



**2019**

**JUNIOR COMPETITIVE  
STRUCTURE**



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## 1.1 Tournament Sanction Agreement

All tournaments will follow the guidelines set out in the annual Tournament Sanction Agreement. The Sanction Agreement will dictate the following:

- Need for Officials
- Entry and Withdrawal Deadlines
- Tournament Costs
- Tournament Scoring Formats
- Sanction Fee

Adjustments can be made to these standards upon consultation with Tennis Alberta. Example of adjustments that can be made are:

- Decreasing the cost of a tournament to attract more entries.
- Increasing the cost of the tournament to fund a prize pack.
- Extending a tournament deadline for a non-competitive event.
- Altering the scoring format to adjust for entry numbers.

## 1.2 Seasons

### 1.2.1 Indoor Season

The Indoor Season will take place from the beginning of October and continue until the middle of April. It will last for approximately 29 weeks.

### 1.2.2 Outdoor Season

The Outdoor Season will take from the middle of April and continue until the end of September. It will last for approximately 23 weeks.

## 1.3 Registration Policies

- 1.3.1 The registration date for each tournament will open exactly four weeks prior to the registration deadline.

- 1.3.2** The registration deadline for each tournament will be explicitly stated on the tournament page. Some tournaments will allow for late registrations, accompanied by a Late Registration fee of \$10.00.
- 1.3.3** Tournaments with strict guidelines regarding the number of entries will not allow for any late entries.
- 1.3.4** The withdrawal deadline for each tournament will be explicitly stated on the tournament page.
- 1.3.5** Players are expected to withdraw before the withdrawal deadline. Players who fail to do so will not be issued a refund. Junior and Open players who fail to withdraw before the withdrawal deadline will also be allocated one suspension point.

# 2. JUNIOR COMPETITIVE STRUCTURE

## 2.1 Junior Overview and Regulations

The Junior Competitive Structure will consist of seven types of Junior Tournaments, fitting into three categories of tournaments with their own unique purpose and description. The following is the breakdown of tournaments sanctioned by Tennis Alberta.

Road to Nationals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Provincials – 5 Stars</li><li>• National Selections – 4 Stars</li><li>• National Selections Qualifying – 3.5 Stars</li></ul>
NextGen Tour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Competition Series – 3 Stars</li><li>• Development Series – 2 Stars</li><li>• Rogers Rookie Tour – 1 Star</li></ul>
Future Stars	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• U10 Future Stars</li><li>• U9 Future Stars</li></ul>

## 2.2 Road to Nationals



### 2.2.1 Purpose and Description

- 2.2.1.1 The Road to Nationals will be a series of tournaments used to select players who will be representing Alberta at the Rogers Junior National Championships.
- 2.2.1.2 The series will be composed of two National Selections tournaments for each age group, with a corresponding qualification event, as well as a season concluding Provincial Championships.
- 2.2.1.3 Only the National Selections tournaments and Provincial Championships will provide points towards your National Selections Ranking.
- 2.2.1.4 The schedule of qualifying events will be clearly listed in Tennis Alberta's sanctioned tournament schedule. This schedule may be subject to change. If any changes are made they will be communicated to members via e-blast and on the Tennis Alberta website.

## 2.2.2 Eligibility

2.2.2.1 Players must be in good standing with Tennis Alberta and have an active Tennis Alberta membership or membership with any other Provincial Association.

2.2.2.2 Age eligibility is based on the calendar year (Jan 1 to Dec 31). However, because the end of a calendar year (Dec 31) falls during the course of the indoor season (which lasts from September to April), for the indoor season, players must adhere to the age requirements as at January 1st of that season.

AGE CATEGORY	ELIGIBLE YEAR OF BIRTH
U12	2007
U14	2005
U16	2003
U18	2001

2.2.2.3 Players will only be allowed to play a maximum of two age groups up.

- U12 players cannot play U18
- U10 players cannot play U16

2.2.2.4 For tournaments with multiple age groups (U12/U16), a player may only be permitted to play in one event, regardless of them qualifying for both.

2.2.2.5 Players must be registered before the registration deadline in order to compete in the event.

- A player who successfully qualifies from a National Selections Qualifying will need to have registered for the National Selections in order to compete in it.
- No late entries will be considered.

