

## CANTERBURY SECONDARY SCHOOLS SENIOR TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS 2021

### INFORMATION SHEET

**DATE OF EVENT:** Monday 15 & Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> February, a two-day event for Seniors

**VENUE:** Trust Power Wilding Park, Woodham Road, Christchurch

**TIME:** Matches will commence at 9.00am each day and run until approx 3.00pm.

**ENTRY:** Entries will only be accepted via the ENTER NOW online entry system <http://www.enternow.co.nz/ssc/index.php>, completed by schools **by Tuesday 9 February 1.00pm**. Email, paper and phone entries will not be accepted. Entries must be received from the school. Coaches, parents and students are not permitted to enter. Students must be under the age of 19 years as 1 January 2021 [21 years for AWD] and fulfil the eligibility criteria for competition in secondary school sport as defined by the School Sport New Zealand. Students in Years 7 & 8 are not eligible to participate.

Provided places are available, entries will be accepted from schools which are not partner schools of the Canterbury Secondary Schools Sports Director's Office, but these students will not be eligible to win trophies or other awards, or be recognised in the final rankings of this Canterbury Secondary Schools event. Appropriate certificates will however, acknowledge performances of merit by such players.

Students may enter only in **ONE** singles and one doubles event for these championships. Doubles combinations must come from the same school. Students in Year 9 or 10 intending on entering the Junior championships are not able to enter these Senior championships.

Entry will be restricted to the top 16 players based on the Match Hub for each grade. Priority will be given to students who enter their correct age grade. Playing "up" an age grade will only be permitted provided places are available.

Seeding for all grades will be at the discretion of Tennis Canterbury region and will be based on the latest available Match Hub prior to the draw being done. Top 4 seeds based on Match Hub, with the remaining 12 competitors randomly added to the draw of 16 players.

**CONDITIONS:** All competitors must be committed and available to play both days of the championship whether they are entered in single / and or doubles. If they default Canterbury Tennis will withdraw the competitor from the remainder of the championships. Rescheduling and own arrangement games will NOT be permitted, and will result in being withdrawn from the championships. Draws and results be posted on the Tennis New Zealand Tournament website and results will be processed towards the Match Hub.

**GRADES:** There will be two grades,[Senior Year 12 – 13 have preference, any age under 19 as at 1 January 2021 should there be places] & Intermediate [Year 11].

**FORMAT:**

Grades will consist of a compass draw based on the Configure ranking points for the Top 16 in each grade. Graded Round Robins will be organised for players outside the Top 16. Doubles will be a Main draw and Consolation based on Groups of 8 in the Top Divisions and in Round Robin Groups for pairing outside the Top 8.

Matches will be two short sets first to 4 with a match tie break to 10 if one set all. Short sets must be won by 2 games i.e. 4-2 or 5-3. If 4 all a set tie break to 7 (winning by 2) shall be played.

Main Draw Semi Finals and Finals – Singles semi-finals and finals will be two sets to 6 [Tie breaker to 7 at 6 games all] with a 3rd set Match Tie break to 10 if one set all.

Tournament Officials have the right to alter the length of matches, play on another court, different surface or under lights if circumstances make it necessary.

**RULES**

There will be a NZTUA Referee in attendance at all times. If there are any difficulties please put your racquet down and consult with the referee. The tournament will be played in accordance with the Rules and Regulations Of Tennis NZ, Rules of Tennis and Tennis NZ Player Code of Conduct. Players must be able to self-umpire.

**UNIFORMS:**

All players must wear the appropriate regulation clothing reflecting their school colours [school sports shirt/uniform] and appropriate shoes during this championships event.

**COURT CONTROL:**

A high standard of behaviour is expected of competitors on and off the court. All competitors, managers, spectators and supporters must comply with the School Sport Canterbury (Regional Sports' Directors' Office) codes of conduct at all times. At the discretion of the RSD office & Tennis Canterbury Region, appropriate action will be taken should this be breached. The School Sport Canterbury and Tennis New Zealand Codes of Behaviour applies to this championship event; anything other than this will not be tolerated.

**WARM UP:**

All players are entitled to a maximum of five minutes to warm up; games are expected to be played as soon as possible. Delays in play by players and constant delays at the change of ends will not be tolerated, this is a championship event and all Tennis New Zealand rules and Code of Conduct will be imposed.

**LITTER:**

All competitors are required to keep the tennis courts and the facilities free of litter when they leave.

**AWARDS:**

Trophies will be presented for the boys and girls in the respective grades of open & intermediate singles. There will be champions' badges for the open boy's singles & doubles and open girl's singles & doubles. Certificates for 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> place getters, these will be posted to schools.

**ENTRY FEE:**

\$15.00 per competitor per event per player: Singles (\$15.00) & per doubles pairing (\$15.00), this will be charged to your school account. Any late entries will incur a late fee of \$25.00 per competitor per event. Any changes once entries close is subject to a \$20 admin fee.

**FURTHER INFORMATION:**

All questions regarding this championship **must be directed** to the school's Head of Sport/Sports Co-ordinator in the first instance and Angelina at School Sport Canterbury.

This event is managed by Tennis Canterbury Region  
tournaments@canterburytennis.co.nz. on behalf of School Sport Canterbury.

**CANCELLATIONS:** Any cancellations will be communicated to schools and also updated on the School Sport Canterbury APP & website then choose cancellations.

