

AABHN TENNIS

PLAYING REGULATIONS

All coaches must be familiar with the content of the AABHN Constitution.

1. **Start Date**: First Day of School

2. **Length of Season**: The first day of school until the CWOSSA tournament on the third Friday of October. If an individual is successful in obtaining a berth to the OFSAA tournament, they can practice up until this tournament occurs.

3. **Competition Limits**: 2 Tournaments

4. **Members per Team**: Single Entry per school in the following categories – singles, doubles, mixed doubles. This applies to both the Junior and Senior tournaments.

5. **Eligibility**

All players must meet the eligibility criteria as outlined in Article 12 in the AABHN Constitution

6. **Eligibility Lists**

a) **Submission**

A completed and correct AELS eligibility lists must be submitted to the convenor and Athletic Coordinators one week prior to the start of the regular season for each District. The names of all potential players and coaches, and managers and/or others affiliated with a team must be included on the AELS eligibility list. Each eligibility list is to clearly identify the head coach.

7. **League Structure** - D5 and D9 Tournament

Junior and Senior Tournaments are on separate days.

8. **Championship Structure**

a. Round Robin

b. A match will consist of one set which must be won by a margin of two games. A 12 point tie-breaker will be played at five games all and an umpire will be called in for the tie-breaker.

c. The Convenor will maintain and update the league standings.

9. **Tie Breaking Procedure**

a. In the event of a two way tie between players, teams/schools, the head to head result between the tied competitors will be considered.

- b. In the event of a three way tie between players, teams/schools total games won minus total games lost among the tied competitors will determine the winner, second and third places. If a two way tie still exists, head to head results will determine the order. If a three way tie still exists, total games won minus total games lost against all competitors will be used to determine the order.

10. Officials

- a. In the case of controversy, and at the request of a competitor, an umpire can be used to assist with score keeping.
- b. Umpires must be used in the event of a 5-all tie-breaker. The umpire cannot be from either of the participating schools and must be impartial.

11. Rules of the Game

- a. A player may only play in one division
- b. Points are awarded to the individual/school as follows:
 - i. Win – 2 points
 - ii. Loss – 1 point
 - iii. Default/No Show – 0 points
- c. Three numbered game balls will be provided by the convenor for every match. The winner of the match reports the match score and returns the numbered balls to the convenor.
- d. Competitors must wear appropriate tennis attire and shoes. They are to be advised that their second service ball **MUST** be kept in a ball clip, pocket or held prior to the first serve.
- e. The rules of the Canadian Lawn Tennis Association shall govern play. Competitors will officiate their own matches.
- f. Coaches are to refrain from coaching when a match is in progress. It is the coach's responsibility to ensure that players are aware of the rules pertaining to the tournament.
- g. If a team does not arrive within 10 minutes of their game being called, they will be defaulted for that match only. The registration table will make the default call and keep time from when the game is called to when the default occurs.
- h. In the event of injury or illness, a substitute will be allowed. If the substitution is made before the first match the player and team will be eligible to earn team points and compete at CWOSSA. If not before the first match, the substitution can occur, but will count as a default for the remaining games.

12. Finances

- a. Those schools having entries in the regular season will split costs evenly. Fees will be paid by the Association.

13. Awards

- a.** A team trophy will be awarded by the convenor to the championship school. The school with the highest number of points won the in all entries will be awarded the trophy.
- b.** AABHN plaques will be awarded to individual event champions.