## 2.2.3 Tournament Format

2.2.3.1 The format for each tournament may be different but the scoring will remain consistent across the age groups.

2.2.3.2 U12 singles will play best two of three tiebreak sets, regular scoring, with a ten-point tiebreaker in place of a third set.

2.2.3.3 U14-U18 singles will play best two of three tiebreak sets, with regular scoring.

2.2.3.4 Doubles for all ages will be played as a pro-set to 8 games, with regular scoring and a seven-point tiebreak at 7-7.



- 2.2.3.5 All tournaments will utilize the no-service let rule.
- 2.2.3.6 Tournament organizers will do their best to ensure that the tournament is completed on the appropriate surface. If a tournament is registered as an Outdoor Hardcourt tournament, all matches are expected to play outdoor on hardcourt.
- 2.2.3.7 During the outdoor season, if there is inclement weather, the tournament organizers will do their best to ensure that the tournament continues outdoors.
- If there is light rain, the correct procedure is to stop matches, wait for the courts to dry, and then resume matches outdoors.
  - In the case of heavy rain, the correct procedure would be to stop matches for a set amount of time, and have the matches resume later in the day. Eg. Matches stopped at noon because of rain, may resume at 5pm.
  - In the case of heavy rain forecasted for a long period of time, matches may be moved indoors. Please discuss this with the tournament referee, as the prerogative of the tournament is to have all of the matches played outdoors.
- 2.2.3.8 For tournaments with no indoor back-ups that have lost significant portions of the weekend due to inclement weather, the tournament organizer may consult with Tennis Alberta as to whether or not they may abbreviate the scoring method. In the event that a tournament is unable to complete, due to inclement weather and no indoor availability, the following options are available.
- Complete the main draw of the event on another weekend which works with 100% of the players.
  - Have the event finish as “not completed”.
- 2.2.3.9 Seeds for each qualifying tournament and provincials will be set according to Rogers Rankings. Out-of-Province seeds are subject to review based on recent significant results against Alberta players and their Rogers Rankings.
- 2.2.3.10 In-town players are expected to be available starting at 5:00 pm on Thursday and as early as 8:00 am on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, though in most cases Friday play will begin at noon or 5:00 pm where possible. Out-of-town players will not be expected to play Thursday evening, but

may be scheduled any time for the remainder of the tournament. The Tournament Director will post any special notices related to tournament draw times in the tournament notes.

- 2.2.3.11 In the case that players are unavailable to play at certain times over the course of the tournament, they may “request” the Tournament Director to accommodate this. However, please be advised that these requests may be accommodated or denied at the sole discretion of the Tournament Director. Players making time requests will do so during the registration process online.

## **2.3 National Selections Qualifying - 3.5 Stars**

### **2.3.1 Purpose and Description**

- 2.3.1.1 The purpose of the National Selections Qualifying is to determine the four players who will qualify and take their place in the main draw of the corresponding National Selections tournament.
- 2.3.1.2 Although we only need to determine the Top 4, the tournament will be played to its conclusion.
- 2.3.1.3 There will be two National Selections Qualifying held per age group per season.
- 2.3.1.4 Players who intended to play in the corresponding National Selections tournament in the event they qualify must register for the tournament before the registration deadline. Players who reach Top 4, but have not registered for the National Selections will not be given entry into the event.

### **2.3.2 Eligibility**

- 2.3.2.1 Players ranked inside the Top 12 of the age group they are registering for (as of January 1, 2019), will not be allowed to register.
- 2.3.2.2 If an Out of Province player registers for the corresponding National Selections event, then the 12th ranked player will be allowed to register for the Qualifying Event. If 2 Out of Province players register, then the 11th ranked player will be allowed to register, etc.

### **2.3.3 Draw Size**

- 2.3.3.1 Only the Top 24 registrants according to Rogers Ranking will be accepted into the tournament. In the event of a tie, head to head rankings will be used to break the tie.

- 2.3.3.2 Players who are not inside the Top 24 registrants will be placed on a reserve list, and in the situation that a player withdraws, will be called upon to replace them, as long as the tournament hasn't yet begun.
- 2.3.3.3 Players who register but do not gain acceptance into the tournament will be issued a full refund.

