



U9/ U10 Team Tennis 2017 Fact Sheet

Registration

- All players must hold a valid Tennis BC membership
- Select one of the following registration options:
 - **Team Registration** - \$200 per team (tax included).
 - Register your team of 4 players online at [Tennis BC website](#)
 - **Individual Registration** - \$50 (tax included)
 - Register by emailing your name and member ID to achung@tennisbc.org. Tennis BC will combine players to create a team of 4 players. Individual participants DO NOT SIGN UP ONLINE.
- Registration is first come first serve with priority to team registration.
- Registration opens 4 weeks prior to the event.

Divisions

- **U9**
 - Orange ball, $\frac{3}{4}$ court
 - Players must be U9 as of January 1, 2017
 - Maximum 4 teams
- **U10**
 - Green dot ball, full court
 - Players must be U10 as of January 1, 2017
 - Maximum 4 teams
 - Each team consists of 4 players - 2 boys and 2 girls

Team Ties, Draw and Schedule

- 4 teams will be placed in a single round robin – all teams are guaranteed 3 match ties.
- Each team tie consists of 4 singles and 2 doubles matches. Each player will play 3 Singles and 3 Doubles on a match day.
- Players are responsible to review all pertinent details (start time, draw) 2 to 3 days prior to the events. Schedule will be available online on the tournament website.
- Based on court availability, some teams will begin with Singles and others with Doubles.
- Due to court limitation, no avoidances will be accommodated. Players must be available to play all the matches.
- In order to provide the fairest possible competition and development of match experience, teams must assign Singles players in order of ability. Team captains must use their best judgement in court assignment.
- Onsite staff/official has the right to revise the lineup to ensure competitive play.

Rules of Play

- Match format – all matches will be a 30 minute-timed match or a pro set (up to 8 games) with no-ad scoring, whichever comes first. A 7-point tie-break will be played at 7-7 games. Modified match format may be adopted contingent on court availability.
- Warm up will be 5 minutes.
- All matches will be governed by Tennis Canada Rules of the Court. Players are expected to abide by the Code of Conduct as set out by Tennis Canada.
- Players are expected to be dressed and ready to play 15 minutes prior to their scheduled match time. Lateness penalty may be enforced.
- Players without acceptable attire will not be permitted to play. Non-marking shoes must be worn while on court.
- There will be no rest breaks permitted between matches. We suggest parents to provide your child with a healthy snack and enough water that can be consumed on breaks or changeovers.
- Players are entitled to one toilet break per match and must be taken before the players' own service game.
- Tournament Referee/Organizer has the final decisions.
- Parents are not allowed to be on court during match play.
- Each team is allowed to appoint a coach (must be Tennis Canada certified) for on-court coaching. Teams must submit their coach's name prior to the event for Tennis BC approval.

Team Score

- One point will be given to each game players won in all the matches. The team score is the difference between all games won and all games lost by all team members.
- The winning team of the round robin will be determined by the highest number of points.
- If time is up and the game is unfinished (eg 15-40), the player/team who is leading in the game wins the game and earns 1 point. If the game score is tied (eg 30-30), one point will be played to determine the winner of the game.
- If 2 teams are tied with the same number of points, the tie will be broken as follows:
 - Head to Head result of the 2 teams

Team Captain's Responsibilities

- Captains are to first communicate with all players on their team to confirm their attendance of the match.
- Team Captain will be responsible for the lineup of their team, and hand in their team list to the on-site staff/official before the matches.
- Captains are to arrive 15 minutes early to submit the team line-ups
- If a team is unable to field four players, they are required to find a substitute, who should be in the same age group and gender. Contact achung@tennisbc.org for assistance if your team is unable to field a complete team.
- Teams must avoid defaulting any match as this will impact the playing opportunity of the players on the opposing team.

Code of Conduct for players, parents & coaches

- Players are expected to know and understand the Tennis Canada Rules of the Court and the Code of Conduct.
- Players or any persons associated with a player (i.e. parents, coaches, friends or family) are expected to give due respect to the host clubs, their members, officials, other players and any other person associated with the tournament.
- Misconduct, whether on or off the court, will result in penalties against the player and any Player Support Team Member (coach, trainer, manager, agent, medical or para-medical personnel and/or family member, tournament guest, or other similar associate) of a player. Tennis BC has a no-tolerance policy towards abusive or inappropriate behaviour.

Parents' Information:

- Ensure that your child is present and checks in at the tournament desk 15 min before the scheduled match.
- Parents are encouraged to cheer and clap for good shots by BOTH players or a long rally once the point is over. It is however considered extremely unsportsmanlike to cheer for doubles faults or errors. Correct cheering: Good shot. Let's go. Good effort. Well done. That's ok (if they miss a shot.)
- No outside officiating is allowed. This includes line calls and scoring. It is the responsibility of the players and this is the skill that players should learn. Any score disputes on court should be referred to the on-site staff.
- Please assist the team captains whenever possible.
- Please respect, and ensure your children respect, the rules of each host Club. It is more important for our staff to supervise play than to supervise spectators.
- Parents are expected to set appropriate standards of sportsmanship for their children.