



## F.A.Q.

### Tennis Alberta Junior Competitive Structure 2021-2022 Season

**Q: What are the different type of junior tournaments offered by Tennis Alberta?**

**A:** Tennis Alberta has divided our tournaments into 3 pathways based on the level of player. These are our National Pathway, Provincial Pathway and Club Pathway.

Within each pathway there are unique types of events, with different rules.

- National Pathway
  - Provincial Championships - 5 Stars
  - National Selections - 4 Stars
- Provincial Pathway
  - 3.5 Stars
  - 3 Stars
- Club Pathway
  - 2 Stars
  - Rogers Rookie Tours

The different star values denote how many ranking points players will obtain from these events. Information concerning ranking points can be found at [www.rogersrankings.com](http://www.rogersrankings.com)

**Q: How do I know which events my son or daughter can participate in?**

**A:** The entry requirements and cut-offs for each event can be found in our Tournament Guidelines file, located at [Junior - Tennis Alberta](#) (2021-2022 season documentation will be added to this page in the coming days ahead).

Full information for all junior events can be found in the Junior Competitive Structure.

**Q: How are players selected to represent Team Alberta at Junior Nationals?**

**A:** Players will be selected based on their Rogers Ranking at a given date after the Provincial Championships (These dates will be stipulated in the Junior Competitive Structure document upon 2022 Junior Nationals dates being confirmed by Tennis Canada).

The Top 4 players per age category and gender meeting Team Alberta requirements will be invited to the event.

- The Rogers Rankings will be modified, removing results from previous Junior National Championships and all Atlantics/Prairies events.
  - These modifications are temporary and will be revisited after adjustments to the national junior ranking system have taken affect. Please note the COVID-19 pandemic created impediments to the national ranking system.

**Q: Why are there not more tournaments in my city?**

**A:** Tennis Alberta will do their best to spread out events across the province, however clubs which host these events need to cater to their members which will inevitably restrict the number of weekends in which they can host tournaments throughout the season.



**Q: Why are there cut-offs for top players at Provincial and Club level tournaments?**

**A:** To ensure players of all levels can participate in the Alberta tournament structure we have devised a cut-off system. This will enable players at the top, middle and bottom of the rankings system to be able to participate in a relevant number of events each season.

**Q: My son or daughter is 12 years old, can they still play in U12 events?**

**A:** The age categories are determined by birth year. If a player is under 12 on the first day of the year, they will be allowed to participate in that category. For example, in 2021, a player born in 2009 will be considered U12, even though they will turn 12 during the year.

**Q: Why can my son or daughter not participate in two categories in the same weekend?**

**A:** To cater to the growing number of players in the province and given that each tournament can only host a certain number of competitors, Tennis Alberta wish to ensure fair opportunities are provided to all competitive players. Therefore, a player will only be allowed to compete in one event per weekend.

**Q: What is the timeline associated with each tournament?**

**A:** All tournaments will have firm dates associated with them.

- Tournament registrations will open approximately one month in advance.
- The registration deadline will be the Monday before the event begins, at 11:59pm
- The withdrawal deadline will be the Monday before the event begins, at 11:59pm.
  - If a player fails to withdraw by the withdrawal date, they will forfeit their refund and be awarded a Late Withdrawal Point. After accumulating three of these points, a player will be suspended.

**Q: My son or daughter is U12, can they play in U14 or U16 events?**

**A:** Players will be permitted to play up one age category, so an U12 player can always play U14 events as long as they meet the entry requirements. Players will only be allowed to play up two age categories in 4 or 5 Star Events.

**Q: If there is a doubles event at the tournament my player is playing at, but they don't want to participate.**

**A:** For certain events, like 4 and 5 star events, doubles will be mandatory. Any player failing to participate in the doubles draw will be withdrawn from the singles draw as well.



**Q: In the past wildcards have been awarded for Nationals, will this be done going forward?**

**A:** No wildcards will be awarded to Nationals. Tennis Alberta's selection process is entirely based on Rogers Rankings. An additional mandatory requirement to be eligible to represent Team Alberta is participation in Tennis Alberta's Provincial Championships within the same age category a player is endeavouring to compete at nationals. Tennis Alberta will additionally not permit Wild Cards being issued to Albertan players for any of the following events:

Junior Nationals, Junior Provincials or any other sanctioned junior tournament taking place within the province of Alberta.

**Q: Will the tournament have a consolation draw?**

**A:** Most tournaments will offer some form of consolation for singles, however very few events will feature a feed-in consolation, as this adds many matches to the tournament which can be better utilised to increase the size of the draw. Most tournaments will feature a first-match consolation, guaranteeing a player at a least 2 singles matches.