#### **2.3.4 Tournament Format**

- 2.3.4.1 The draws will consist of a maximum of 24 players and be played with a feed-in consolation. The feed-in will continue to the quarter-finals. The player who wins this consolation will thus be ranked 5th in the tournament. In the situation a tournament begins at the quarter-finals, the feed-in will continue to the semi-finals. The player who wins this consolation will be ranked 3rd.
- 2.3.4.2 Number of seeds will depend on how many players there are in the draw, with a minimum of two, and maximum of 8.
- 1-4 Players - No Seeds
  - 4-11 Players - 2 Seeds
  - 12-19 Players - 4 Seeds
  - 20-24 Players - 8 Seeds
- 2.3.4.3 Players who advance to the Top 4 of this tournament will have successfully qualified for the corresponding National Selections tournament.
- 2.3.4.4 In the situation that a player elects not to play the corresponding National Selections tournament, or has failed to register for it, the qualifying place will be given to 5th place, followed by 6th place. If the spot falls as low as 7th place, Rogers Rankings will be used to determine which player receives the higher precedent.

## **2.4 National Selections**

### **2.4.1 Purpose and Description**

- 2.4.1.1 The purpose of the National Selection tournaments is to help determine the players which we will be selecting to represent Tennis Alberta at the Rogers Junior National Championships.
- 2.4.1.2 There will be two National Selections tournaments held per age group per season.

- 2.4.1.3 Players will gain points towards their National Selection Ranking through these events. Though only their best result at National Selections will count toward this ranking.
- 2.4.1.4 Players will gain points in both the singles and doubles events, though the doubles points will count at a factor of 25% of their singles points. For example, if a player gets 50 points for winning the singles event, a player will get only 12.5 points for winning the doubles event.

## **2.4.2 Eligibility**

- 2.4.2.1 Only the Top 12 registrants according to Rogers Rankings will be accepted directly into the tournament. The final 4 spots will be awarded to the Top 4 players in the qualifying draw.
- 2.4.2.2 Players outside the Top 12 can gain entry through the qualifying draw, but will need to register for that event as well. For example, the 13th ranked registrant will not be moved directly into the qualifying draw unless they register for that as well.
- 2.4.2.3 If a player withdraws from the tournament after the withdrawal deadline, then a fifth qualifier will be accepted into the tournament. Priority will not be given to players excluded from the main draw.
- 2.4.2.4 Any player involved in the singles draw must also register for doubles. If a player chooses not to play doubles they will be excluded from the singles draw.

## **2.4.3 Draw Size**

- 2.4.3.1 The singles draw will consist of a maximum of 16 competitors.
- 2.4.3.2 The doubles draw will consist of a maximum of 8 teams (16 competitors).

## **2.4.4 Tournament Format**

- 2.4.4.1 The singles draws will consist of a maximum of 16 player and be played with a feed-in consolation draw up until the quarter-finals. The player who wins the consolation draw will thus be ranked 5th in the tournament. The tournament will also feature a 3/4 playoff.
- 2.4.4.2 The doubles draw will consist of a maximum of 8 teams and be played in a compass draw format. Teams who lose in the first round will move into a consolation draw, teams losing that round will move into a match for 7th place. Losers of the semi-finals will play for 3rd.

2.4.4.3 The singles draw will have 4 seeds, unless there are less than 12 players in the draw.

2.4.4.4 The doubles draw will have 2 seeds.

2.4.4.5 The schedule of events should follow this order:

	1ST MATCHES	2ND MATCHES	3RD MATCHES	4TH MATCHES
Friday	1st Round Singles	1st Round Consolation	1st Round Doubles	
Saturday	2nd Round Singles	2nd Round Consolation	3rd Round Singles	2nd Round Doubles
Sunday	3rd Round Consolation	4th Round Singles	4th Round Consolation	3rd Round Doubles

## 2.5 Provincials

### 2.5.1 Purpose and Description

- 2.5.1. This tournament will act as Alberta's premier tournament and will help to determine which players represent Tennis Alberta at the Rogers Junior Nationals.
- 2.5.1.2 There will be one Junior Provincials held per age group per season.
- 2.5.1.3 Players will gain points towards their National Selection Ranking through these events. A player's Provincials results will be one of the two countable results.
- 2.5.1.4 Players will gain points in both the singles and doubles events, though the doubles points will count at a factor of 25% of their singles points.
- 2.5.1.5 Points from Provincials will count as a factor of 200% of the National Selections points. For example, if a player wins a National Selections and is awarded 50 points, they will receive 100 points for winning Provincials.

