



GMAA Tennis Handbook

Section 1: Sports Committee

The Tennis Sports Committee shall consist of the chairperson of the above sport and all the coaches for that season of the above sport. The chairperson shall call one meeting prior to the opening of the season. A mid or post season meeting may be called at the discretion of the chairperson of the above sport or at the request of 1/3 of the coaches involved in this sport.

Section 2: Team Entry and Classification

2.1) All official team entries must be submitted on S1 by the deadline

2.2) Classification: A team consists of six (6) students: 2 Singles Players (2 players) & 2 Doubles Teams (4 players)

Boys or Girls

Bantam, Cadet, or Juvenile

2.3) Depending on the number of teams registered there may be one day per category or one day per gender. The preliminary rounds would be hosted in the morning and the playoff rounds in the afternoon. Depending on the number of courts reserved, there may be a staggered start for each level.

2.4) Schools must enter a complete team in a category. A team is defined as 2 singles players and 2 doubles teams. Provided scheduling and facilities can accommodate, a school will be permitted to enter a second team in an age category. It is understood that all schools will be guaranteed one team before any second is accepted.

Section 3: Player Registration & Eligibility

3.1) Player Registration is due on S1 prior to the deadline.

3.2) A player may compete in only one age category and either as a singles player or as a doubles player, not both.

Section 4: Uniform (also refer to Governing Rules – Rule VI, Section 5)

Participants must wear either crested school shirts or appropriate tennis shirts, and either school Phys. Ed. Shorts, appropriate athletic wear, or tennis attire. If possible, the shorts should have pockets. No tank tops/halter tops or denim will be permitted. Long baggy sweatpants will not be permitted except for religious reasons, at the discretion of the tournament director. (The GMAA office should be notified of this situation prior to the tournament). The tournament director can refuse participation to any student inappropriately dressed.

Section 5: Starting Time

The start time and coaches meeting information will be sent out prior to the tournaments.

Section 6: Governing Rules & Rule Modifications

6.1) Canadian Tennis Association Rule book shall be used.

6.2) No team or competitor shall be permitted to compete in any tournament unless accompanied by a staff member from that school. Penalty is Disqualification from tournament. (see Rule VI, Section 4 of General Governing Rules for clarification)

6.3) Scoring: Scoring is to be determined by the tournament coordinator based on the time and courts available.

6.4) A school coming to the tournament without a complete team at a level shall default the games and incur the appropriate fines. Furthermore, the remaining members of the team shall be required to play their games in the preliminaries but will not be eligible for the playoff rounds.

6.5) Late Arrivals: A singles player or doubles team (and therefore the entire team) will not be eligible for playoffs if they have not arrived (and are ready to play) once every other singles player or doubles team have completed their first match. Furthermore, all members of the team shall be required to play their games in the preliminaries.

Section 7: Round Robin

7.1) The GMAA will schedule the round robin portion of the tournament.

7.2) Substitution: Substitutions are permitted during the round robin segment of the tournaments. A player may substitute into only one position (singles 1, singles 2, doubles 1 or doubles 2). No substitution will be permitted during the medal round.

Section 8: Playoffs & Awards

8.1) Seeding for Playoff Round: The tournament coordinators, with one other coach, will determine who gets byes for the medal round (if necessary). Only 1 bye is permitted per school in each age group.

8.2) Breaking of ties to advance: The following criteria will be used to break ties:

- a) 2-way ties: will be broken based on the head-to-head results
- b) 3-way ties:
 - i. Total games lost during the entire round robin.
 - ii. Total games won during the entire round robin.
 - iii. Total games won vs. the top team in the section
 - iv. Total games lost vs. the low team in the section

Once someone has been removed (being declared 1st or 3rd), the remaining 2-way tie will be broken based on their head-to-head results.

8.3) The draw will be set by the coordinator ensuring that players from the same section or the same school do not to meet in the first round. It is possible that players from the same school or section could meet in the second round.

8.4) Team Championship Point System: In a 3 or 4 section Draw, only 2 from each section will advance to the medal round, regardless of the number of participants. In a 2-section Draw, 4 from each section will advance to the medal round. The principles are as follows:

- a) The team championship will be determined based on the results of the medal round only.
- b) All those advancing from the round robin will start the medal round with 2 points toward their team total. (2 points for each singles player and each doubles team).
- c) 1 additional point will be awarded for each win in the medal round, except for the bronze medal match, where the winner will receive 1/2 point.
- d) If 2 teams are tied, head-to-head wins in the medal round will break the tie.
- e) If still tied, co-champions will be declared.
- f) If 3 teams are tied for first, the team with the most gold medals will be declared the champion. If still tied, the number of silver medals will be considered etc.
- g) The team silver will then be determined by the head-to-head results between the other 2 teams.

8.5) Individual Awards:
Medals (1st, 2nd, and 3rd)

8.6) Team Awards:

- a) Banners will be awarded to the team in each category accumulating the greatest number of points in the medal round.
- b) Gold and silver medals will be presented to all members of the 1st and 2nd place teams.

Section 9: Discipline

9.1) Coaches are responsible for teaching the rules and proper tennis etiquette to their players. Players are expected to abide by these rules during the Tournaments. Failure to do so could result in the player or team being disqualified from the Tournament. This includes any player whose parents or other spectators are constantly commenting and intimidating the opposition. The player shall be given one warning, should comments continue the player shall be disqualified.

9.2) The coaching of players during matches is strictly prohibited. Except for the players, no one is permitted on the courts at any time during the match for any reason other than an injury. Photos may not be taken during the matches.

9.3) Any team with teammates, coach or spectators on the court will be charged with a warning. The second warning will result in a 1-point penalty, the third with a game penalty and the fourth with a disqualification. The penalties are given to a team as a group and warnings add up meaning that a singles player may receive the first warning and a doubles team could be charged with a 1pt penalty if they are the second member of a team guilty of the same infraction.

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