



SCHOOL SPORT CANTERBURY

PREMIER TENNIS 2024

1. OVERVIEW

School Sport Canterbury and Tennis Canterbury have partnered to deliver the Premier Grade of the School Sport Canterbury Tennis Competition. Teams of students will be selected by their school, with three players per team per game day. The Term 1 competition will be 6 weeks with all play being outdoors at Wilding Park. All matches will be played on a Wednesday afternoon, from 3.15pm.

2. ELIGIBILITY

Entry is restricted to students who are aged under 19 on 1 January 2024. Open to any player Year 9-13 who is a student at a participating School Sport Canterbury School.

3. ENTRY

Schools are required to enter online via EnterNOW www.enternow.co.nz. Entries will close Wednesday 7 February. This competition will be administered in line with [School Sport Canterbury Competition Policies](#).

Squad entry lists must be submitted electronically to SSC no later than Wednesday 7 February. These will then be submitted to Tennis Canterbury for upload into MatchHub.

The schedule must include; the students full name, date of birth, and school year.

4. ENTRY FEE

The entry fee is \$150 per team. New balls will be provided for every tie.

5. GRADES

Premier Schools tennis will be played in Boys, Girls and Mixed grades, with the top 6 teams in each grade accepted into the competition.

Under School Sport Canterbury' policy for all SSC sanctioned, Premier competitions, where the number of teams in that grade is restricted, School A teams will have priority over B teams. B teams will only be permitted into these competitions if there are insufficient A team entries to fill the grade

Teams will be selected based on the average MatchHub Ranking for the team. Schools may enter more than one team per grade but only one team per school will be accepted if there is excess demand.

6. DATE AND START TIMES:

Round	Date
1	Wednesday 14 February 2024
2	Wednesday 21 February 2024
3	Wednesday 28 February 2024
4	Wednesday 6 March 2024
5	Wednesday 13 March 2024
Final	Wednesday 27 March 2024

Start time for all matches: 3:15pm

7. FORMAT OF PLAY

Premier Grade teams consist of 3 players who play 2 singles matches and 2 doubles match in each tie. Each tie is played for a maximum of 2 hours.

Singles players in Boys and Girls Grades must play according to MatchHub Points Ranking.

INCOMPLETE MATCHES WILL NOT BE RECORDED TO MATCHHUB RANKINGS.

All matches play best of 3 short sets with a super tiebreaker (first to 10) at 1 set all.

Sets are up to 4 games, with a tiebreaker at 4 all. In the event that a tie isn't finished in 2 hours, the score is recorded as it stands in games and points for that match are shared

Mixed Grades Format: 1 Boys Singles, 1 Girls Singles, 1 Boys Doubles, 1 Mixed Doubles.

No lets rule applies – if a serve hits the net and lands in the point is continued. Long deuce is played in Singles, short deuce in Doubles.

8. VENUE

All matches will take place at Wilding Park Tennis Centre. All Matches will be played outside. Weather cancellations are the responsibility of School Sport Canterbury and can be found at <https://www.canterbury.schoolsport.org.nz/cancellations/>

9. TEAM LIST

A maximum of 5 players can be named per squad. Mixed teams may allocate 3 boys and 2 girls to a team.

10. POINTS

Two points are allocated for each individual match won. 4 bonus points are allocated to the winning team or shared if matches are tied. Countback on sets won in completed matches will be used to determine a winner if necessary.

In the event of an incomplete match, the player who has won more total games gets 2 points.

11. RESULTS

Scores for the Premier Grade are recorded to MatchHub. A scoresheet will be provided on the day for teams to complete.

Full names must be recorded and written legibly for results to be captured.

12. 'FILL-INS'

Teams may use fill ins if their regular players are not available however, these players must be of a lower match hub grade than the lowest named team member.

13. FINALS ELIGIBILITY

All players playing in a finals match must have played at least 2 matches the round robin.

14. CONDUCT OF MATCHES

- **Rules** – All competition are to be conducted under the Rules of Tennis, and the Rules and Regulations of Tennis NZ unless specified otherwise.
- **Defaults** – Teams must notify their opponents and School Sport Canterbury if they are defaulting a tie and are required to advise School Sport Canterbury that they are capable of continuing in the competition.
- **Balls** - Wilson US Open balls will be supplied

- **Tennis Attire** - All players must wear appropriate tennis clothing. School colours/uniforms are encouraged.

15. UMPIRES

All matches are self-umpired.

16. CANCELLATIONS

Cancellation information will be posted on the School Sport Canterbury APP & website by 10am, Up-dated at 12 noon on the day of competition. Heads of Sport will also be advised by email.

<https://www.canterbury.schoolsport.org.nz/cancellations/>

17. COST

\$150 per team will be invoiced by Tennis Canterbury.

18. PHOTOGRAPHS & VIDEO POLICY

Photographing and videoing of matches by competitors/coaches and parents is permitted for matches in which they are personally involved. However, they must obtain the other players permission to photograph or video. If the player is 18 or under, the permission of that player's parent/guardian is required.

Such photographing and videoing should be done in a way not to interfere with play or distract/disrupt the opponents and spectators. Stationary cameras mounted on the perimeter fencing cannot be moved during a match.

Persons found to be in breach of these conditions may be asked to cease filming of that match.

Likewise if a player requests not to be videoed then the request of that player must be upheld.

These videos are for the purposes of coaching and improvement by the players and cannot be used in any other way, including the posting to internet websites without the permission of all parties.

19. HEALTH & SAFETY

Schools are responsible for the health and safety of their students in transit to and from and at the venue. Comply with indoor venues evacuation & risk management plans. Game officials are responsible for the safety of students during play.

For further details please refer to the SSC Risk Management plans, available on the documents page of the SSC website. <https://www.canterbury.schoolsport.org.nz/risk-management-plans/>