



HURON-PERTH TENNIS

1. Tournament Structure

- a. There shall be a Huron-Perth Tournament with both counties competing in the same competition.
- b. The tournament shall be a one day event.
- c. There are five events: men's singles and doubles, women's singles and doubles, and mixed doubles.
- d. A Huron-Perth Champion shall be declared in each event.
- e. Each school may send two sets of competitors for each event
- f. This is a Single Elimination - Consolation tournament
- g. The top four players or teams in each event will be seeded (whenever possible)
- h. All matches prior to the championship finals are pro-set games, with no-ad scoring, i.e. first point after deuce wins, first player to 8 games wins. A 12 point tie-breaker will be used only at 7-7.
- i. All final matches will be pro-set, with a 12 point tie-breaker used at 7-7, if necessary.
- j. Winners will report the scores immediately to the scorer's table in the clubhouse, as well as returning the numbered tennis balls used in the match. Scores will not be recorded if tennis balls are not returned.
- k. There will be no scheduled lunch breaks.
- l. Some games will be played at the newly refinished public courts at the bottom of Water Street (corner of Waterloo) Waterloo Street.

2. Eligibility

- a. A player must be eligible according to the Huron-Perth Constitution
- b. A player may enter one event only.

3. Rules

- c. The rules of the Ontario Lawn Tennis Association shall be the rules of the tournament.
- d. Competitors shall wear a suitable gym/school uniform. Every effort should be made so that doubles partners are in matching attire. Smooth soled regulation tennis shoes must be worn.
- e. Point system:
 - vi. No points are to be awarded for the first round of the tournament.
 - vii. 1 point will be awarded for each win of the tournament after the first round.
 - viii. 1 additional point will be awarded for winning a semi-final match.

- ix. 2 additional points will be awarded for winning a final.
- x. Both entries from a school may earn points.

4. W.O.S.S.A.A. Entries

a. The top 2 seeds shall advance to the WOSSAA Championships

b. The seeding for W.O.S.S.A.A. shall be as follows:

- i. The champion in each event will be considered the first seed.
- ii. The finalist will be considered the second seed.
- iii. The non-winners of the semi-final matches shall play a match to determine 3rd and 4th seed

5. Awards

- a. The winning school will receive a pennant.
- b. The champion(s) of each event will receive (a) medallion(s) as will the finalist(s). Consolation champions and Finalists shall also receive awards (extra cost to be covered through entry fee).

6. Financial Responsibilities

- a. A charge per team may be made for balls.
- b. The convenor will collect an entry fee ensuring enough money to pay for any expenses

7. Etiquette

- a. All players will be asked to observe proper tennis etiquette including: proper attire and footwear, no distracting activity near a game in progress, and not crossing into another court to retrieve a ball when a game is in progress.
- b. Inappropriate language and unsportsmanlike conduct will lead to a coach's warning after the first incident, and a second incident will lead to the disqualification of the offending player or team from the tournament.
- c. Players are expected to shake hands at the conclusion of their match.

8. Ranking and Seeding:

Ranking: An Open Division player (ranked) 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 3 star Ontario Tennis Association (OTA) tournaments or higher or the equivalent (USTA, 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.

Seeding is left to the coaches' discretion as to any player they feel will do well so as to avoid having two better players (usually club players) face each other in the first round.

Other:

- i. If a competitor is unable to be present the day of the competition, schools are asked to have alternate players to substitute in his/her place so as not to affect the integrity of the draw.
- ii. Bring WOSSAA Eligibility Forms with you the day of the tournament