' duty to ensure the accuracy of the information provided on the game sheets compared to the team's eligibility list.

6. Awards: Championships:
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| Junior: | High School: | 8 - 1 st place medallions, 8 – 2 nd place medallions |
| Senior: | High School: | 8 – 1 st place medallions, 8 – 2 nd place medallions |
| | Open : | 8 – 1 st place medallions, 8 – 2 nd place medallions |

Banners are awarded for,
OPEN Senior Teams and HIGH SCHOOL Junior and Senior Teams

The Junior and Senior trophy will be awarded to the school who has accumulated the most combined points between the OPEN and HIGH SCHOOL divisions. The points will be allocated the following way. In the case of a tie, the same tie-breaking procedures will be used as in Section 5d) of the playing regulations.

HIGH SCHOOL DIVISION

- 1st place - 8 points
- 2nd place - 5 points
- 3rd place - 3 points
- 4th place - 2 points

OPEN DIVISION

- 1st place - 4 points
- 2nd place - 2.5 points
- 3rd place - 1.5 points
- 4th place - 1 point

Bill Crothers is ineligible to win these team awards. 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 student/athletes included.