### 2.5.2 Eligibility

- 2.5.2.1 Only players with a Tennis Alberta Membership, residing and representing Tennis Alberta will be able to compete in Provincials.
- 2.5.2.2 Only the Top 8 registrants according to Rogers Rankings will be accepted directly into the tournament.
- 2.5.2.3 Players outside the Top 8 can gain entry through the qualifying draw. Players who enter Provincials but are not accepted directly will be moved into the qualifying draw.

- 2.5.2.4 Four players from a qualification draw will move into each tournament.
- 2.5.2.5 In the event of a withdrawal from the main draw before the qualification has begun, the top player from qualifying will move into the open space.
- 2.5.2.6 In the event of a withdrawal from the main draw after the qualification has begun, but before the main draw has begun, a lucky loser will be chosen to fill the open space. The lucky loser will be the highest ranked player according to Rogers Ranking who lost in the final round of qualifying.
- 2.5.2.7 In the event of a withdrawal after the main draw has begun, no player will be chosen fill the open space. The match will be recorded as a walkover.
- 2.5.2.8 Any player involved in the singles draw must also register for doubles. If a player chooses not to play doubles they will be excluded from the singles draw.

### **2.5.3 Draw Size**

- 2.5.3.1 The singles draw will consist of a maximum of 12 competitors.
- 2.5.3.2 The doubles draw will consist of a maximum of 6 teams (12 competitors).
- 2.5.3.3 The size of the draw may be expanded due to extenuating circumstances.

### **2.5.4 Tournament Format**

- 2.4.4.1 The singles draws will consist of a maximum of 12 player and be played with a feed-in consolation draw up until the semi-finals and the winner of consolation will be considered 3rd.
- 2.4.4.2 The doubles draw will consist of a maximum of 6 teams and be played in a round robin format. Two round robins of 3 will feed into a final playoff of the top ranking teams.
- 2.4.4.3 The singles draw will have 4 seeds, unless there are less than 12 players in the draw.
- 2.4.4.4 The doubles draw will have 2 seeds.

## **2.6 Nationals Selection Process**

### **2.6.1 Process**

- 2.6.1.1 Four players from each age group will be selected to represent Tennis Alberta at Junior National Championships.

2.6.1.2 These players will earn their spot through an internal Tennis Alberta Road to Nationals ranking system.

2.6.1.3 Their top result from one of the National Selections tournaments, as well as their result at Provincials will be counted towards this ranking.

2.6.1.4 The Road to Nationals ranking chart will look like the following:

U12 Boys		National Selections 1				National Selections 2				Provincials				Total		
Player Name	Province	Singles	Points	Doubles	Points	Singles	Points	Doubles	Points	Singles	Points	Doubles	Points	Total Singles	Total Doubles	Total
Player 1	AB	1	50	1	12.5	13	5	7	2.25	1	100	1	25	150	37.5	187.5
Player 2	AB	2	30	1	12.5	13	5	7	2.25	2	60	1	25	90	37.5	127.5
Player 3	AB	3	24	2	7.5	13	5	7	2.25	3	48	2	15	72	22.5	94.5
Player 4	AB	4	18	2	7.5	13	5	7	2.25	4	36	2	15	54	22.5	76.5
Player 5	AB	5	15	3	6	9	7	6	3	5	30	3	12	45	18	63
Player 6	AB	6	12	3	6	9	7	6	3	6	24	3	12	36	18	54
Player 7	AB	7	9	4	4.5	9	7	5	3.75	7	18	4	9	27	13.5	40.5
Player 8	AB	7	9	4	4.5	9	7	5	3.75	7	18	4	9	27	13.5	40.5
Player 9	AB	9	7	5	3.75	7	9	4	4.5	9	14	5	7.5	23	12	35
Player 10	AB	9	7	5	3.75	7	9	4	4.5	9	14	5	7.5	23	12	35
Player 11	AB	9	7	6	3	6	12	3	6	9	14	6	6	26	12	38
Player 12	AB	9	7	6	3	5	15	3	6	9	14	6	6	29	12	41
Player 13	AB	13	5	7	2.25	4	18	2	7.5					18	7.5	25.5
Player 14	AB	13	5	7	2.25	3	24	2	7.5					24	7.5	31.5
Player 15	AB	13	5	7	2.25	2	30	1	12.5					30	12.5	42.5
Player 16	AB	13	5	7	2.25	1	50	1	12.5					50	12.5	62.5

Points contributing to Final Total
  Points with only one result
  Points being used to decide National Selections

2.6.1.5 A player’s top doubles result from National Selections and their double results from Provincials will also be added to their Road to Nationals Points.

