

Tennis

Districts are encouraged to follow the technical information and guidelines found within this manual at all times. When changes are necessary at the District level, participants who qualify for Ontario 55+ Summer Games must be made aware that the following rules will be in use at Ontario 55+ Summer Games.

A) FORMAT OF PLAY – DOUBLES

Division	Age Category	Number of Participants
Women	55+, 65+	Two (2) per category.
Men	55+, 65+	Two (2) per category.
Mixed	55+, 65+	Two (2) per category.
Participants may compete in only one division at Ontario 55+ Summer Games.		

Any persons not present at the scheduled commencement of play and throughout the competition are in default and are automatically disqualified from the competition. If there are extenuating circumstances, exceptions to this may be granted by the Event Convenor.

Competitors are expected to complete the competition regardless of their record in competition. If a competitor defaults part way through the competition, the results of that competitor will be removed from the standings.

The organizers shall have an extra team available to play as a “floater” team in case there is an uneven number of teams or in case a team defaults. This team’s results will not count in the final standings.

If there are any questions about rulings, the OSGA Summer Games Technical Manual will be considered correct.

B) ELIGIBILITY

Event	Requirements
District Games	Any person 55+ living in Ontario
Ontario 55+ Summer Games (Provincial Championships)	Gold Medal Winners – District competition
NOTE: Previous Ontario 55+ Summer and Winter Games and Canada Games winners are still eligible to compete at the District and Ontario 55+ Summer Games level.	

C) TOURNAMENT SET-UP

1. Play will be Round Robin format, followed by a playoff, if time permits.
2. If possible, playoffs will consist of a Medal Round and a Consolation Round. The split will be determined by the number of teams participating. No more than 8 teams will qualify for the Medal Rounds.
3. The number of courts available and the number of teams entered will determine the number of points per game and the number of games per match so that the round robin and playoffs can be completed in the allotted time.
4. **Each match will consist of 15 games (first team to win 8 games is declared the winner of the match). There will be a 45 minute time limit on the match. Whichever team is winning when time is called will be declared the winner of the game being played.**
5. **Scoring will be no-advantage i.e. first team to reach 4 points wins the game.**

Determining the Winners

1. In the Round Robin, the winning team in any **match** will be awarded **two (2)** tournament points. The losing team will receive **zero (0)**.
2. Placings in the Round Robin will determine seeding for the playoff format.
3. If at the conclusion of the Round Robin, there is a tie for placings, the following procedure will be used to break the tie:
 - a. Results of head to head games;
 - b. If necessary, the points scored for divided by the points scored against with the highest quotient winning;
 - c. If necessary, then an extra game should be played between the teams that are tied

D) AWARDS

Gold (12)	Women's Doubles 55+	Men's Doubles 55+	Mixed Doubles 55+
	Women's Doubles 65+	Men's Doubles 65+	Mixed Doubles 65+
Silver (12)	Women's Doubles 55+	Men's Doubles 55+	Mixed Doubles 55+
	Women's Doubles 65+	Men's Doubles 65+	Mixed Doubles 65+
Bronze (12)	Women's Doubles 55+	Men's Doubles 55+	Mixed Doubles 55+
	Women's Doubles 65+	Men's Doubles 65+	Mixed Doubles 65+

E) RULE SOURCE

The official rules as published by Tennis Canada shall apply, with the exceptions listed under "Tournament Set-Up." and Tennis Rules Summary.

Websites

www.tenniscanada.ca (see Rules and Officiating on side menu, then Rules on top menu)
www.tennisontario.com

F) EVENT REQUIREMENTS

Equipment 1. Yellow coloured balls (suggested quality TBA)

Facilities

1. The facility **must** have well marked, regulation size tennis courts, sufficient courts for each division.
2. Courts may be of different type bases; however, a division should play on the same type of court throughout the tournament.
3. The facility should be wheelchair accessible.

G) OFFICIALS

The OSGA requires at minimum the following major officials for Ontario 55+ Summer Games:

For District Games, the following are only a suggestion. Participation numbers and availability of volunteers may result in fewer officials being required. Districts are encouraged to try to have the necessary officials to run the event successfully.

One (1) Activity Convenor

One (1) Tournament Referee

Line Officials and Umpires dependent on the number of courts

The host committee will ensure that all major officials have the required qualifications as specified by the OSGA at least one (1) year prior to OSGA Ontario 55+ Summer Games. The host committee is also responsible for any other officials required to host this event.