

## CANTERBURY SECONDARY SCHOOLS SENIOR TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS 2024

### INFORMATION SHEET

**DATE:** Monday 12<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February. [Reserve day Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February].

**VENUE:** Wilding Park, 111 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 Wednesday 7 February 5.00pm**. 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 18 years as 1 January 2024 [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** single and one doubles event for these championships. Doubles combinations must come from the same school. Students in Year 9 or 10 are not permitted to enter the Senior championships.

Main draw entry will be restricted to the top 16 players based on the Match Hub for each grade. There will be a secondary draw for players outside the top 16 if there are sufficient entries.

Seeding for all grades will be at the discretion of Tennis Canterbury and will be based on the latest available Match Hub prior to the draw being done.

**CONDITIONS:**

All competitors must be committed and available to play both days of the championship whether they are entered in singles / and or doubles. If a player defaults, they will be withdrawn from the remainder of the championships. Rescheduling and own arrangement games will not be permitted and will result in being withdrawn from the championships.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 uploaded to Match Hub.

**GRADES:**

There will be two grades, Year 12 – 13 (open) and Year 11 (intermediate).

**FORMAT:**

Singles - Main draw will be a compass draw for the top 16 players in each grade. Additional draws will be organised for players outside the top 16 if there are sufficient entries.

Doubles - Main draw will be a compass draw for the top 8 teams in each grade. Additional draws will be organised for teams outside the top 8 if there are sufficient entries.

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

Main draw singles final will be two sets to 6 [tie break 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 if necessary.

**RULES**

There will be a NZTUA supervisor in attendance at all times. If there are any difficulties, please put your racquet down and consult with the supervisor. The tournament will be played in accordance with the Rules and Regulations 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.

**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.

**ENTRY FEE:**

\$25.00 per player per event: i.e. \$25.00 for Singles and \$25.00 for Doubles per person. Any late entries will incur a late fee of \$25.00 per competitor per event and may not be accepted.

**FURTHER INFO:**

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

This event is managed by Tennis Canterbury Region on behalf of School Sport Canterbury.

**CANCELLATIONS:**

Any cancellations will be communicated to schools and updated on the School Sport Canterbury APP & website.