2.6.1.6 The point’s values for each result can be found in the table below:

	NATIONAL SELECTIONS		PROVINCIAL	
	SINGLES	DOUBLES	SINGLES	DOUBLES
1st	50	12.5	100	25
2nd	30	7.5	60	15
3rd	24	6	48	12
4th	18	4.5	36	
5th	15	3.75		7.5
6th	12	3	24	
7th	9	2.25	18	
9th	7		14	
12th	5			

2.6.1.7 Any tie in rankings will be decided first by their finish in Provincials Singles, and second by their Head-to-Head record. In the event that a National Selections tournament is left as “not completed” the remain points will be added together and divided by the total number of players left in contention. For example, a tournament with the semi-finals left to be

completed will add 50, 30, 24 and 18 together, equaling 122, and divide that number between the 4 competitors (30.5 points each).

- 2.6.1.8 Any player who wins Provincials, will automatically qualify for Nationals, regardless of their placement in the Road to Nationals rankings.
- 2.6.1.9 Spots at Nationals will be offered to the Top 4 players, however, if any were to decline the invitation will be extended to 5th, and then 6th place.
- 2.6.1.10 Tennis Alberta will only extend an invitation to Nationals past 6th place (given 5 and 6 have declined) if there is a player with a Top 3 Finish at Provincials outside the Top 6.
- 2.6.1.11 Players are able to apply for wildcards which exclude them from the National Selection process. A player may only apply for a wildcard if they are unable to play Provincials due to an injury by a medical professional or a Tennis Canada commitment.
- 2.6.1.12 If a player applies for a wildcard due to a Tennis Canada commitment, they must supply proper documentation from Tennis Canada.
- 2.6.1.13 If a player applies for a wildcard due to an injury, they may be asked for to provide additional documentation at the discretion of Tennis Alberta.
- 2.6.1.14 Players training out of province or country may apply for a wildcard, though these will be analyzed on a case-to-case basis by the Technical Director and JDC. Players must greatly exceed the performances of other players in contention for a spot on the same Provincial team in order to guarantee a spot. The recommendation will be made that such a player participate in Junior Provincials.

## **2.7 NextGen Tour**



### **2.7.1 Purpose and Description**

- 2.7.1.1 The purpose of the NextGen Tour is to give recreational players access to their initial ranking points or to give more experienced players access to additional match play and opportunities to grow their ranking

### **2.7.2 Eligibility**

- 2.7.2.1 Players must be in good standing with Tennis Alberta and have an active Tennis Alberta membership or membership any other Provincial Association



2.7.2.2 Age eligibility is based on the calendar year (Jan 1 to Dec 31).

AGE CATEGORY	ELIGIBLE YEAR OF BIRTH	
	FALL 2018	2019
U12	2006	2007
U14	2004	2005
U16	2002	2003
U18	2000	2001

2.7.2.3 Players will only be allowed to play a maximum of one age groups up.

- U14 players cannot play U18
- U12 players cannot play U16 or U18

2.7.2.4 For tournaments with multiple age groups, a player may only be permitted to play in one event, regardless of them qualifying for both.

2.7.2.5 Players must be registered before the registration deadline in order to compete in the event.

- Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Tournament Director in conjunction with Tennis Alberta.

### 2.7.3 Tournament Format

2.7.3.1 The format for each tournament may be different but the scoring will remain consistent across the age groups.

2.7.3.2 All tournaments will utilize the no-service let rule.

2.7.3.3 In-town players are expected to be available starting at 5:00 pm on Thursday and as early as 8:00 am on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, though in most cases Friday play will begin at noon or 5:00 pm where possible. Out-of-town players will not be expected to play Thursday evening, but may be scheduled any time for the remainder of the tournament. The Tournament Director will post any special notices related to tournament draw times in the tournament notes.

