



MUNSTER SECONDARY SCHOOLS TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS **SUMMARY RULES 2024**

Welcome to the 2024 Munster SECONDARY Schools Tennis Championships.
These are a summary of the main rules and parameters of the competition.
This year the Competition will be online on Tennis Ireland Tournament Software. There is the option of entering the more traditional way but also via an online Form.
Changes to the rules have been made to encourage more entries and expand the competition.

1. A School may enter more than one team in each age group. Schools may amalgamate to enter teams where necessary. However there must be at least 2 players from one School and this School will be deemed the home venue. All Schools must agree to this amalgamation. This is allowed to encourage more schools to enter and expand the reach of the Event.
No member of one team may play on another team.

2. Panels must be submitted for all teams entered with a date of birth for each child. Only children born in **2014 and earlier** may enter these competitions in accordance with ITF recommendations for under 10 tennis.
Panels must be submitted for all age groups. **See Entry Form.**

Such panels will be vetted by the competitions committee and a decision will be given before the competition starts as to the eligibility of the players submitted. No players may be added to panels following the completion of the draws.

No player may play in more than one age group.

3. **Format:**
Doubles Competition:
A team shall consist of 4 players i.e. 4 Boys in Boys Competition **or** 4 Girls in Girls Doubles only will be played.
Girls Competition and Boys Competition:-
Each pair will play both opposing pairs, i.e. 4 matches.
A match shall be the best of 2 tiebreak sets and a Championship Tiebreaker.
In the event of a tie at 2 matches all, one more doubles will be played between two pairs who have not played together, i.e. one player from each doubles combination. This decider will be one tie-break set.
Mixed Competition:-
Each fixture in this competition will consist of 1 boys singles, 1 girls singles, 1 mixed doubles, followed by a boys doubles and a girls doubles. Either of the boys/girls can play singles in any fixture. All players play 2 matches. Singles must be played in order of merit. Order of merit shall be established in the first match played and shall be maintained throughout the competition. National and Provincial Rankings must be adhered to in order of merit. In the event of a player being unavailable, a substitute may be played.

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This substitute must play in the place of the missing player. Each team shall nominate in writing its order of play prior to the start of each match. A school entering more than one team in the same competition shall treat each team as if they were drawn from different schools, i.e. there shall be no interchange of players or substitutes between teams.

4. **Eligibility:**

All Players with a Tennis Ireland Ranking of 150 or better on the 1st of February 2024 **must enter the Cup competitions:**

5. The Home school must ensure that courts are up to standard, i.e. Nets, Centre Straps, well-lined and free from obstacles.
Any legitimate complaints will result in loss of home advantage for future matches.
6. Draws will be seeded where possible. Round Robin format may be utilised where necessary and to ensure that all players get a minimum number of matches..
Each team shall nominate its order of play prior to the start of each match.
A team who gives a walkover in the league section of the event will be disqualified.
7. The top team drawn shall have choice of venue in the Preliminary round. In the next and later rounds the team which did not have choice in the previous round shall have choice. A bye or walkover counts as having choice of venue.
8. The date by which matches must be played will be stated on the draw. No postponement to this date will be entertained except in exceptional circumstances. Any team which breaches this rule will automatically be disqualified. Exceptional circumstances shall be determined by the Competitions Committee of the Munster Branch whose decision will be final. Schools may play before the specified dates provided both Schools are in agreement.
9. Balls will be provided by the Munster Branch for finals and the home team must provide new Tournament standard balls for all earlier matches.
10. Any queries in relation to the rules should be sent via e-mail to admin@munstertennis.ie, directly from the school (contact person) and not a parent. Queries will not be dealt with unless received by the official contact.
11. Each team must be accompanied by a member of staff or an adult nominated by the school who should be acquainted with the Rules and who will supervise the team throughout the fixture. **(Please check your Insurance in this regard).**
12. The Competitions Committee shall have absolute power to deal with any matter which may arise which is not provided for in these rules.

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