



2019 OTAGO PRIMARY AND INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Friday 1 November 2019

Venue: Logan Park Tennis Centre

(In case of wet weather, will be shifted to the Edgar Centre)

The annual Otago Primary and Intermediate Schools Championships is an opportunity for all school students in Otago to compete even if they do not belong to a tennis club. This is a qualifying event for the Southern Primary and Intermediate Schools Championships.

There are two grades:

A Grade – Year 8 and under (Open)

B Grade – Year 6 and under (this grade plays with 'green dot' low compression balls)

The top 3 boys and girls in A grade and the top 2 in B grade will gain direct qualification to the Southern Primary and Intermediate Schools Championships. Year 6 players may choose to play the OPEN grade but should they not qualify for the Southern OPEN Championships they cannot be selected for the Year 6 and under competition.

Southern Primary and Intermediate Schools Championships

This will take place on **Friday 8th November 2019** at The Edgar Centre in Dunedin.

The top 5 Boys and Girls in A grade and the top 3 in B grade from this tournament will then qualify for the TNZ South Island Schools Final (to be held 25-26 November in Timaru).

Match Format

A Grade – 2 tie-break sets up to 6, with 3rd set match tie-break to 10

B Grade – 2 sets up to 4 (tie-break at 4-all), with 3rd set tie-break to 7

All players will play at least 2 matches. Tennis Otago/ACE events reserve the right to change the format subject to the number of entries.

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

- Entries must be RECEIVED by Wednesday 23 October 2019.
- Online Entry Form must be completed <http://bit.ly/2mccZn8>

Enquiries to Tennis Otago: compsdev@tennisotago.org or 022 462 8888

Entry Fee for this Tournament

\$20 entry fee (for balls and court hire) will be invoiced to schools for each entry.

Tennis Otago Inc. reserves the right to refuse any entry that does not comply with these requirements.

Rules

The tournament will be conducted under the Rules of Tennis, and the Rules and Regulations of NZ Tennis.

Limitation of entries

1. Players must be able to self-umpire.
2. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to refuse any entry.
3. The committee reserves the right to cancel any event if insufficient entries are received.
4. The committee reserves the right to adjust grades as thought necessary.

Reporting Time – 8:20am

1. No player will absent themselves from the venue during the hours of play without first obtaining the permission of the Tournament Manager.
2. Players not available to play at the scheduled starting time of their match will be disqualified.

Balls

1. Year 6 and under grade will play with 'green dot' (low compression) balls.
2. Year 8 and under (Open) grade play with standard yellow balls.

Conduct of Spectators

1. No person other than the match players, umpires and the referee may be on the courts during play, unless given permission by the referee.
2. **It is against the rules of tennis for a player to receive coaching in any form from spectators. Spectators may encourage players but must not give advice or make line calls.**

Right to Vary Conditions of Play

The Tournament controller reserves the right:

1. to transfer any match to another court and/or surface;
2. to reduce the number of matches in an event, or shorten the length of matches if time constraints or other circumstances make this necessary.

We thank you for your support as in previous years, and are sure that your children will benefit from and enjoy this tennis experience!

In case of wet weather, play will be shifted to the Edgar Centre – notice of transfer will be posted on www.tennisotago.org and on the Tennis Otago Facebook page.

Warm Up

Three minutes maximum warm up time will be allowed from the time players hit the first ball. Do the toss first to establish ends.

Defaults

Any player who defaults a match will automatically default all other events.

Plate

Both grades will have a consolation event, weather and time permitting.

Players as Umpires

1. All competitors are to umpire their own matches as per NZT Code of Conduct for self-umpiring.
2. Competitors must be prepared to adjudicate when called upon.

Behaviour of Players

1. The NZT Code of Conduct shall apply.
2. Any action by any competitor which abuses or damages the grounds, buildings or equipment at the Edgar Centre will incur automatic disqualification.
3. All competitors should note that requests for help and co-operation from Edgar Centre staff should be complied with promptly and courteously at all times.

Clothing

1. Players are encouraged to wear their school sports uniform.
2. Approved sport footwear must be worn during match play.

Property

Tennis Otago and Edgar Centre take no responsibility for lost property. Competitors are to take total responsibility for their gear.

Online Entry Form can be reached @ <http://bit.ly/2mccZn8>