2.7.3.4 In the case that players are unavailable to play at certain times over the course of the tournament, they may “request” the Tournament Director to accommodate this. However, please be advised that these requests may be accommodated or denied at the sole discretion of the Tournament

Director. Players making time requests will do so during the registration process online.

## **2.8 Competition Series**

### **2.8.1 Purpose and Description**

2.8.1.1 The Competition Series is closed to top players in the province and are designed for players to increase their ranking and gain additional match play.

### **2.8.2 Eligibility**

2.8.2.1 Players ranked inside the Top 16 of the age group they are registering for cannot participate.

### **2.8.3 Draw Size**

2.8.3.1 Tournaments will take as many players as their facility can accommodate.

2.8.3.2 Players who are not accepted directly will be placed on a reserve list, and in the situation that a player withdraws, will be called upon to replace them, as long as the tournament hasn't yet begun.

### **2.8.4 Tournament Format**

2.8.4.1 All draws will consist of a first match consolation.

2.8.4.2 The scoring format for all age groups will be two out of three sets with regular scoring, where a ten-point tiebreaker will be played in place of a third set.

## **2.9 Development Series**

### **2.9.1 Purpose and Description**

2.9.1.1 The Development Series is designed for players to begin to develop an initial ranking or to gain additional match play experience.

### **2.9.2 Eligibility**

2.9.2.1 Players ranked inside the Top 30 of the age group they are registering for cannot participate.

### **2.9.3 Draw Size**

- 2.9.3.1 Tournaments will take as many players as their facility can accommodate.
- 2.9.3.2 Players who are not accepted directly will be placed on a reserve list, and in the situation that a player withdraws, will be called upon to replace them, as long as the tournament hasn't yet begun.

#### 2.9.4 Tournament Format

- 2.9.4.1 All draws will consist of a first match consolation.
- 2.9.4.2 The scoring format for all age groups will be pro-set scoring, with sets going up to 8 games. At 7-7 a seven-point tiebreak will be used to decide the winner of the set, and the match.
- 2.9.4.3 Matches will have a maximum time limit of one hour.

### 2.10 Future Stars

#### 2.10.1 Purpose and Description



- 2.10.1.1 The purpose of the Future Stars tournament is to give kids under the age of 10 the opportunity to compete at a high level with appropriate size courts and equipment, as well as proportionally bouncing balls.

#### 2.10.2 Eligibility

- 2.10.2.1 Players must be in good standing with Tennis Alberta and have an active Tennis Alberta membership or membership any other Provincial Association.
- 2.10.2.2 Age eligibility is based on the calendar year (Jan 1 to Dec 31).

AGE CATEGORY	ELIGIBLE YEAR OF BIRTH	
	FALL 2018	2019
U10	2008	2009
U9	2009	2010

- 2.10.2.3 Players will be allowed to register for both a U9 and U10 in one weekend. However if the tournament director chooses to run both events at the same time, the player may be asked to choose one or the other.

2.10.2.4 Players must be registered before the registration deadline in order to compete in the event.

- Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Tournament Director in conjunction with Tennis Alberta

2.10.2.5 Players may choose to participate in both a Future Stars tournament and a ranking tournament on the same weekend. However, tournament directors will treat these as two separate tournaments and are not expected to accommodate scheduling.

### **2.10.3 Tournament Format**

2.10.3.1 The format for both U9 and U10 will utilize timed matches and modified scoring.

2.10.3.2 All tournaments will utilize the no-service let rule.

2.10.3.3 All tournaments will be held in round-robin format unless discussed with the Tournament Coordinator.

2.10.3.4 Tournaments are expected to be able to be successfully started and completed in the same day. Exceptions may be made for larger draws.

2.10.3.5 In the case that players are unavailable to play at certain times over the course of the tournament, they may “request” the Tournament Director to accommodate this. However, please be advised that these requests may be accommodated or denied at the sole discretion of the Tournament Director. Players making time requests will do so during the registration process online.

## **2.11 U10 Future Stars**

### **2.11.1 Purpose and Description**

2.11.1.1 The U10 Future Stars is for players who have advanced by Orange Ball tennis and are ready to begin competing on a full size court with Green Dot Tennis Balls.

### **2.11.2 Eligibility**

2.11.2.1 Any player who is in the U10 age category or younger, may participate.

### **2.11.3 Draw Size**

2.11.3.1 Tournaments will take as many players as their facility can accommodate.

2.11.3.2 Players who are not accepted directly will be placed on a reserve list, and in the situation that a player withdraws, will be called upon to replace them, as long as the tournament hasn't yet begun.

#### **2.11.4 Tournament Format**

2.11.4.1 All draws will be done as round-robins, with an elimination playoff.

2.11.4.2 Matches will be played with sets to 4, and no-ad scoring. If the set reaches 3-3, a tiebreaker will be played to 5, win by 1, and the same will be done if players split sets. A time-limit may be enforced for these events.

2.11.4.3 Matches will have a maximum time limit of forty five minutes.

2.11.4.4 Seedings in the tournament will be done according to the Future Stars leaderboard. If no standings are available, or the players are not listed on the leaderboard, then we will defer to the U12 rankings. If there are no rankings available, the tournament will proceed with no seeds.

## **2.12 U9 Future Stars**

### **2.12.1 Purpose and Description**

2.12.1.1 The U9 Future Stars is for players who have advanced past Red Ball Tennis and are looking to start playing competitively on the 3/4 Court with Orange Balls.

### **2.12.2 Eligibility**

2.12.2.1 Any player who is in the U9 age category or younger, may participate.

### **2.12.3 Draw Size**

2.12.3.1 Tournaments will take as many players as their facility can accommodate.

2.12.3.2 Players who are not accepted directly will be placed on a reserve list, and in the situation that a player withdraws, will be called upon to replace them, as long as the tournament hasn't yet begun.

### **2.12.4 Tournament Format**

2.12.4.1 All draws will be done as round-robins, with an elimination playoff.

2.12.4.2 Matches will be pro-sets to 8 games, with no-ad scoring and a seven-point tiebreak played at 7-7.

2.12.4.3 Matches will have a maximum time limit of thirty minutes.

2.12.4.4 Seedings in the tournament will be done according to the Future Stars leaderboard. If no standings are available, or the players are not listed on the leaderboard, then we will defer to the U12 rankings. If there are no rankings available, the tournament will proceed with no seeds.

## 2.13 Rogers Rookie Tour



### 2.13.1 Purpose and Description

2.13.1.1 The purpose of the Rogers Rookie Tour is to introduce players to competitive tennis. The aim of the event is to encourage fair play, fun and participation.

### 2.13.2 Eligibility

2.13.2.1 Players must be in good standing with Tennis Alberta and have an active Tennis Alberta membership or membership any other Provincial Association.

2.13.2.2 Age eligibility is based on the calendar year (Jan 1 to Dec 31).

AGE CATEGORY	ELIGIBLE YEAR OF BIRTH	
	FALL 2018	2019
U18	2000	2001
U16	2002	2003
U14	2004	2005
U12	2006	2007
U10	2008	2009
U9	2009	2010
U8	2010	2011

2.13.2.3 Players who have competed in three ranking tournaments at the age category they are participating in, will not be allowed to participate.

2.13.2.4 Players will only be allowed to play a maximum of one age groups up.

- U14 players cannot play U18
- U12 players cannot play U16 or U18
- U10 players cannot play U14, U16 or U18
- U9 players cannot play U14, U16 or U18
- U8 players cannot play U12, U14, U16 or U18

2.13.2.5 Players must be registered before the registration deadline in order to compete in the event.

- Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Tournament Director in conjunction with Tennis Alberta.

2.13.2.6 Players will be allowed to register for multiple age categories at their own discretion as the events may overlap.

### **2.13.3 Tournament Format**

2.13.3.1 All age categorizes, with the exception of U8 will have 30 minute matches, with pro-sets to 8 games, no-ad scoring and a seven-point tiebreak played at 7-7.

2.2.3.2 All tournaments will utilize the no-service let rule.

2.2.3.3 All tournaments will be held in round-robin format unless discussed with the Tournament Coordinator.

2.13.3.4 Tournaments are expected to be able to be successfully started and completed in the same day. Exceptions may be made for larger draws.

2.13.3.5 In the case that players are unavailable to play at certain times over the course of the tournament, they may “request” the Tournament Director to accommodate this. However, please be advised that these requests may be accommodated or denied at the sole discretion of the Tournament Director. Players making time requests will do so during the registration process online.





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